

# **Public Utilities (Regulated Works and WSI Design Works) Regulations 2018**

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT  
(CHAPTER 261)**

**PUBLIC UTILITIES  
(REGULATED WORKS AND WSI DESIGN WORKS)  
REGULATIONS 2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 72 of the Public Utilities Act, the Public Utilities Board, with the approval of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, makes the following Regulations:

## PART 1

### PRELIMINARY

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Public Utilities (Regulated Works and WSI Design Works) Regulations 2018 and come into operation on 1 April 2018.

## PART 2

### LICENSING OF PLUMBERS

#### **Other eligibility requirements**

2.—(1) For the purposes of section 40J(1)(d) of the Act, an applicant who applies for a plumber's licence on or after the 65th anniversary of his or her birth must be certified by a registered medical practitioner in accordance with paragraph (2), to be physically and mentally fit to carry out, or directly supervise the carrying out of, any regulated works.

(2) The certification by a registered medical practitioner must be in a medical report issued by the registered medical practitioner —

- (a) not more than 3 months before the date of the application; or
- (b) if the application is made during the currency of an existing plumber's licence, not more than 3 months before the expiry of the existing plumber's licence.

(3) In this regulation, “registered medical practitioner” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Medical Registration Act (Cap. 174).

#### **Form of plumber's licence**

3. A plumber's licence of a licensed plumber must include the following:

- (a) the full name of the licensed plumber;
- (b) a photograph of the licensed plumber;
- (c) the date of expiry of the licence;
- (d) a unique identifier assigned by the Board to the licensed plumber.

#### **Replacement of plumber's licence**

4.—(1) Where the plumber's licence of a licensed plumber is lost, destroyed or defaced or becomes obliterated, the licensed plumber must without delay notify the Board of such matter.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), if the Board is satisfied of any matter notified to the Board under paragraph (1), the Board may on the payment of the appropriate fee specified in the First Schedule issue a replacement of the plumber's licence to the affected licensed plumber.

(3) The plumber's licence replaced by the Board has the same effect as the original plumber's licence granted by the Board.

(4) The Board must not replace the plumber's licence of the licensed plumber —

- (a) if the licence is defaced or has become obliterated — unless the licensed plumber returns the licence to the Board; and
- (b) if the licence is lost or destroyed — unless the licensed plumber provides to the Board either of the following:
  - (i) a statutory declaration made under the Oaths and Declaration Act (Cap. 211) declaring the loss or destruction of the licence;
  - (ii) a copy of a police report concerning the loss or destruction of the licence.

(5) Where the original plumber's licence is found after any replacement is issued under this regulation to a licensed plumber, the licensed plumber must without delay return the replacement to the Board for cancellation.

(6) Any licensed plumber who contravenes paragraph (5) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction —

- (a) to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both; and
- (b) in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$250 for every day or part of a day during which the offence continues after conviction.

## **Fees**

5.—(1) The fees specified in the second column of the First Schedule are payable in respect of the matters specified opposite in the first column.

(2) Except as provided by paragraph (3), no fee under these Regulations is refundable.

(3) Where the Board considers appropriate, the Board may waive, refund or remit the whole or part of a fee mentioned in item 1, 2 or 3 of the First Schedule payable or paid by any of the following individuals:

- (a) a licensed water service worker mentioned in section 21(4) of the Public Utilities (Amendment) Act 2018 (Act 11 of 2018) who applies for a plumber's licence;
- (b) a specified sanitary plumber mentioned in section 21(5) of the Public Utilities (Amendment) Act 2018 who applies for a plumber's licence.

### **Production of plumber's licence, etc.**

6.—(1) Any individual who is carrying out any regulated works, or who reasonably appears to an authorised officer to be or to have been engaged in the carrying out of any regulated works, must on demand of the authorised officer —

- (a) produce for inspection and verification by the authorised officer, a plumber's licence held by the individual;
- (b) inform the authorised officer whether the individual is carrying out, or has carried out, any regulated works under a plumber's licence held by the individual, or under the direct supervision of a licensed plumber; or
- (c) attend at such office of the Board as the authorised officer may specify —
  - (i) to give any information or evidence that the authorised officer may require for the purposes of these Regulations; or
  - (ii) to produce for inspection and verification by the authorised officer, a plumber's licence that the individual allegedly holds but failed to produce despite the demand of the authorised officer.

(2) Any individual who fails to comply with paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction —

- (a) to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both; and
- (b) in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$250 for every day or part of a day during which the offence continues after conviction.

### **Prescribed time for representations against suspension or cancellation of plumber's licence**