

# Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board



## INFORMATION SHEET – number 4.

**PDLB WEBSITE – [www.nt.gov.au/plumberslicensing](http://www.nt.gov.au/plumberslicensing)**

The Plumbers & Drainers Licensing Board website contains licensing information, application forms, Board members' names, links to other interesting sites, FAQ's etc, as well as news items such as dates for Backflow Prevention and Green Plumbing courses. You can also find previous information sheets.

Please check out the site and if you have any suggestions, just hit the feedback button and give the Registrar your ideas.

### MANDATORY INSPECTIONS

Under the *Building Act*, if you are putting sewer pipes in the ground, you must arrange for the NT Government's Plumbing Inspector to inspect your work before you backfill. This is known in the NT as a **mandatory inspection** (elsewhere it may be called a Start Work Notice). To book an inspection you must be registered with the Building Practitioners Board as a Certifying Plumber.

To book a mandatory inspection, call 8999 8985. You will need the following details: building permit number, your registration number as a Certifying Plumber (not your licence number) and the address (Lot number, road, town/hundred) of the property where the work is being done. A staff member will give you a time for the inspection. If the phone is unattended, leave a message on the answering machine and someone will ring you back to confirm.

In the dry season you must give 24 hours notice of an inspection, but once the rain starts you can book an inspection the same day.

The Inspector is not able to come to every job and if he has not arrived 10 minutes after the booked time, you can backfill the hole.

### APPRENTICES

If you have an apprentice who is about to finish his apprenticeship, please encourage him to register as a Journeyman as soon as he finishes his course and before setting off to travel the country. Finding work both in the NT and elsewhere in Australia will be easier if he gets his registration issued here before he leaves. Application forms are available through the Uni, from the Board's website and from the Registrar.

### CONTRACTING FOR WORK

Don't forget that if you are registered as a Journeyman you cannot contract for work directly with the customer. To contract for work in your own right you must have a full Advanced Tradesman's licence. An Advanced Tradesman can contract for work and perform plumbing & draining work. However, to sign off work you must be registered with the Building Practitioners Board as a Certifying Plumber & Drainer. Visit the Board's website: [www.nt.gov.au/bpb](http://www.nt.gov.au/bpb) for more information.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please remember to notify the Board if you change your address – you can check on the website to see what address the Board has for you and use the feedback facility to send in a new address.

## RENEWALS

Both the Licensing Board and the Practitioners Board send out renewal forms when your licence/registration is due to expire. If you think you should have got one but haven't, then check your details on the website or give the Registrar a call.

If you received a renewal form but have lost it, you can get another from the website or by ringing the Registrar.

## USING COMPLIANT PARTS AND MATERIALS

Through the Building Act, Plumbing Code of Australia and AS/NZ:3500, all plumbers and drainers are required by law to comply with national standards when installing tapware, appliances or materials which connect to the potable water system.

AS/NZ:3500 states:

### **Clause 2.2 AUTHORISATION**

*Materials and products used in water service installation in Australia shall comply with the requirements of the National Plumbing Products Certification Scheme.*

### **Section 2.3 SELECTION AND USE OF MATERIALS**

*Materials and products in contact with drinking water shall comply with AS/NZ:4020.*

All taps, pipes and fittings should carry one of these marks:



If a problem occurs and there is no standards or water mark on the installed fitting and no compliance certificate, you will have to replace the unauthorised products. You may also be personally liable, may not be covered by insurance and may be fined, lose your licence and be sued by the customer.

## HOT WATER SYSTEMS ON DISPLAY AT CDU

CDU plumbing school have received from Robert Bosch their new range of Hot water systems which are on display and operating. Also the commercial package unit for bulk hot water supply is on display. Call in to the plumbing school at Building 1 Purple Precinct at Charles Darwin University to have a look.