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**METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE AND
DRAINAGE ACT 1909**

**METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE
AMENDMENT BY-LAWS 1996**

Made by the Minister under section 146 of the Act.

Citation

1. These by-laws may be cited as the *Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Amendment By-laws 1996*.

Principal by-laws

2. In these by-laws the *Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage By-laws 1981** are referred to as the principal by-laws.

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For amendments to 22 November 1996 see 1995 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 4, pp. 300-2.]

By-law 1.1 amended

3. By-law 1.1 of the principal by-laws is amended —

- (a) by inserting in their appropriate alphabetical positions the following definitions —

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“Drainage Plumbing” means the installation, renewal, replacement, alteration, repair or maintenance of —

- (a) below ground property sewers which operate under gravity flow conditions;
- (b) sanitary drainage pumping pits and any associated pressure mains; or
- (c) any associated manholes, branch drains, fittings or industrial waste arrestors.

“Plumber’s Licence” means a water supply and sanitary plumber’s licence, a water supply plumber’s licence or a drainage plumber’s licence under by-law 30.4.

“Sanitary Plumbing” means the installation, renewal, replacement, alteration, repair or maintenance of above ground pipework, fittings and fixtures which convey waste to the sanitary drainage system.

“Water Supply Plumbing” means the installation, renewal, replacement, alteration, repair or maintenance of water supply systems.

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and

- (b) by deleting the definition of “Licensed Plumber” and substituting the following definition —

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“Licensed Plumber” means a person who holds a plumber’s licence.

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By-law 28.1 amended

4. By-law 28.1 (h) of the principal by-laws is amended by deleting “Board” in both places where it occurs and substituting in each case the following —

“ Corporation ”.

By-law 30.1 repealed and a by-law substituted

5. By-law 30.1 of the principal by-laws is repealed and the following by-law is substituted —

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30.1 PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY OUT WATER SUPPLY PLUMBING

30.1.1 A person shall not carry out water supply plumbing unless that person —

- (a) is the holder of a water supply and sanitary plumber's licence under by-law 30.4;
- (b) is the holder of a water supply plumber's licence under by-law 30.4; or
- (c) is authorized under by-law 30.13 to work under the direction and supervision of a person holding a licence referred to in paragraph (a) or (b).

30.1.2 Nothing in by-law 30.1.1 prohibits a person who is not a person described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of that by-law from carrying out work in connection with the installation of a water service by the Corporation.

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By-law 30.2 repealed and a by-law substituted

6. By-law 30.2 of the principal by-laws is repealed and the following by-law is substituted —

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30.2 PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY OUT SANITARY PLUMBING

A person shall not carry out sanitary plumbing unless that person —

- (a) is the holder of a water supply and sanitary plumber's licence under by-law 30.4; or
- (b) is authorized under by-law 30.13 to work under the direction and supervision of a person holding a water supply and sanitary plumber's licence under by-law 30.4.

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By-law 30.2A inserted

7. After by-law 30.2 of the principal by-laws the following by-law is inserted —

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30.2A PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY OUT DRAINAGE PLUMBING

A person shall not carry out drainage plumbing unless that person —

- (a) is the holder of a water supply and sanitary plumber's licence under by-law 30.4;
- (b) is the holder of a drainage plumber's licence under by-law 30.4; or
- (c) is working under the direction and supervision of a person holding a licence referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).

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By-law 30.3 amended

8. By-law 30.3 of the principal by-laws is amended by deleting “or 30.2” and substituting the following —

“ , 30.2 or 30.2A ”

By-law 30.4 repealed and a by-law substituted

9. By-law 30.4 of the principal by-laws is repealed and the following by-law is substituted —

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30.4 DESCRIPTION AND SCOPE OF LICENCES

30.4.1 The Corporation may grant a water supply and sanitary plumber's licence, a water supply plumber's licence or a drainage plumber's licence on condition that —

- (a) the requirements set out in by-law 30.10, 30.11 or 30.11A, as the case requires, have been met;
- (b) the fee prescribed in item 5 (a) of Schedule C has been paid; and
- (c) the Corporation is satisfied that the applicant for the licence —
 - (i) is a fit and proper person to hold a licence; and
 - (ii) is more than 21 years of age.

30.4.2 The Corporation may issue a licence under by-law 30.4.1 subject to any special conditions that it considers desirable.

30.4.3 The holder of a water supply and sanitary plumber's licence may carry out work within the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Area, and, subject to by-laws 30.4.4 and 30.4.5, only plumbers holding such licences carry out or cause to be carried out water supply plumbing, sanitary plumbing or drainage plumbing within areas open for sewerage house connections.

30.4.4 The holder of a drainage plumber's licence may carry out drainage plumbing within the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Area and may carry out or cause to be carried out drainage plumbing within areas open for sewerage house connections.

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By-law 30.6 amended

10. By-law 30.6 of the principal by-laws is amended in by-laws 30.6.1 and 30.6.2 by deleting “Water Supply and Sanitary Plumber's Licence and Water Supply Plumber's Licence” and substituting in each case the following —

“ plumber's licence ”.

By-law 30.7 amended

11. By-law 30.7 of the principal by-laws is amended —

- (a) by deleting “licence issued by the Corporation” and substituting the following —

“ plumber's licence ”; and
- (b) by deleting “Water Supply and Sanitary Plumber's Licence or a Water Supply Plumber's Licence” and substituting the following —

“ plumber's licence ”.

