



**THE PLUMBERS, GASFITTERS, AND DRAINLAYERS  
REGULATIONS 1977, AMENDMENT NO. 4**

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CATHERINE A. TIZARD, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 31st day of March 1993

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. J. B. BOLGER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 1976, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 4, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Regulations 1977\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1993.

**2. Interpretation**—Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, in its appropriate alphabetical order, the following definition:

\*S.R. 1977/67

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1982/81

Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1985/234

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1987/11

“‘Suitably qualified auditor’ means—

“(a) A person who holds a relevant audit qualification recognised by—

“(i) The International Quality Association; or

“(ii) The Joint Accreditation System—Australia New Zealand;  
or

“(b) A person who satisfies the Secretary of Commerce that he or she is competent to assess a system of operation referred to in section 39A of the Act and regulation 6A of these regulations:”.

**3. Employer licences**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 6, the following heading and regulation:

*“Employer licences*

**6A. Requirements prescribed for employer licences**—(1) For the purposes of section 39A of the Act, the requirements for the system of operation to be maintained by the holder of an employer licence are as follows:

“(a) That the holder of the licence maintains a manual that identifies—

“(i) The gasfitting work that the holder undertakes pursuant to the licence:

“(ii) The employees or categories of employees of the holder of the licence who are to carry out that work:

“(iii) The aspects of that work that may safely be undertaken by a particular employee or category of employees:

“(iv) Procedures for the carrying out of each task within the work identified:

“(v) Skill requirements for the work:

“(vi) The training and instructions necessary for each employee or category of employees prior to carrying out any work, and any on-going training:

“(vii) Procedures for supervision of the performance of the work:

“(viii) Procedures for recording the completion of any work and the persons responsible for that work:

“(ix) Procedures for monitoring the work:

“(x) Procedures for recording and investigating injuries to employees or any other persons, or damage to any property, occurring as a result of the carrying out of the work:

“(xi) Remedial and preventative action in relation to subparagraph (x) of this paragraph:

“(xii) The location and address of each place of work from which the holder of the licence operates and that is intended to be covered by the licence:

“(xiii) The person on the staff of the holder of the licence who is the contact person for the purposes of the licence; and

“(b) That the holder of the licence has in place in that person’s organisation the procedures outlined in subparagraphs (iv), (vii), (viii), (ix), and (x) of paragraph (a) of this subclause.

“(2) Every application for an employer licence shall be accompanied by—

“(a) A manual, or a copy of the manual, that sets out, in relation to the system of operation that the applicant proposes to maintain, the

matters referred to in paragraph (a) of subclause (1) of this regulation; and

“(b) Except where subclause (5) of this regulation applies, a report prepared by an independent and suitably qualified auditor certifying that the manual covers the requirements listed in paragraph (a) of subclause (1) of this regulation and that the applicant has in place the procedures referred to in paragraph (b) of subclause (1) of this regulation.

“(3) Every application shall be made to the Secretary of Commerce.

“(4) Before the grant of an employer licence the applicant shall pay the prescribed fee to the Secretary of Commerce.

“(5) Accreditation to a relevant quality assurance standard which incorporates the matters identified in paragraph (a) of subclause (1) of this regulation shall be deemed to be compliance with subclause (1) of this regulation.

“(6) The holder of an employer licence shall, at intervals of not more than 12 months beginning on the date of the grant of the licence, supply to the Secretary of Commerce a copy of a certificate from an independent and suitably qualified auditor that the manual is being adhered to and that the procedures are being maintained, and are effective, and remain appropriate.

“(7) The holder of an employer licence to which subclause (5) of this regulation applies shall, at intervals of not more than 12 months beginning on the date of the grant of the licence, supply to the Secretary of Commerce a copy of a certificate from an independent and suitably qualified auditor that the holder of the licence still meets the relevant quality assurance standard.”

**4. New regulations inserted**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 10, the following regulations:

“10A. **Exemptions in respect of gasfitting**—A fee shall be payable by a person who wishes to satisfy the Board, pursuant to section 57 (1) of the Act, that he or she is competent to install and maintain particular gas equipment or gas equipment of a particular kind.

