

Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers (Self-certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Notice 2026

Pursuant to sections 30, 87AE, 142 and 143A of the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006, the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Board, having consulted in accordance with section 33 of that Act, issues the following Notice prescribing eligibility criteria, application requirements, Certificate of Compliance forms and information, and fees and the levy for the self-certification of sanitary plumbing and drainlaying work by plumbers and drainlayers.

Notice

Title

1. This Notice is the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers (Self-certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Notice **2026**.

Commencement

2. This Notice comes into force on 7 September 2026.

Definitions

3. In this Notice:
 - (a) **Act** means the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006
 - (b) **approved self-certifying drainlayer** means a person who holds an endorsement as an approved self-certifying drainlayer under the Act
 - (c) **approved self-certifying plumber** means a person who holds an endorsement as an approved self-certifying plumber under the Act
 - (d) **authorised person** means a person who is authorised under the Act to carry out sanitary plumbing or drainlaying work, and who carries out that work under the supervision of a certifying practitioner where supervision is required under the Act or any Notice
 - (e) **Board** means the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Board
 - (f) **certify** means to issue a certificate of compliance for self-certifiable plumbing or self-certifiable drainlaying
 - (g) **certificate of compliance** means a certificate issued under section 87AD of the Act
 - (h) **certifying practitioner** means a Certifying Plumber or Certifying Drainlayer
 - (i) **endorsement** means an endorsement granted under section 51D or renewed under section 51G of the Act
 - (j) **Notices** means this notice and any other applicable notice issued by the Board under sections 28 and 30 of the Act
 - (k) **Regulations** means the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers (Self-Certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Regulations 2026
 - (l) **self-certifying practitioner** means an approved self-certifying plumber or approved self-certifying drainlayer
 - (m) **self-certifiable drainlaying** means the types of drainlaying work prescribed as self-certifiable by regulations made under section 172 of the Act
 - (n) **self-certifiable plumbing** means the types of sanitary plumbing work prescribed as self-certifiable by regulations made under section 172 of the Act
 - (o) **term of endorsement** means the period of time for which an endorsement or renewal of an endorsement is granted

- (p) **trade** means sanitary plumbing or drainlaying (as applicable to this Notice)
- (q) **work** means self-certifiable plumbing or self-certifiable drainlaying as applicable.

Endorsement to certify plumbing or drainlaying

- 4. In order to certify self-certifiable plumbing, a Certifying Plumber must hold a current endorsement issued by the Board authorising them to certify plumbing work.
- 5. In order to certify self-certifiable drainlaying, a Certifying Drainlayer must hold a current endorsement issued by the Board authorising them to certify drainlaying work.

Authorised work

- 6. An approved self-certifying practitioner can certify work that:
 - a. meets the definitions of self-certifiable plumbing or self-certifiable drainlaying, and
 - b. is the subject of a building consent that allows the work to be self-certified.
- 7. An approved self-certifying practitioner can only certify work they have carried out or which has been carried out by an authorised person working under their supervision.

Minimum standards for endorsement as a self-certifying plumber or self-certifying drainlayer

- 8. To apply to be endorsed as an approved self-certifying plumber or approved self-certifying drainlayer, a person must:
 - a. be currently licensed as a Certifying Plumber or Certifying Drainlayer
 - b. hold appropriate insurance that is sufficient to cover the work they will be certifying
 - c. have and maintain documented, including electronic, business systems and quality assurance processes in place that are sufficient to support the certification of work
 - d. complete any self-certification training set by the Board.

Terms and conditions of an endorsement

- 9. Approved self-certifying practitioners must:
 - a. complete any continuing professional development training that applies to them
 - b. attend the site and inspect work in-person in order to certify it
 - c. create, hold, and maintain records of all work they have certified that are sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the Act, Regulations, and this Notice
 - d. issue a certificate of compliance in the form required by the Board for all work they certify
 - e. provide the certificate of compliance and all required supporting documentation to the Board, the property owner, and the building consent authority within 10 working days after completion of the work
 - f. co-operate with any audit carried out by the Board and provide all information requested within the time specified by the Board
 - g. notify the Board within 10 working days of any material change affecting their ability to meet the minimum standards for endorsement.

Term of endorsement

- 10. The maximum period for an endorsement is three years from the date on which it is granted by the Board.
- 11. Where a certifying practitioner applies for endorsements in both trades at the same time, both endorsements will be granted for the maximum period.

12. Where a certifying practitioner applies for an endorsement in both trades at different times, the second endorsement will only be granted for the remainder of the term of their first endorsement.
13. An endorsement expires on the date specified on the endorsement.
14. An endorsement may only be used while the certifying practitioner holds a current practising licence in the relevant trade, and the endorsement is not valid during any period in which the certifying practitioner's practising licence has expired, been suspended, surrendered or cancelled.

Forms

15. The Board provides the following forms:
 - a. application for endorsement
 - b. application for renewal of endorsement
 - c. certificate of compliance.

Fees and audit levy

16. The Board sets the following fees and levy:

Fee or levy	Amount
Endorsement (application)	\$1,440.00
Endorsement (renewal)	\$1,120.00
Audit levy	\$820.00

17. All fees are processing fees and apply whether or not an application or renewal is granted.
18. Fees set in this Notice must be paid to the Board when an application or renewal is submitted.
19. All fees and the levy are inclusive of goods and services tax.
20. The levy is payable upon the grant of the first endorsement in any period and each time the first endorsement is renewed, unless otherwise stated by the Board.
21. No fee is payable for an application or renewal of a second endorsement during the lifetime of the first endorsement.
22. The Board may grant a full or partial waiver or refund of any fee or levy at its discretion.

Issued at Wellington this 18th day of August 2026

ALEYNA HALL

Registrar

Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Board

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the notice and has been included to explain its general effect.

Under sections 30, 142, and 143A of the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006 (the Act), the Board may prescribe matters relating to registration and licensing, including minimum standards and conditions for endorsements, and may also prescribe fees and impose a levy.

This notice sets out the requirements for plumbers and drainlayers to obtain and hold an endorsement to carry out self-certifiable plumbing and drainlaying work. It prescribes minimum standards for endorsement, terms and

conditions that apply to endorsed practitioners, and the fees and levy payable to the Board in respect of the self-certification scheme.

The notice supports the operation of the self-certification scheme introduced by amendments to the Act and associated regulations. The scheme enables eligible practitioners to certify their own work in place of building consent authority inspections, supported by an audit regime administered by the Board.

The Board undertook consultation with practitioners and industry stakeholders before making this notice.

This notice is administered by the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Board.

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