

Competencies required for registration and licensing



Licensed plumber

The applicant must demonstrate knowledge and, have the experience and practical ability to install, test, commission, fault-find and maintain sanitary plumbing systems by means of the following competencies.

1. Trade calculations and trade sciences

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Estimation, measurement and calculation using measurement systems
- b. Application of formulae
- c. Physics laws as they relate to sanitary plumbing
- d. Hydraulic principles
- e. Expansion and contraction
- f. Corrosion protection
- g. Water quality
- h. Density
- i. Energy transfer

2. Limitations and applications of materials used in sanitary plumbing, including material protection and jointing methods

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Copper
- b. PVC
- c. Polybutylene (PB)
- d. Polyethylene (PE)
- e. Mild steel
- f. Stainless steel
- g. Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)
- h. Polypropylene
- i. Cross linked polyethylene
- j. Brass/bronze
- k. Cast iron
- l. Sheet metal
- m. Lead
- n. Glass
- o. Use of tools and equipment

3. Drawings and specifications for sanitary plumbing

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Interpreting plans and specifications
- b. Drawing as-built
- c. Development of patterns

4. Installation, testing, commissioning, fault-finding and maintenance of water services for sanitary plumbing

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Pipe sizing principles
- b. Hot and cold water reticulation systems
- c. Water storage systems
- d. Domestic fire sprinkler systems
- e. Rainwater harvesting
- f. Pumps
- g. Sanitary appliances and fixtures
- h. Backflow prevention
- i. Heating systems that relate to sanitary plumbing
 - i. Hot water systems
 - ii. Solar water heating
- j. Alternative water supplies

5. Installation, testing, commissioning, fault-finding and maintenance of foul water systems for sanitary plumbing systems

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Principles of sizing and venting for foul water plumbing systems
- b. Pumps
- c. Sanitary appliances and fixtures
- d. Backflow prevention
- e. Irrigation systems



6. Access to, and application of, relevant documentation relating to sanitary plumbing to meet compliance requirements, and an understanding of the regulatory environment

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Acts and regulations
- b. Standards
- c. Codes
- d. Manufacturers' instructions

7. The effect of the installation of sanitary plumbing systems, or its components, on the integrity of structures; including weather tightness considerations as they relate to penetrations to the building envelope

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Preservation of structural integrity
- b. Prevention of damage to property including weather tightness

8. Responsibilities relating to health and safety

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Personal and public safety
- b. Site safety
- c. Electrical safety
- d. Environmental considerations

9. Limitations on persons who do, or assist in doing, sanitary plumbing work

Certifying plumber

The applicant must demonstrate the ability to design, manage the installation of and verify sanitary plumbing systems by means of the following competencies.

1. Trade calculations and trade science used in the design and installation of sanitary plumbing systems

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Estimation, measurement and calculation using measurement systems
- b. Application of formulae including transposing
- c. Physics laws and their application as they relate to sanitary plumbing
- d. Hydraulic principles
- e. Expansion and contraction
- f. Corrosion protection
- g. Water quality
- h. Density
- i. Energy transfer

2. Selection of materials; their properties, applications and how they are used in the design and specification of sanitary plumbing systems

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Compatibility, testing and commissioning procedures
- b. Alternative materials, approval regimes, protection of material

3. Drawings and specifications for sanitary plumbing

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Preparing plans and specifications



4. Design, specification and verification of water services for sanitary plumbing systems

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Pipe sizing principles
- b. Hot and cold water reticulation systems
- c. Water storage systems
- d. Domestic fire sprinkler systems
- e. Rain water harvesting
- f. Pumps
- g. Sanitary appliances and fixtures
- h. Backflow prevention
- i. Heating systems that relate to sanitary plumbing
 - i. Hot water systems
 - ii. Solar water heating
- j. Alternative water supplies

5. Design and specification of foul water systems for sanitary plumbing

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Principles of sizing and venting for foul water plumbing systems
- b. Pumps
- c. Sanitary appliances and fixtures
- d. Backflow prevention
- e. Irrigation systems

