



PLUMBING & DRAINAGE ACT CHANGES

WEBINAR FACT SHEET SUMMARY

New register

- The [Plumbing and Drainage Licensee Register](#) is now available on the QBCC website. The register displays:
 - licensee name
 - licence number
 - conditions and endorsements
 - expiry date of licence.

Technical qualifications

- Approved [Technical Qualifications For Licensing Plumbing and Drainage Occupational Licences](#) information is available on QBCC's website.

Licence approvals

- Licence application approval reduced from 40 business days to 20 business days. To help get plumbers and drainers out on the tools sooner.

Permit work

- 'Compliance Assessable Work' is now referred to as 'Permit Work'.

Notifiable Work (Form 4/4A)

- Notifiable work categories reduced from 16 to 12. Review the [comparison of notifiable work](#) table.
- The most efficient and cost-effective way is to lodge a Form 4/4A, [via myQBCC](#) on the QBCC website. A user friendly [Notifiable Work Submission User Guide for Plumbers and Drainers](#) will step you through the process.
- Alternatively, manual lodgments can be posted or processed at a QBCC Service Centre. The PDF form 4 and 4A are found on the QBCC website [forms page](#).

Tougher enforcement framework

- Introduction of escalating penalties for unlicensed plumbing and drainage work. Individuals who persist in performing work without a licence will face sliding scale penalties for second and third convictions with a possible jail term of up to one year.
- False advertising and misleading representation of particular things. Things must not be installed unless they are a watermarked product that complies with code requirements and are not a prohibited watermarked product. Penalties may apply under the Plumbing and Drainage Act and Non-Conforming Building Product law.

Additional handy links:

The Australian Building Codes Board has an easy to follow simple 2 page fact sheet which has examples of the classes. <https://www.abcb.gov.au/Resources/Publications/Education-Training/Building-classifications>

Approved Audit information

The QBCC website has notifiable work compliance information outlining the purpose duration and criteria for the audits - <https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/notifiable-work-plumbing-drainage/notifiable-work-compliance>

Notifiable Safety Incident

Online submission form to notify the QBCC of site safety matters. A notifiable incident is the death or serious injury or illness of a person, or an incident that exposes a person to a risk or serious injury or illness.

https://qbccrs.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1WS0P50vcZ5tTT

Form 26 Notice of change in circumstances

You must advise the QBCC of any changes in your circumstances such as name, email, phone number or address and any changes to an interstate or New Zealand licence. You must tell us within 20 business days using Form 26:

https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/Form_26_Notice_of_change_of_circumstances.pdf