

# WATER INDUSTRY ACT 2012

## TECHNICAL REGULATOR

### Scheme under section 69(2)

### Plumbing Certificate of Compliance

(1) Title

This Scheme is established by the Technical Regulator under section 69(2) of the *Water Industry Act 2012* (the Act) and may be cited as the *Plumbing Certificate of Compliance Scheme*.

(2) Commencement

The Scheme will come into operation on 9 January 2017.

(3) Interpretation

In the Scheme:

- (a) **contractor** means a plumbing contractor licensed under the *Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians Act 1995* (PGE Act) or a building contractor licensed to contract for plumbing work under the *Building Work Contractors Act 1995*;
- (b) **Electronic Certificate of Compliance** means the electronic Certificate of Compliance approved by the Technical Regulator;
- (c) **equipment** includes pipes, fittings and apparatus and any component of any equipment;
- (d) **Paper Certificate of Compliance** means the Plumbing Certificate of Compliance approved by the Technical Regulator as in operation immediately prior to 9 January 2017;
- (e) **plumbing** means water plumbing, sanitary plumbing or draining work on the customer's side of any connection point or any other work defined in the regulations.
- (f) **plumbing worker** means a plumbing worker registered under the PGE Act;

(4) Application

- (1) The Electronic Certificate of Compliance must be used by contractors and plumbing workers.
- (2) The Electronic Certificate of Compliance must be used to verify that plumbing and equipment are compliant with the *Water Industry Act 2012* and/or the *South Australian Public Health Act 2011* including regulations and standards as applicable, and the work falls within the terms of the contractor's licence and the worker's registration.

**(5) Use of Certificates of Compliance**

- (1) The Paper Certificate of Compliance may be used until and including 30 June 2018. Requirements relating to completion of the Paper Certificate of Compliance remain as they were prior to 9 January 2017.
- (2) The Electronic Certificate of Compliance may be used from 9 January 2017, and must be used on and after 1 July 2018.

**(6) Completing the Certificate of Compliance**

- (1) To complete an Electronic Certificate of Compliance:
  - (a) If you are a plumbing worker employed by a contractor -
    - (i) you must complete the details of the worker sections and provide it to your employing contractor.
  - (b) If you are the contractor employing a plumbing worker -
    - (i) after receiving the Electronic Certificate of Compliance from the plumbing worker you must complete the contractors section.
  - (c) If you are the contractor and the plumbing worker -
    - (i) you must complete both the contractors and workers sections.
  - (d) If you are a plumbing worker and -
    - (i) not operating a plumbing business as a contractor and undertaking work for no financial gain; or
    - (ii) are employed as a plumbing worker to perform plumbing work at the employers place of business –

you need only complete the workers sections.
- (2) After completion of the work you must:
  - (a) within 7 days, provide the Electronic Certificate of Compliance to the Technical Regulator and the owner or operator of the installation; and
  - (b) within 28 days, provide the Electronic Certificate of Compliance to the relevant Council if applicable.

**(7) Additional required documentation**

Where applicable the following must also be provided to the Technical Regulator with the Certificate of Compliance:

- (1) 'internal sanitary drain as constructed drawings' showing the position and dimensions of the pipes, fittings and equipment associated with sanitary drains; and/or
- (2) backflow prevention device commission, inspection and maintenance reports, when commissioning or re-testing backflow prevention devices; and/or
- (3) fire service installation reports.

**(8) Copies of Certificate of Compliance**

A copy of the Certificate of Compliance must be retained by the contractor for 5 years.

**(9) Official forms**

A Paper or Electronic Certificate of Compliance must be completed using only an electronic or hard copy form published or produced under the authority of the Technical Regulator.

**(10) Variation or revocation of Scheme**

This Scheme may be varied or revoked by the Technical Regulator.

Dated 5 January 2016



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