

Tradespeople to carry licences

Plumbers, gasfitters and drainlayers are now legally required to carry a licence card on the job. The requirement comes in the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayer's Act, which took effect on April 1.

"We encourage people to ask tradespeople for their licence card," Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board chairwoman Hazel Armstrong said.

"This will give customers an assurance the work is being legally carried out by an authorised and competent tradesperson who is licensed."

"The mandatory requirement for tradespeople to carry their cards will give homeowners more assurance about the competency of the practitioners involved in the industry, leading to greater protection of public health and safety," she said.

"If a homeowner or building inspector believes work has been done by someone who is not authorised, or has any other concerns about the competency of tradespeople, they can make a complaint to the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board.

"The act creates more opportunities for competent licensed practitioners by making it harder for those who are unauthorised to continue to operate."

A publicly accessible register of tradespeople is available on the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board website.