

# Building and Plumbing Newsflash 546

## Changes to the license requirements for the installation of water meters

### Purpose

To provide an update on legislative changes that will require water meters to be installed by a fully qualified and licensed plumber.

### Background

On 13 May 2014, the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* (PDA) was amended to allow an authorised person under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (WSSRA) to install water meters without being a licensed plumber. Previously, the PDA required water service providers to employ or engage a licensed plumber to install water meters.

### Issues

On 2 June 2015, The *Payroll Tax Rebate, Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2015* (the Act) was passed by Parliament. The Act contains provisions that require the installation of water meters to be undertaken by a licensed person. These provisions commenced on 21 August 2015. A copy of the Act is available at [www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au)

The amendments clarify that only an appropriately licensed plumber can install a water meter and also clarifies that the subsequent repair, maintenance or replacement of existing water-meters can be performed by authorised persons, appointed by a water service provider.

Transitional provisions have also been included which will allow an authorised person, already appointed by a water service provider, to install water meters for up to 18 months from the commencement of the amendments (21 August 2015). This will ensure that there is minimum disruption to the industry and consumers while the new arrangements are introduced.

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