6. Access to, and application of, relevant documentation relating to sanitary plumbing to meet compliance requirements, and an understanding of the regulatory environment

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Acts and regulations
- b. Standards
- c. Codes
- d. Manufacturers' instructions

7. Management of the effect on the integrity of structures relating to the design and installation of sanitary plumbing systems; including weather tightness considerations as they relate to penetrations to the building envelope and the coordination with other services

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Preservation of structural integrity
- b. Prevention of damage to property including weather tightness
- c. Positioning and protection of services along with the coordination with other building services

8. Responsibilities relating to managing health and safety

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Health and safety systems, preparation of safety plans

9. Responsibilities relating to the oversight and/or supervision of persons who do, or assist in doing, sanitary plumbing work



Licensed gasfitter

The applicant must demonstrate knowledge and, have the experience and practical ability to install, test, commission, fault-find and maintain gasfitting systems by means of the following competencies.

1. Trade calculations and trade sciences

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Estimation, measurement and calculation using measurement systems
- b. Application of formulae
- c. Gas rating
- d. Heat input/output calculations
- e. Pipesizing
- f. Fluing
- g. Corrosion
- h. Flame characteristics
- i. Flammability limits
- j. Physics laws as they relate to gasfitting
- k. Combustion and ventilation
- l. Expansion and contraction

2. Limitations and applications of materials used in gasfitting, including material protection and jointing methods

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Copper
- b. PVC
- c. Polyethylene (PE)
- d. Mild steel
- e. Stainless steel
- f. Polypropylene
- g. Cross linked polyethylene
- h. Brass/bronze
- i. Cast iron
- j. Aluminium
- k. Fire-rated materials
- l. Use of tools and equipment

3. Installing, testing, commissioning, fault finding, maintaining of gas installations

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Appliances
- b. Equipment
- c. Ventilation
- d. Pipework
- e. Fluing

4. Types, uses, characteristics, composition and safe storage and handling of fuel gases

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Manufactured gas
- b. Natural gas
- c. Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)
 - i. Butane
 - ii. Propane
 - iii. General product

5. Principles of space and water heating systems

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Principles and components of direct and indirect heating and ventilation
- b. Solar boosted systems
- c. Hydronic systems
- d. Fans
- e. Ducting

6. Drawings and specifications for gasfitting

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Interpreting plans and specifications
- b. Drawing as-built
- c. Development of patterns



7. Electrical and electronics work as it applies to gasfitting within the limitations under the Electricity Act

8. Access to, and application of, relevant documentation relating to gasfitting to meet compliance requirements, and an understanding of the regulatory environment

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Acts and regulations
- b. Standards
- c. Codes
- d. Manufacturers' instructions

9. The effect of the installation of gasfitting systems, or its components, on the integrity of structures; including weather tightness considerations as they relate to penetrations to the building envelope

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Preservation of structural integrity
- b. Prevention of damage to property, including weather tightness

10. Responsibilities relating to health and safety

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Personal and public safety
- b. Site safety
- c. Electrical safety

11. Limitations on persons who do, or assist in doing, gasfitting work

Certifying gasfitter

The applicant must demonstrate the ability to design, manage the installation of and verify/certify gasfitting systems by means of the following competencies.

1. Trade calculations and trade science used in the design and installation of gasfitting systems

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Estimation, measurement and calculation using measurement systems
- b. Application of formulae
- c. Physics laws and their application as they relate to gasfitting
- d. Hydraulic principles
- e. Combustion and ventilation
- f. Flame characteristics
- g. Flammability limits
- h. Gas rating
- i. Heat input/output and efficiency calculations
- j. Expansion and contraction
- k. Corrosion
- l. Fluing
- m. Pipe sizing
- n. Fluid flow
- o. Pressure
- p. Volume

2. Drawings and specifications for gasfitting

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Preparing plans and specifications



3. Selection of materials; their properties, applications and how they are used in the design and specification of gasfitting

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Compatibility, testing and commissioning procedures
- b. Alternative materials, approval regimes, protection of material

