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**INDUSTRY REGULATION**

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Plumbers Licensing Act 1995

**Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards  
Amendment Regulations 2022**

SL 2022/163

Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

**Part 1 — Preliminary****1. Citation**

These regulations are the *Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards Amendment Regulations 2022*.

**2. Commencement**

These regulations come into operation as follows —

- (a) Part 1 — on the day on which these regulations are published in the *Gazette*;
- (b) Part 2 — on 1 October 2022;
- (c) Part 3 — on 1 May 2023;
- (d) the rest of the regulations — on 1 May 2024.

**3. Regulations amended**

These regulations amend the *Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards Regulations 2000*.

**Part 2 — Amendments commencing on 1 October 2022****4. Regulation 3 amended**

- (1) In regulation 3(1) delete the definitions of:

*National Construction Code*

*Plumbing Code*

- (2) In regulation 3(1) insert in alphabetical order:

*National Construction Code* means the National Construction Code 2019 Amendment 1 published by, or on behalf of, the Australian Building Codes Board;

*Plumbing Code* means Volume 3 (Plumbing Code of Australia) of the National Construction Code;

### **Part 3 — Amendments commencing on 1 May 2023**

#### **5. Regulation 3 amended**

- (1) In regulation 3(1) in the definition of *National Construction Code* delete “National Construction Code 2019 Amendment 1” and insert:

National Construction Code 2022

- (2) In regulation 3(1) in the definition of *performance solution* delete “Schedule 3;” and insert:

Schedule 1;

#### **6. Regulation 48 amended**

In regulation 48(2)(a):

- (a) in subparagraph (ii) delete “Part B2.4),” and insert:

clauses B2P11 and B2D4 to B2D6),

- (b) delete subparagraph (iii) and insert:

(iii) Specification 41;

(iv) Parts C1 and C2;

#### **7. Regulation 49 amended**

- (1) In regulation 49(2) in the Table:

- (a) in the row relating to Clause 2.4.1 delete “2.4.1” and insert:

2.3

(b) delete the row relating to Clause 4.5.3 and insert:

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Clause 4.5.3	Delete paragraph (b). At the end of the clause insert:  However, if the reflux valve is being installed in relation to an existing building, the reflux valve may be installed upstream from the inspection shaft.
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(c) delete the row relating to Clause 6.5.1 and insert:

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Clause 6.5.1	Delete the clause and insert:  <b>6.5.1 General</b> Each sanitary fixture and appliance must have a self-sealing device or trap. A self-sealing device must — (a) be in the same room as the fixture or appliance that it serves; and (b) be accessible. A trap (other than a self-sealing device) must — (a) be in the same room as the fixture or appliance that it serves; and (b) be accessible unless the trap is in the ground or concrete. A trap (other than a self-sealing device) in the ground or concrete must not have — (a) a loose coupling nut; or (b) a diameter that is greater than the diameter of the outlet for the fixture or appliance that the trap serves. A trap (other than a self-sealing device) that is in the ground or concrete must be directly below the outlet for the fixture or appliance that the trap serves.
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- (2) In regulation 49(3) delete the Table and insert:

<b>Table</b>	
<b>Provision</b>	<b>Modification</b>
Clause 5.8	<p>In NOTE 1 delete “Where the water supply is scaling in nature, an expansion control valve or expansion vessel should” and insert:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An expansion control valve or expansion vessel must</p>
Table 5.9.1(A)	<p>In the row relating to Expansion control valve or expansion vessel (Australia only) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> columns delete “g” and insert:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p>

**8. Regulation 55 amended**

In regulation 55 in the definition of *approved disposal system* delete “Schedule 3;” and insert:

Schedule 1;

**9. Regulation 112 inserted**

At the end of Part 8 insert:

**112. Transitional provisions for *Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards Amendment Regulations 2022***

- (1) In this regulation —
- commencement day* means 1 May 2023;
- pre-commencement delivery temperature requirements* means the requirements —
- (a) set out in AS/NZS 3500.4:2018 (Heated water services) clauses 1.11.2 and 1.11.3; and
  - (b) applied under Part 6 as in force immediately before commencement day.

- (2) The pre-commencement delivery temperature requirements apply in relation to the following plumbing and plumbing work —
- (a) a new heated water installation commenced during the period of 12 months beginning on commencement day;
  - (b) a solar water heater installation, commenced during the period of 12 months beginning on commencement day, that is replacing or relocating an existing water heater.
- (3) The plumbing standards that apply on and after commencement day to plumbing and plumbing work commenced, but not completed, before commencement day are the plumbing standards as in force at the time the work for the plumbing or plumbing work was commenced.

#### **Part 4 — Amendments commencing on 1 May 2024**

##### **10. Regulation 48 amended**

In regulation 48(2)(a)(ii) delete “B2P11 and B2D4 to B2D6),” and insert:

B2P11 and B2D4),

##### **11. Regulation 49 amended**

Before regulation 49(2) insert:

- (1) For the purposes of regulation 48, the modifications set out in the Table are made to the Plumbing Code.

**Table**

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Modification</b>
Clause B2D5	After “fixture” insert:  for a new heated water installation, or for an existing heated water installation if the requirements in this clause applied to the installation when it was a new installation,

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<b>Provision</b>	<b>Modification</b>
	<p>Before the Application statement insert:</p> <p>The delivery temperature of heated water at the outlet of each sanitary fixture (other than a basin) for an existing heated water installation must meet the requirements for a new heated water installation if —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) in relation to a heated water installation with multiple water heaters — all water heaters in the installation are replaced or relocated; or</li><li>(b) in any other case — a water heater in the installation is replaced or relocated or an additional water heater is added to the installation.</li></ul> <p>Delete the Application statement and insert:</p> <p>B2D5 applies to heated water installations intended for personal hygiene as stated in the clause.</p>
Clause B2D6	<p>Delete the Application statement and insert:</p> <p>B2D6 applies to heated water installations to which B2D5 applies.</p>

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