



PLUMBERS' REGISTRATION

No. 35 of 1976

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AN ACT to amend the Plumbers' Registration Act 1951.

[21 June 1976]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Plumbers' Registration Act* Short title and citation. 1976.

(2) The *Plumbers' Registration Act* 1951, as subsequently amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Unregistered persons not to undertake plumbing work.

2 Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (2) the words "direct supervision or control" and substituting the words "direct and regular on-site supervision".

3 Section 10 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:—

Certificates of registration.

"10—(1) Subject to this Act, a person who applies to be registered under this Act as a journeyman plumber in respect of any prescribed class or classes of plumbing work shall be entitled to be so registered on payment of the prescribed fee if he—

- (a) has completed an apprenticeship and has passed the prescribed examination;
- (b) has passed the prescribed examination and has had 5 years' trade experience acceptable to the Board;
- (c) holds a certificate which is acceptable under the Agreement and, in the case of a certificate issued in a country other than Australia or New Zealand, has worked as a plumber in Australia or New Zealand for the period prescribed in the Agreement; or
- (d) holds a prescribed qualification.

"(2) Subject to this Act, a person who applies to be registered under this Act as an advanced plumber in respect of any prescribed class or classes of plumbing work shall be entitled to be so registered on payment of the prescribed fee if he—

- (a) was registered as a plumber under this Act at the date of the commencement of the *Plumbers' Registration Act 1976*;
- (b) has been registered as a journeyman plumber for not less than 3 years and has passed the further prescribed examination;
- (c) holds a certificate which is acceptable under the Agreement and, in the case of a certificate issued in a country other than Australia or New Zealand, has worked as a plumber in Australia or New Zealand for the period prescribed in the Agreement; or
- (d) holds a prescribed qualification.

"(3) The qualifications that may be prescribed for the purposes of this section are—

- (a) the passing of a specified examination, or the satisfactory completion of a specified trade course, conducted by an approved authority; or

(b) the grant or issue of any specified licence, certificate of registration, certificate of competency, certificate of qualification, or other instrument under the law in force in a reciprocating country indicating the knowledge or skill of the holder in plumbing work or any form of plumbing work.

“(4) On receipt of an application for registration under this section, the Board shall register the applicant as a journeyman plumber or an advanced plumber if it is satisfied that he is qualified in accordance with this section for registration as a journeyman plumber or as an advanced plumber, as the case may be, in respect of any prescribed class of plumbing work and that his application is in order, or if it is not so satisfied may refuse to register him.

“(5) On registering an applicant the Board shall issue him with a certificate of registration in the prescribed form.

“(6) If the Board refuses to register an applicant, it shall furnish him on demand with its reasons in writing for refusing to register him.

“(7) In this section—

‘Agreement’ means the Australia-New Zealand Agreement No. 4 on Reciprocity of Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainers Qualifications and includes that agreement as amended from time to time and any agreement entered into in substitution for that agreement;

‘approved authority’ means any person, body, or authority declared by the Governor, by proclamation made on the recommendation of the Board, to be an approved authority for the purposes of this section;

‘country’ includes any part of a country outside the Commonwealth, and any territory of such a country;

‘reciprocating country’ means a State or territory of the Commonwealth, or any other country, declared, pursuant to section 20, to be a reciprocating country for the purposes of this Act.”.

4 Section 10AA of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted:—

“10AA The Board may grant to a person registered under section 10 (2) as in force immediately prior to the commencement of the Extension of registration.

Plumbers' Registration Act 1970 in respect of a class of plumbing work a certificate of registration in respect of any other class of plumbing work.”.

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5 Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by adding after subsection (1A) the following subsection:—

“(1B) A certificate of registration issued to a journeyman plumber pursuant to section 10 (1) does not entitle the holder to sign or lodge a notice of intention to commence plumbing work under regulation 317 of the Building Regulations.”.