Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board

Outcome of consultation

Proposal to create a single registration and licensing class notice

April 2025

Overview

Under the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006, the Board can set requirements relating to registration and licensing for practitioners.

The Board has been publishing separate notices for each trade. However, apart from the different technical competencies for each trade, the registration and licensing requirements are the same for all the trades.

The Board proposed to publish a single notice that will apply to plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying.

Consultation

The Board consulted on a single registration and licensing notice from 28 February to 21 March 2025. A consultation document and online submission form was sent to Info Brief subscribers and posted on the Board's website.

The Board asked three questions in the consultation:

1. Should the Board remove the additional registration pathways for certifying drainlayers?
2. Should the Board remove the old transitional provisions from the notices relating to the certifying common exam and assessments of oversea qualifications?
3. Should the Board publish a single registration and licensing notice for all three trades?

Submissions received

The Board received three responses during the consultation period from individual practitioners.

The responses to Question 1 were two 'yes' and 'the Board needs to stop tinkering with these they have been doing so for decades for no actual benefit'.

The responses to Question 2 were 'yes' and 'no'.

The responses to Question 3 were two 'yes'.

Outcome

With consultation revealing no significant opposition to the proposals, the Board proceeded with changing to a single registration and licensing.

The Board wrote to the Minister of Building and Construction in March 2025 recommending the change to notices. The Board is awaiting ministerial approval.

Summary

The Board thanks the individuals that took the time to read and make a submission on the proposed update to registration and licensing notice. The Board is confident that the single registration and licensing class notice will make it clearer for practitioners to know what is expected of them once they are registered and licensed, as the obligations are the same regardless of which trade(s) they are working in.