

Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board



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Certificate IV, Backflow Prevention and Thermostatic Mixing Valves

Cert IV Competencies are available in Darwin and Alice Springs through Charles Darwin University and the Gordon Institute.

Stand-alone units in Backflow Prevention and Thermostatic Mixing Valves are also available.

Contact details are available from the Registrar.

MELIOIDOSIS

(Nightcliff Gardeners Disease)
Meliodosis kills people in the NT every wet season. At least one plumber has died here as a result of Meliodosis. The disease is caused by bacteria living in the soil which are brought to the surface in wet weather.

If you are working in soil (eg gardeners and plumbers) you should take care to protect yourself, particularly if you have cuts on your skin or a reduced immune system.

HOW TO BOOK A MANDATORY INSPECTION from 1 October to 30 April (known elsewhere as a 'start work notice')

Only a registered **Certifying Plumber & Drainer** may book a mandatory inspection.

Ring **8999 8985**. If the number is unattended leave a message. When you ring, you must give:

- . **Property Address**
- . **Plumbers registration** (not licence) **number**
- . **Building permit number**
- . **Time & date** inspection required.

If you do not have all this information when you ring, your booking will not be accepted. You will have to call back. If the phone is unattended, leave a message giving all the above details.

Wet season (from 1 October to 30 April) – call before 9 am for appointment the same day

Dry season (from 1 May to 30 September) – call before 4 pm for inspection the following day

First appointment is at **8.30**, **last** one **4 pm** weekdays.

For inspections on **Saturday morning**: you must **book before 4 pm on Friday**.

If the inspector does not arrive after 15 minutes, you can assume he is not coming & backfill the hole.

HOW TO LODGE AN APPLICATION

Application forms and current application fees can be found on the forms page of the Board's website:
www.nt.gov.au/plumbing

Applications may be lodged by email, mail, or in person at the addresses shown on the form.

Only complete applications will be considered, ie ones which include all required information and fee.

For more information visit the Board's website or contact the Registrar on 08-8936 4083.



Health Department Wastewater Management

The Department of Health Wastewater Management webpage was recently updated to include the following changes reflecting the introduction of new Public and Environmental Health Regulations on 1 July 2014:

- New set of notification and application forms
- Title change amendment to the Code of Practice for Small On-site Sewage and Sullage Treatment Systems and the Disposal or Reuse of Sewage Effluent (the 'Code')
- New requirements for Product Approval of On-site Wastewater Systems
- New requirements for wastewater works design approvals of recycled water systems (i.e. >8000 L/day)
- New Fact Sheet 508 - Prescribed Fees: A new range of fees now applies to approvals including specific requirements for fee payments and lodgement of applications

DoH wastewater management webpage:

http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Environmental_Health/Wastewater_Management/index.aspx

Use of Offset Pan Collars

The plumbing industry has raised concerns involving the use of offset pan collars greater than 20mm.

Offsets greater than 20mm are causing the pans to block on a regular basis and also loss of water seal, allowing sewer gases to escape into the house.

All care should be taken with the initial set out of any sanitary drains to minimise the need to use an offset pan collar greater than 20 mm.

S.40 Certificates

Revised Section 40 certificates have been uploaded to the BAS website.

These make it clear that, if you are signing on behalf of a company, you must provide the company name and registration number and your own name and individual registration number.

This includes the S.40 Plumbing & Drainage Design Certificate.

You may continue to use the existing certificates until you run out.