Licensed Plumber Scheme

- Sanitary Work



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From 1 April 18 onwards

- A single licensing scheme for both water service works and sanitary works
- All sanitary works, except non-critical simple home plumbing works, will need to be carried out by Licensed plumbers (LP)
- Major sanitary works in development projects (-new, reconstruction or A/A or extensions to buildings):

  - No changes in DC/DP/Compofwork/TOP/CSC submission process

  - LP supervised by QP

- Sanitary works in non-development projects (ie renovation works in existing houses or buildings involving changing of sanitary pipes)

  - LP submit notification for sanitary works that affect any common sanitary pipes/drainline, inspection chamber or public sewerage system

- ~900 plumbers already qualified to become LPs.

Non-critical sanitary works - LP is not required

Simple home plumbing works (- **not** part of sanitary works for development project subject to a QP/clearance certificate requirement) can be carried out by any contractor:

1. Installing, replacing or removing —
   (a) any washbasin or sink, including any bottle trap or fitting trap below the washbasin or sink;
   (b) any bathtub, shower tray, or shower enclosure;
   (c) any floor waste outlet; or
   (d) any pipe conveying sullage water into a floor trap.
2. Replacing —
   (a) any floor trap grating or cover; or
   (b) any floor waste grating or cover.
3. Installing, replacing or removing any urinal, including any fitting trap or any pipe connecting the urinal to a urinal trap.
4. Clearing any blockage in any floor trap, water closet or sanitary appliance.
5. Clearing and flushing any pipe and appurtenance related to the conveyance of sewage or sullage water from any sanitary appliance or sanitary facility to a sewerage system.

QP's Role in a Development Projects

- Design the sanitary plumbing and drainage system
- Make submission of Plan to PUB to obtain clearance certificates
  - Remember to key in the LP's no in the form
- Supervise the LP to ensure sanitary works are carried out in accordance to approved plan, COP, Acts/Regulations
- Certify water and air tightness test and completion of sanitary works
- Apply for compliance certificate and clearance for TOP/CSC

LP's Role in a Development projects

- Carry out the sanitary work in accordance with the QP's plan submitted for the clearance certificate
- Inform/advise the QP and/or notify PUB of any non-compliance to Code of Practice in the QP's plan
- Ensure good workmanship (eg use of proper fittings, bends and method of jointing, etc) in carrying out the sanitary works
- Carry out water or air test to ensure no leakage

New provision in SDA Amendment 2018

s36 Directions to Qualified Person

- Where PUB is of the opinion that a QP has contravened, or is likely to have contravened any requirement imposed by or under the SDA, PUB may give a direction, verbally or in writing, to the QP requiring him to do, or to refrain from doing, such things as are specified in the direction.

- The QP must comply with the direction.

- The QP **must notify** the owner or occupier of the premises to which the sewerage system or sanitary facilities belongs or serves.

- **Fail to comply with the direction -** Max fine $15,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 mths or both and in the case of continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding $500 everyday or part thereof during which the offence continue.

Non-Development Works

Notification to PUB

- The following works require notification to PUB:

  - ❑ Sanitary works (either temporary or permanent) that affect any common sanitary pipe/inspection chamber or public sewerage system.
  - ❑ Installation or replacement of grease trap.
  - ❑ Connection of temporary toilet/sanitary facilities to public sewers or on-site sewerage system such as at construction sites, trade fairs, etc

- Formerly submission was made by using Form E, F, I. PUB is coming up with new integrated online form. Meanwhile submission remains the same but to be made by LP

- Notification to be done 7 days before the work. After completion, a certificate of completion to be submitted within 7 days

Thank You