

## Section 18 exemption application

- This form is for persons applying for an exemption under section 18 of the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006.
- This exemption authorises a tradesperson who is not registered or licensed as a plumber to install and maintain certain sanitary plumbing equipment (or supervise the maintenance and installation of) that equipment in industrial or commercial premises.
- Before completing this application form you should read the Board's *section 12-25 exemptions policy* available at [www.pgdb.co.nz/legislation-policies/policies.html](http://www.pgdb.co.nz/legislation-policies/policies.html)

### **PART 1 – Applicant's details**

<b>First name(s) :</b> _____	<b>Last name(s) :</b> _____
<b>Postal address:</b> _____ _____	<b>Physical address:</b> _____ _____
<b>Suburb:___ City:</b> _____ <b>Country:</b> _____	<b>Suburb:</b> _____ <b>City:</b> _____
<b>Postcode:</b> _____	<b>Country:</b> _____ <b>Postcode:</b> _____
<b>Phone:</b> _____	<b>Trading name:</b> _____
<b>Work:</b> _____	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Home:</b> _____	
<b>Mobile:</b> _____	
<b>Date of birth:</b> ____ / ____ / ____	<b>Email</b> _____

1. **Have you held an exemption to install and maintain sanitary plumbing equipment before?**

YES / NO

If YES, when did you last hold an exemption? \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, what was your exemption number? \_\_\_\_\_

## ***PART 2 – Exemption details***

2. **Please list the sanitary plumbing equipment that you wish to undertake work on:**

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3. **Please provide a description of the abovementioned sanitary plumbing equipment:**

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4. **Please specify the type of premises in which you wish to undertake the particular sanitary plumbing work (may be one or both):**

Commercial

Industrial

5. **Please state the site address/addresses where the sanitary plumbing equipment is located:**

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6. **Please list your qualifications that are relevant to the type of sanitary plumbing that you wish to undertake and describe how those qualifications would enable you to meet the competencies that must be demonstrated by an applicant for registration as a plumber.**  
*Please note that you must supply evidence of having achieved these qualifications if you are applying for the first time or you have updated your qualifications since you last held an exemption.*

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**7. Please list your experience that is relevant to the type sanitary plumbing that you wish to undertake:**

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**8. Have you passed any plumbing examinations or assessments in New Zealand or overseas? If so, please list them:** *Please note that you must supply evidence of having passed any examination or assessment if you are applying for the first time or you have updated your qualifications since you last held an exemption.*

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**9. Please list any formal plumbing training that you have undertaken:**

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**10. Please list any plumbing continuing professional development (CPD) programmes that you have undertaken:**

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**11. Do you administer a quality management system, if so, please provide a brief description.** *Please note that you must supply evidence of this if you are applying for the first time.*

YES / NO

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**12. Please outline your knowledge of New Zealand compliance requirements such as relevant standards and codes of practice relating to the sanitary plumbing that you wish to undertake:**

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**13. Please detail any supplier or other relevant technical support that is available to you when undertaking the sanitary plumbing that you wish to undertake:** *Please attach a separate sheet if you require additional writing space.*

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**14. Please outline the extent to which you have supervised people undertaking sanitary plumbing work previously:**

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15. Please supply the names of persons (if any) you wish to supervise installing and maintaining particular sanitary plumbing equipment and provide evidence of their qualifications and experience:

First name	Last name	Postal address	Qualifications	Experience

16. Please provide information about your safety and compliance record:

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17. Please attach evidence of your health and safety plan to this application.

## PART 5 - Fee payment

**Amount payable: \$635.00**

**Payment method:**

Cheque is enclosed  
*Please make cheque payable to: Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Board*

Debit/credit card

- Visa
- Mastercard

**Full name of cardholder:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Card number:**

**Expiry date:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Cardholder's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I authorise the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board to charge the total amount to my credit or debit card.*



## ***PART 6 – Confirmation of accuracy***

By signing this application you verify that all information given is true and correct.

