

Trades now licensed

The Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act has been fully implemented, bringing in a legal requirement for people working in the industry to carry a licence card while on the job.

Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board chairwoman Hazel Armstrong welcomes the implementation and is pleased that all people involved in plumbing, gasfitting or drainlaying work are now required to carry a licence card.

“We encourage people to ask tradespeople for their licence card. This will give customers an assurance that the work is being legally carried out by an authorised and competent tradesperson who is licensed by the board,” says Ms Armstrong.

“The requirement for tradespeople to carry their cards will give homeowners more assurance about the competency of the practitioners involved in the industry, leading to



Masters: Members of the Master Plumbers Association will be licensed

greater protection of public health and safety.”

If a person is required to be supervised, the name and registration number of their supervisor is printed on the reverse side of the card.

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 complain to the board.

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

The requirements for supervision and testing have also been clarified.

A register of tradespeople is available at www.pgdb.co.nz.

A public education campaign is planned for later this year to inform the public of what they should expect when they engage plumbers, gasfitters or drainlayers.

For more information about the act or the industry go to www.pgdb.co.nz.