

# With technology comes change

## EXAMINATIONS ONLINE

From June 2018 the tradesman examinations will be offered on a more regular basis. Given the technology available to us today, the Board is making the transition into electronic examinations.

While still maintaining a robust examination moderation system, going electronic will allow people wanting to become registered as tradesman plumber, gasfitter or drainlayer the ability to progress through the pathway to registration quicker than ever before.

### HOW WILL IT WORK? WHAT'S NEW?

Examinations will be held on a regular basis and offered through an online platform, held at specified venues with monitored sitting conditions.

\* The online system and enrolments will be managed by Aspeq Limited, instead of through the Board's staff.

### WHERE WILL THE EXAMINATIONS BE HELD?

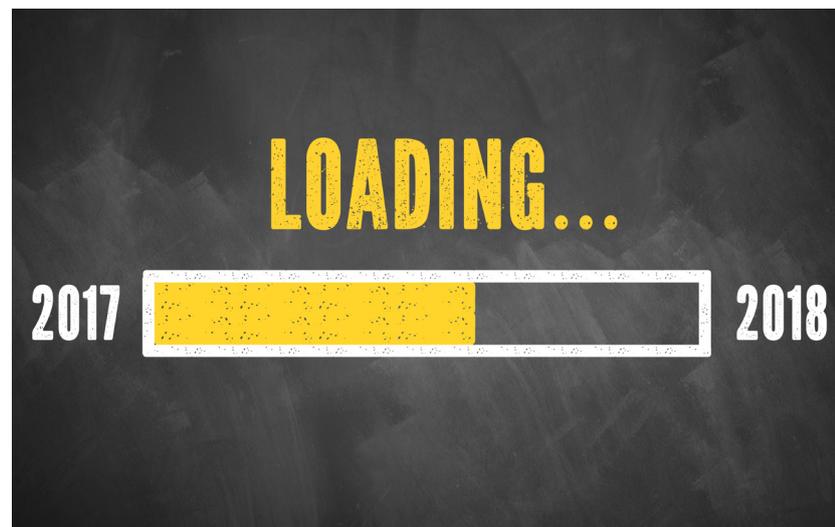
**Every week in;** Auckland, Hamilton, Lower Hutt, Motueka and Christchurch

**Twice a month in;** Whangarei, North Shore, Tauranga, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Havelock North, Blenheim, Dunedin, Wanaka and Invercargill

**By arrangement in;** Rotorua, Greymouth, Oamaru, Timaru and some overseas locations.

### WHAT'S REMAINING THE SAME?

- Eligibility criteria, pass marks and fees.
- The option to be provided with extra time or reading/writing assistance when appropriate.



- The result appeal process.
- Certifying examinations will still be paper based and available twice a year.

### WHAT'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENT?

- Examinations will be available during week-days instead of weekends.
- Examinations for any of the trades will be available at each sitting.
- There will be a maximum of 12 spots available at each sitting.
- The examination venues will change.
- Resources will be available in soft-copy only unless special conditions are approved.
- There will be no questions requiring long written answers.
- Examination results will be available within 24 hours (unless specified differently).
- An administration fee will be charged by Aspeq for transfer or cancellation requests (only available up to 5 working days prior to the examinations).

### CAN I SIT THE EXAM AS MANY TIMES AS I NEED?

- Yes. But, only enrol to sit the exam if you have prepared for them and you are confident you have a fair chance of passing. Sometimes, however, it can take more than one attempt to pass. The electronic system will allow you to book your second attempt as fast as the next available sitting, but it will enforce a 3-month stand-down period after a second failed attempt.