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**Signature of applicant**

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**Date**

**Privacy Act 1993:** The information requested in this form is collected by the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board for the purpose of assessing your application and administering your exemption. However, the Board may use this information for any other purposes required or permitted by the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006 and the Privacy Act 1993. You have the right under the Privacy Act 1993 to access and request correction of any personal information held about you by the Board.

## ***Documentation checklist***

**In order for the Board to process your application you must provide the following:**

- Completed application form
- Fee payment of \$635.00
- Certified copies of qualification documents and experience of those people you are supervising
- Certified copies of documents which provide evidence of having passed any exam or assessment if you are applying for the first time or you have updated your qualifications since you last held an exemption.
- Evidence of your quality management system if applying for the first time
- Evidence of your health and safety plan

**Send your completed application to:**

PGDB, PO Box 10655, The Terrace, Wellington 6143

If you have any questions about this form please call the Technical Services Advisor on **0800 743 262** between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

## WORDING FROM RELEVANT LEGISLATION

### Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 2006

#### **Section 3 – Purposes of this Act**

*The purposes of this Act are—*

- (a) to protect the health and safety of members of the public by ensuring the competency of persons engaged in the provision of sanitary plumbing, gasfitting, and drainlaying services; and*
- (b) to regulate persons who carry out sanitary plumbing, gasfitting, and drainlaying.*

#### **Section 6 - Meaning of sanitary plumbing**

*(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, **sanitary plumbing** means—*

*(a) the work of fixing or unfixing any sanitary fixture or sanitary appliance, or any associated fittings or accessories:*

*(b) the work of fixing or unfixing any trap, waste or soil pipe, ventilation pipe, or overflow pipe connected with or intended to be connected with or accessory to any sanitary fixture or sanitary appliance or any drain (whether or not the sanitary fixture, sanitary appliance, or drain is there when the work is done):*

*(c) the work of fixing or unfixing any pipe that—*

*(i) supplies or is intended to be a means of supplying water to any sanitary fixture or sanitary appliance (whether or not that sanitary fixture or sanitary appliance is there when the work is done); and*

*(ii) is within the legal boundary of the premises on which that sanitary fixture or sanitary appliance is or will be installed (whether or not that sanitary fixture or sanitary appliance is there when the work is done):*

*(d) generally all plumbing work associated with any sanitary fixture or sanitary appliance.*

*(2) Despite subsection (1), **sanitary plumbing** does not include—*

*(a) the work of fixing or unfixing any sanitary fixture or sanitary appliance that is installed in any ship, boat, aircraft, or vehicle, or any plumbing work associated with any of those sanitary fixtures or sanitary appliances; or*

*(b) the work of fixing or unfixing a bedpan washer, a bedpan steriliser, a dishwasher, or a washing machine in any case where the fixing or unfixing of waste pipes or of pipes supplying or intended to supply water is not involved; or*

(c) the work of fixing or unfixing a pipe for reticulating water in any central heating or cooling system downstream of a testable backflow prevention device that is used exclusively for that central heating or cooling system; or

(d) the work of repairing or replacing taps, ball valves, tap washers, or plugs; or

(e) the work of fixing or unfixing any shower that is installed over a bath and that is supplied with water through the bath taps.

(3) Despite subsection (1), **sanitary plumbing** does not include the work of fixing or unfixing any pipe in any premises (other than a building) if—

(a) the premises was taken or otherwise acquired and is still held under the Public Works Act 1981 or any corresponding former Act; or

(b) section 167(4) of the Land Act 1948 applies to the premises; or

(c) the premises is a public reserve within the meaning of the Reserves Act 1977  
Compare: 1976 No 69 s 3

### **Section 18 - Exemption for installing and maintaining particular sanitary plumbing equipment**

A person who satisfies the Board, whether by examination or otherwise, that the person is competent to install and maintain particular sanitary plumbing equipment or sanitary plumbing equipment of a particular kind may do the following work or have the work done by some other person acting under the person's supervision:

(a) install and maintain in any industrial or commercial premises the equipment or equipment of a kind specified in writing by the Board as equipment of a kind that may be installed and maintained by the person; and

(b) fix or unfix pipes for the purposes of that installation and maintenance.

Compare: 1976 No 69 s 56A