



The Drum on Notifiable Works

1 November, 2012 was a significant day in the history of the Plumbing Industry.

1 November, 2014 marks the second anniversary of the implementation of Notifiable Works provisions under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002*.

Why was this so significant?

- Notifiable work increased the amount of work a plumber or drainer can perform without a local government permit or mandatory inspections undertaken in existing homes.
- Notification of the work to the Plumbing Industry Council either manually (hardcopy) Form 4 or through the Plumbing Application Service (PAS) system meant greater convenience of lodgement for "tech savvy" plumbers on site by a mobile device or their administration staff using the office computer.



- » All notifiable work must comply with AS/NZS 3500 Parts 1, 2 or 4 as applicable. Work involving alternative solutions requires Form 1 application
- » All work which is described under Schedule 2 of Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003 (SPDR) must be notified to QBCC by means of Form 4
- » When you lodge the Form 4 you are declaring that all work carried out complies with the SPDR, ensure that you are making a valid statement. Check your work against the standard
- » Form 4 must be lodged within 10 business days of completion (Fixture or work is operational)
- » Ensure that the address is correct (LSC Rates Notice for premises will confirm address, if available)
- » Owner and/or occupier must be given a copy of Form 4 and informed:

(a) that the responsible person must give the Form 4 to the QBCC

(b) how the owner may access the document

(c) that the local government may decide to inspect the work and may contact the owner or other person about inspecting the work

- » If you receive a Rectification Notice, read the notice and the attached Information Notice carefully and comply within the stated rectification required
- » Ensure that you complete the rectification and pay Livingstone Shire Council the inspection fee (stated on notice) required to reassess the work for compliance.

Note: (Some Rectification Notices may specify that photographs must be provided demonstrating that the work has been rectified and subsequently provided to Council by a specific date and time. There is no fee if provided within the time frame specified.)

Read the notice carefully, the Council Inspector determines whether an inspection or photographs are required.

If you have a reasonable excuse for not complying within the specified time (minimum is 5 business days), immediately contact the Council Inspector who issued the notice to arrange for an alternate reasonable time frame.

Is Livingstone Shire Council issuing fines?

Council is issuing a penalty infringement notice (PIN) for "failing to comply with a rectification notice" (2 penalty units currently valued at \$113.85 per penalty unit).

The following circumstances may cause a PIN to be issued:

1. Work not rectified and inspection fee not received (or photographs when applicable) within specified time
2. Rectified work fails the inspection, resulting in another notice and inspection or photographs are "failing to comply with a rectification notice."

The Plumbing Industry Council will audit your records at some time, so if you have work or suspect that you have carried out work which has not been notified by Form 4, check your records and submit the Form 4 now.

The statistic of less than 17 Form 4 received per month suggests that some are yet to be lodged.