By-law 30.8 amended

12. By-law 30.8 of the principal by-laws is amended by deleting “water supply and sanitary plumbers and water supply”.

By-laws 30.10, 30.11, 30.12, and 30.13 repealed and by-laws substituted

13. By-laws 30.10, 30.11, 30.12, and 30.13 of the principal by-laws are repealed and the following by-laws are substituted —

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30.10 WATER SUPPLY PLUMBERS

30.10.1 An applicant for a water supply plumber's licence shall provide the Corporation with a certificate issued by an approved examining body to the effect that the applicant has knowledge and competence in the following areas —

- (a) water supply plumbing;
- (b) the materials and apparatus related to water supply plumbing;
- (c) the proper pipes and fittings for hot water installations; and
- (d) these by-laws and the by-laws of local authorities in the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Area as they relate to water supply plumbing.

30.10.2 The applicant shall satisfy the Corporation as to the applicant's practical ability in relation to water supply plumbing.

30.11 WATER SUPPLY AND SANITARY PLUMBERS

30.11.1 An applicant for a water supply and sanitary plumber's licence shall provide the Corporation with a certificate issued by an approved examining body to the effect that the applicant has knowledge and competence in the following areas —

- (a) water supply plumbing, sanitary plumbing and drainage plumbing;
- (b) the materials and apparatus related to water supply plumbing, sanitary plumbing and drainage plumbing;
- (c) the proper pipes and fittings for hot water installations; and
- (d) these by-laws and the by-laws of local authorities in the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Area as they relate to water supply plumbing, sanitary plumbing and drainage plumbing.

30.11.2 The applicant shall satisfy the Corporation —

- (a) as to the applicant's practical ability in relation to water supply plumbing, sanitary plumbing and drainage plumbing; and
- (b) that the applicant has served not less than 5 years at that trade.

30.11A DRAINAGE PLUMBERS

30.11A.1 An applicant for a drainage plumber's licence shall provide the Corporation with a certificate issued by an approved examining body to the effect that the applicant has knowledge and competence in the following areas —

- (a) drainage plumbing;
- (b) the materials and apparatus related to drainage plumbing; and
- (c) these by-laws and the by-laws of local authorities in the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Area as they relate to drainage plumbing.

30.11A.2 The applicant shall satisfy the Corporation as to the applicant's practical ability in relation to drainage plumbing.

30.12 APPLICANTS HOLDING LICENCES FROM OVERSEAS AUTHORITIES

An applicant for a plumber's licence who holds a licence issued by an overseas authority may be exempted from such of the requirements of by-laws 30.10, 30.11 and 30.11A as the Corporation thinks fit.

30.13 PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO CARRY OUT PLUMBING WORK UNDER DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION

30.13.1 The following persons are authorized for the purposes of by-laws 30.1.1 (c) and 30.2 (c) —

- (a) a person who has successfully completed an apprenticeship in the plumbing trade; and
- (b) a person registered under the *Industrial Training Act 1975* as an apprentice in the plumbing trade.

30.13.2 The Corporation may authorize a person for the purposes of by-laws 30.1.1 (c) or 30.2 (c) if the person —

- (a) provides the Corporation with a certificate issued by an approved examining body to the effect that the person has a sufficient level of knowledge and competence to be so authorized; or
- (b) satisfies the Corporation that the person has a sufficient level of knowledge and competence to be so authorized.

30.13.3 The Corporation may, where it considers necessary, authorize a person under by-law 30.13.2 (b) —

- (a) to work only under the immediate supervision of a person holding a water supply plumber's licence or a water supply and sanitary plumber's licence under by-law 30.4, as the case requires; and
- (b) for no longer than 12 months.

By-law 30.14 amended

14. By-law 30.14 of the principal by-laws is amended by deleting "entitled to work under By-law 30.13." and substituting the following —

" authorized under by-laws 30.13.1 and 30.13.2. "

By-law 30.16 amended

15. By-law 30.16 of the principal by-laws is amended by deleting "water supply and sanitary plumbers or water supply".

By-law 30.16A amended

16. By-law 30.16A of the principal by-laws is amended by inserting after by-law 30.16A.2 the following by-law —

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30.16A.3 A person holding a drainage plumber's licence under by-law 30.4 shall immediately report to the Corporation anything found by, or brought to the attention of, the plumber in the course of carrying out plumbing work, that is likely to result in the entry into the Corporation's sewerage system of any substance or matter likely to hinder or prevent the proper functioning of that system.

Penalty: \$2 000.

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By-law 30.18 amended

17. By-law 30.18 of the principal by-laws is amended by deleting “water supply and sanitary plumber and a licensed water supply”.

By-law 30.19 amended

18. By-law 30.19 of the principal by-laws is amended in by-laws 30.19.1, 30.19.2 and 30.19.3 by deleting “water supply and sanitary plumber or water supply” wherever it occurs.

Schedule C amended

19. Schedule C to the principal by-laws is amended —

- (a) in item 5 (a) and (b) by deleting “Water Supply and Sanitary Plumber’s Licence or Water Supply Plumber’s Licence” and substituting in each case the following —

“ plumber’s licence ”; and

- (b) in item 5 (d) by deleting “Water Supply and Sanitary Plumber’s Licence or Water Supply Plumber’s Licence” and substituting the following —

“ plumber’s licence ”.

K. D. HAMES, Minister for Water Resources.