4. Design, specification and verification/certification of gasfitting installations and system components

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Gas supply pipework, service lines, meters and regulator systems
- b. Sizing the appliance to meet the duty required
- c. Domestic gas-fired appliances and equipment installations
- d. Commercial gas-fired appliances and equipment installations
- e. Industrial gas-fired appliances and equipment installations
- f. Pressure and flow controls
- g. Safety devices

5. Access to, and application of, relevant documentation relating to gasfitting to meet compliance requirements, and an understanding of the regulatory environment

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Acts and regulations
- b. Standards
- c. Codes
- d. Manufacturers' instructions

6. Management of the effect on the integrity of structures relating to the design and installation of gasfitting systems; including weather tightness considerations as they relate to penetrations to the building envelope and the coordination with other services

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Preservation of structural integrity
- b. Prevention of damage to property including weather tightness
- c. Positioning and protection of services along with the coordination with other building services

7. Responsibilities relating to managing health and safety

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Health and safety systems, preparation of safety plans

8. Responsibilities relating to the oversight and/or supervision of persons who do, or assist in doing, gasfitting work



Licensed drainlayer

The applicant must demonstrate knowledge and, have the experience and practical ability to install, test, commission, fault-find and maintain drainage systems related to drainlaying work by means of the following competencies.

1. Trade calculations and trade sciences

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Estimation, measurement and calculation using measurement systems
- b. Application of formulae
- c. Physics laws as they relate to drainlaying
- d. Hydraulic principles
- e. Expansion and contraction
- f. Corrosion protection
- g. Water quality (black, grey, recycled and potable)

2. Installation, testing, commissioning, fault-finding and maintenance of foul water and stormwater systems for drainlaying

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Foul water systems
- b. Stormwater systems
- c. Trade waste systems
- d. On-site effluent disposal systems
- e. On-site wastewater treatment systems

3. Limitations and applications of materials used in drainlaying, including material protection and jointing methods

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Copper
- b. PVC
- c. Asbestos
- d. Polyethylene (PE)
- e. Stainless steel
- f. Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)

- g. Polypropylene
- h. Brass/bronze
- i. Cast iron
- j. Steel
- k. Earthenware
- l. Concrete
- m. Bedding materials and backfill
- n. Use of tools and equipment

4. Drawings and specifications for drainlaying

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Interpreting plans and specifications
- b. Drawing as-built

5. Access to, and application of, relevant documentation relating to drainlaying to meet compliance requirements, and an understanding of the regulatory environment

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Acts and regulations
- b. Standards
- c. Codes
- d. Manufacturers' instructions

6. Responsibilities relating to health and safety

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Personal and public safety
- b. Site safety including safety precautions for earthworks and excavations
- c. Electrical safety
- d. Environmental considerations
- e. Other services' location

7. Limitations on persons who do, or assist in doing, drainlaying work



Certifying drainlayer

The applicant must demonstrate the ability to design, manage the installation of and verify drainage systems related to drainlaying work by means of the following competencies.

1. Trade calculations and trade science used in the design and installation of drainage systems

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Estimation, measurement and calculation using measurement systems
- b. Application of formulae
- c. Physics laws as they relate to drainlaying
- d. Hydraulic principles
- e. Expansion and contraction
- f. Corrosion protection
- g. Water quality (black, grey, recycled)
- h. Density

2. Specification of materials; their properties, applications and how they are used in the design and specification of drainage systems

3. Access to, and application of, relevant documentation relating to drainlaying to meet compliance requirements, and an understanding of the regulatory environment

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Acts and regulations
- b. Standards
- c. Codes
- d. Manufacturers' instructions

4. Design and verification of foul water and stormwater systems for drainlaying

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Foul water systems
- b. Stormwater systems
- c. Trade waste systems
- d. On-site effluent disposal systems
- e. On-site wastewater treatment systems

5. Management of the effect on structures and sites relating to the design and installation of drainage systems, and the coordination with other services

6. Responsibilities relating to managing health and safety

Descriptors may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Health and safety systems, preparation of safety plans

7. Responsibilities relating to the oversight and/or supervision of persons who do, or assist in doing, drainlaying work