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**THE PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS REGULATIONS 1966,
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 16th day of June 1969

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Plumbers and Gasfitters Registration Act 1964, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Plumbers and Gasfitters Regulations 1966, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Plumbers and Gasfitters Regulations 1966* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the seventh day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Conduct of examinations—(1) Regulation 7 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclauses:

“(2) Each examination may be passed as a whole or in two parts; but no candidate shall be allowed to present himself for either examination or any part thereof until,—

“(a) He has served 6,000 hours of an apprenticeship, and passed such preliminary examinations, if any, as may have been approved by the Board for the purposes of this paragraph, in plumbing or gasfitting, as the case may require; or

“(b) He has been engaged in the plumbing trade or in gasfitting, as the case may require, for not less than 7 years; or

“(c) Having completed an apprenticeship in the one trade and seeking to be examined in the other, he satisfies the Registrar that he has been engaged in that other trade for a period of not less than 2 years since completing that apprenticeship; or

“(d) Being registered as a plumber or gasfitter and seeking to be examined in the other trade, he satisfies the Registrar that he has been engaged in that other trade for a period of not less than 1 year.

“(2A) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (2) of this regulation, a candidate who is concurrently serving an apprenticeship as a plumber and an apprenticeship as a gasfitter shall be allowed to present himself for only one of the examinations before he has completed 8,000 hours of his apprenticeship.

“(2B) Subclause (2) of this regulation shall be read subject to paragraph (b) of section 40 of the Act.”

3. Further provisions relating to examinations—(1) Regulation 8 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (a) of subclause (1), the following paragraph:

“(aa) A candidate for the examination for plumbers shall not be required to be examined in the practical test of workmanship if he has already passed the practical test of workmanship in the examination for gasfitters:”.

(2) Regulation 8 of the principal regulations is hereby further amended by revoking paragraph (b) of subclause (1), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) The Registrar may, if he thinks fit, permit any person who has reached within 3 months of completion of any period specified in paragraph (b), paragraph (c), or paragraph (d) of subclause (2) of regulation 7 of these regulations to present himself for the examination for plumbers or for the examination for gasfitters, as the case may require, or for either part of any such examination.”

4. Saving of existing rights—Notwithstanding anything in these regulations:

(a) The principal regulations shall continue to apply to any person who has completed 8,000 hours of an apprenticeship as a plumber or gasfitter before the commencement of these regulations as if these regulations had not been made:

(b) Any person who is serving an apprenticeship as a plumber or gasfitter, or holds a limited certificate to do gasfitting, immediately before the commencement of these regulations may, by writing addressed to the Board before the 1st day of January 1970 or within such extended time as the Board may allow, elect that the principal regulations shall continue to apply in his case as if these regulations had not been made, and on any such election the principal regulations shall continue to apply accordingly:

- (c) No person who has served any period of apprenticeship as a plumber or gasfitter before the commencement of these regulations shall be required to pass any examination (except the appropriate examination prescribed by these regulations) which is designed to be passed by a person who has served a shorter period of apprenticeship as a plumber or gasfitter, as the case may require.

P. J. BROOKS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations vary the conditions which must be satisfied before a candidate for the examination for plumbers or for the examination for gasfitters may sit any such examination. In general the conditions are less stringent than those which applied formerly.

In particular the regulations reduce from 9,000 hours to 6,000 hours the period of an apprenticeship which a candidate is required to serve before he may be allowed to present himself for examination. Such a candidate may now however be required to pass a preliminary examination approved by the Plumbers and Gasfitters Board.

The rights of existing apprentices are saved by regulation 4.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.