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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 6 February 2018 and assented to by the President on 5 March 2018:—

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**No. 11 of 2018.**

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,  
*President.*  
5 March 2018.



An Act to amend the Public Utilities Act (Chapter 261 of the 2002 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act is the Public Utilities (Amendment) Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Public Utilities Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Chief Executive”, the following definition:

“ “connecting pipe” means a pipe from a water main to the meter position;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Deputy Chairman”, the following definitions:

“ “discharge pipe” means a pipe that enables any sewage or sullage water to be conveyed from a sanitary appliance or floor trap to a drain-line;

“drain-line” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Sewerage and Drainage Act (Cap. 294);”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the word “collection,” in the definition of “installation”, the word “conveyance,”;

(d) by deleting the definition of “licensed water service worker” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “licensed plumber” means an individual who holds a plumber’s licence;

“limited WSI design works” means the designing of any water service installation that is to be installed downstream of a meter, where the water service installation being designed does not include any pumping equipment or storage tank;”;

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(e) by inserting, immediately after the word “supplied” in the definition of “main”, the words “or conveyed”;

(f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “member”, the following definition:

“ “meter” means any appliance or device to measure, ascertain or regulate the amount of water taken from a supply or conveyance of water to any place;”;

(g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “occupier”, the following definition:

“ “plumber’s licence” means a licence granted under section 40J;”;

(h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “premises”, the following definitions:

“ “professional engineer” means an individual who is registered as a professional engineer under the Professional Engineers Act (Cap. 253) and has in force a practising certificate issued under that Act;

“regulated works” means any sanitary works, limited WSI design works or WSI works, but does not include any of such works as the Minister may, after consulting the Board, prescribe by order in the *Gazette*;

“sanitary appliances” and “sanitary facilities” have the same meanings as in section 2 of the Sewerage and Drainage Act;

“sanitary works” means —

(a) constructing, altering, repairing, replacing, discontinuing or closing up any discharge pipe, ventilating pipe, drain-line, fitting, floor trap, inspection chamber, grease trap, pump or any other appurtenance

related to the conveyance of sewage or sullage water from any sanitary appliance or sanitary facility to a sewerage system; and

- (b) installing, fixing, altering, repairing or removing a sanitary appliance or sanitary facility, and any other connected works;”;
- (i) by inserting, immediately after the words “as in” in the definitions of “sewage” and “sewerage system”, the words “section 2 of”;
- (j) by inserting, immediately after the definitions of “sewage” and “sewerage system”, the following definition:
  - “ “storage tank” means any tank or storage cistern that has a free water surface under atmospheric pressure, but does not include —
    - (a) a flushing cistern; or
    - (b) a drinking-trough or drinking-bowl for animals (including poultry);”;
- (k) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “street”, the following definitions:
  - “ “ventilating pipe” means a pipe provided to limit the pressure fluctuations in any discharge pipe;
  - “vessel” means —
    - (a) a ship, a boat, an air-cushioned vehicle or any other similar craft used in any reservoir or waterway, however moved or propelled; or
    - (b) a barge, a lighter, a rig, a platform or any other floating structure, that may or may not be moved or propelled;
  - “water fitting” means —
    - (a) any pipe that is not a water main;

(b) any pipe fitting, tap, cock, valve or ferrule;

(c) any meter; or

(d) any flushing cistern,

and any other similar apparatus used in connection with the supply or conveyance, and use, of water;”;

(l) by inserting, immediately after the word “supply” in the definition of “water installation”, the words “or conveyance”;

(m) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “water installation”, the following definition:

““water main” means any pipe used or to be used for the conveyance of water, other than a connecting pipe;”;

(n) by deleting the definitions of “water service work”, “water service worker” and “water service worker licence”;

(o) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “waterway”, the following definition:

““water suitable for drinking” means —

(a) potable water; and

(b) any water held out by a person who supplies it as potable water,

but does not include any water intended for consumption solely by animals;”;

(p) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “waterway” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:

““WSI design works” means the designing of any water service installation that is to be installed downstream of a meter, and includes any limited WSI design works;