“10B. **Reciprocity**—A fee shall be payable by a person who wishes the Board to certify that that person is registered in New Zealand as—

“(a) A craftsman plumber pursuant to section 21 of the Act; or

“(b) A craftsman gasfitter pursuant to section 22 of the Act; or

“(c) A gas inspector pursuant to section 22A of the Act; or

“(d) A plumber pursuant to section 23 of the Act; or

“(e) A gasfitter pursuant to section 24 of the Act; or

“(f) A drainlayer pursuant to section 25 of the Act.”

**5. Fees**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 11 (as substituted by regulation 2 of the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 3), and substituting the following regulation:

“11. The fees payable under the Act or these regulations shall be those set out in the Eighth Schedule to these regulations.

“(2) The fees prescribed by these regulations are inclusive of goods and services tax under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985.

“(3) Unless there is express provision to the contrary in these regulations, any fees payable under the Act shall be paid to the Registrar of the Board.”

**6. New scale of fees substituted**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking the Eighth Schedule (as substituted by regulation 3 of the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 3), and substituting the Eighth Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

**7. Revocation**—The Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Regulations 1977, Amendment No. 3 are hereby consequentially revoked.

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## SCHEDULE

## NEW EIGHTH SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Reg. 6

## "EIGHTH SCHEDULE

Reg. 11

## FEES

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| 1.  | Fees to accompany applications for registration under Part II of the Act:   |         |  |
| (a) | For registration as a gas inspector .. ..   | 67.50   |  |
| (b) | For registration as a craftsman plumber .. ..   | 40.50   |  |
| (c) | For registration as a craftsman gasfitter .. ..   | 40.50   |  |
| (d) | For registration as a plumber .. ..   | 20.85   |  |
| (e) | For registration as a gasfitter .. ..   | 20.85   |  |
| (f) | For registration as a drainlayer .. ..  | 20.85   |  |
| 2.  | Fee for the issue of a certificate of registration under section 31 of the Act .. ..  | 17.20   |  |
| 3.  | Fee for the correction of an entry in the register under section 35 of the Act .. ..  | 15.95   |  |
| 4.  | Fees for the issue of a licence under section 36 or section 36B of the Act (except the first licence of any particular kind issued to a person after obtaining the corresponding registration under the Act): |         |  |
| (a) | For a gas inspector's licence .. ..   | 67.50   |  |
| (b) | For a craftsman plumber's licence .. ..   | 40.50   |  |
| (c) | For a craftsman gasfitter's licence .. ..   | 40.50   |  |
| (d) | For both a craftsman plumber's licence and a craftsman gasfitter's licence when applied for together .. ..  | 60.20   |  |
| (e) | For a registered plumber's licence .. ..  | 20.85   |  |
| (f) | For a registered gasfitter's licence .. ..  | 20.85   |  |
| (g) | For both a registered plumber's licence and a registered gasfitter's licence when applied for together .. ..  | 30.70   |  |
| (h) | For a registered drainlayer's licence .. ..   | 15.95   |  |
| 5.  | Fee for the issue of a provisional licence under section 37 of the Act .. ..  | 15.95   |  |
| 6.  | Fee for the issue or renewal of a limited certificate under section 38 of the Act .. ..   | 15.95   |  |
| 7.  | Fee for the restoration of a person's name to the register under section 42 (11) of the Act .. ..   | 15.95   |  |
| 8.  | Fee for an application for an exemption under section 57 (1) of the Act .. ..   | 27.00   |  |
| 9.  | Fee on application for a reciprocity certificate .. ..  | 13.50   |  |
| 10. | Fee for a new employer licence or a renewal of an employer licence .. ..  | 450.00" |  |

MARIE SHROFF,  
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, which come into force on 1 April 1993, make amendments to the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Regulations 1977 required as a result of the passing of the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Amendment Act 1992, and also effect a general fees increase.

*Regulation 3* inserts a new regulation 6A into the principal regulations which prescribes the requirements for the granting of employer licences under section 39A of the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 1976.

*Regulation 6* substitutes a new Schedule of fees which—

(a) Increases the fees payable under the principal regulations; and

(b) Prescribes certain new fees for—

- (i) An application for registration as a gas inspector under section 22A of the Act;
- (ii) The issue of a gas inspector's licence under section 36B of the Act;
- (iii) An application for an exemption under section 57 (1) of the Act;
- (iv) An application for a reciprocity certificate;
- (v) A new employer licence or the renewal of an existing licence.

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