Maker Statement of Reasons: Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers (Self-certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Notice 2026

This document fulfils the requirements of section 14 of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025 to briefly explain the Government's reasons for any inconsistency with the principles of responsible regulation identified in the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board's Consistency Accountability Statement.

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Statement of Reasons

Principle of responsible regulation	Relevant clauses in proposed legislation
Section 9(d) of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025: the importance of maintaining consistency with section 22(a) of the Constitution Act 1986 concerning parliamentary control of taxation.	Clauses 16 to 22

Reason for inconsistency

The Board acknowledges that the fees and levy in this notice are imposed through Board-made secondary legislation rather than through an Act or secondary legislation made by Order in Council.

The Board considers this approach to be justified because the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006 establishes a regulatory framework in which the Board already prescribes a range of detailed operational matters by notice, including charges. The fees and levy in this notice sit within that established statutory framework and forms part of the detailed regulation of participation in the self-certification scheme.

The Board also considers this approach to be justified because the fees and levy do not apply generally to the public or to all licensed practitioners. It applies only to practitioners who voluntarily choose to participate in the self-certification scheme and is directed to funding a defined assurance function that exists only because those practitioners participate in that scheme.

The Board further considers that the amount of the fees and levy are justified as it is intended to recover the efficient costs of the Board's oversight and assurance role under the scheme,

including audit, follow-up, quality assurance, and supporting systems and capability. The fees and levy are not intended to fund unrelated Board functions.

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