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Distribution: To all Licensed Plumbers

Dear Sirs,

WSD Circular Letter No. 3/2020
Examination for Issue and Renewal of Plumber's Licence

Any person applying for a plumber's licence shall meet the qualification requirements as specified in the Waterworks Regulations (WWR).

2. Pursuant to WWR r34(2) & (3A), when (i) the qualification possessed by an applicant for issue of plumber's licence is obtained 5 or more years before the date of application, or (ii) when a renewal application is received for a plumber's licence which has expired for more than 5 years, the Licensing Authority (LA) shall not issue or renew a plumber's licence to the applicant unless he is satisfied that the applicant has the required knowledge. Reg. 34(3B) of the WWR provides that the LA may require an applicant to pass an examination to satisfy himself that the applicant has adequate knowledge of the type of work involved in respect of the plumber's licence and the provisions of the WWO relating to such work.

3. The LA has consulted the Advisory Board on Licensing of Plumbers and accepted that the Examination for Issue and Renewal of Plumber's Licence to be held by the Vocational Training Council (VTC) for assessment of the knowledge possessed by applicants under scenario type (i) and (ii) mentioned in para. 2 above. Upon the receipt of these two types of applications, the LA will nominate the applicants to sit for the above examination at the VTC. The applicants shall pay the VTC for the examination fee and take the examination. The examination results will be sent directly by the VTC to the LA for his consideration of the issue or renewal of plumber's licence.

4. The arrangement of obtaining plumber's licence through taking the above examination is not applicable to applications submitted by plumbers whose original licence has been cancelled by the LA.

Yours faithfully,

(Original signed)

(CHAN Chung-kun)

for Water Authority

(with Chinese translation)

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Housing Department (Attn: SM/QM)

Buildings Department

Architectural Services Department

Fire Services Department

The Hong Kong Housing Society

The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

The Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering - Hong Kong Branch

Hong Kong Plumbing and Sanitary Ware Trade Association Ltd.

Hong Kong Licensed Plumbing Professionals Association Ltd.

Hong Kong Plumbing General Union

Hong Kong Water Works Professionals Association Ltd.

The Hong Kong Institution of Plumbing and Drainage Ltd.

Plumbing Technology Student Association

The Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong Limited

Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education

Construction Industry Council

The Hong Kong Construction Association, Ltd

Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association Ltd

The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical & Mechanical Contractors Ltd

Contractor's Authorised Signatory Association Ltd

Registered Minor Works Contractor Signatory Association Ltd

Hong Kong Registered Contractors Association Company Ltd

Building Services Operation and Maintenance Executives Society

The Hong Kong Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Association Ltd

Hong Kong Licensed Plumbers Union Limited

Li Ka Shing Institute of Professional and Continuing Education, The Open University of Hong Kong

The Association of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (Hong Kong) Ltd

Pipeman Engineering (International) Limited

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