

AMENDED

Waterworks Ordinance (Chapter 102) and Waterworks Regulations (Chapter 102A)



The amendments to Waterworks Ordinance (Cap.102) and Waterworks Regulations (Cap.102A) effected by Waterworks (Amendment) Bill 2017, Waterworks (Amendment) Regulation 2017 and Waterworks (Amendment) (No.2) Regulation 2017 have come into operation.

The legislative amendments are to cater for the latest development of the plumbing trade, the related technologies and practices.



Points to note before arranging plumbing works

An application for the Water Authority's written permission to construct, install, alter or remove a fire service or inside service must be made by a licensed plumber.

Persons who may carry out specified plumbing works*

The following **designated persons** may carry out *specified plumbing works*:

- (a) licensed plumber;
- (b) registered plumbing worker#;
- (c) registered plumbing worker (provisional)#;
- (d) person who carries out *specified plumbing works* under the instruction and supervision of a licensed plumber or registered plumbing worker (For details, please refer to "Practice Guide on Carrying Out Plumbing Works"); or
- (e) public officer authorized by the Water Authority.



Plumber's License



Construction Worker Registration Card

Notes: Alterations or repairs of a minor nature may be carried out by a person other than a designated person. For details and examples, please visit WSD website:
<https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/plumbing-engineering/licensed-plumbers/works-of-a-minor-nature/index.html>

Ascertaining if *specified plumbing works* are carried out by designated persons

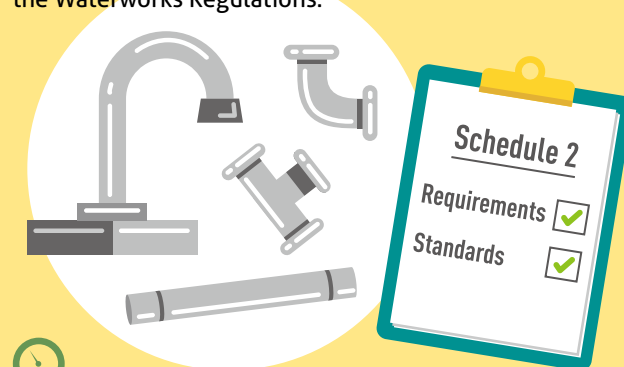
Authorized officers may at any reasonable time enter non-domestic premises to ascertain whether the *specified plumbing works* are being, or have been, carried out by designated persons.

* The term "specified plumbing works" means the construction, installation, maintenance, alteration, repair or removal of a fire service or inside service.

It means registered skilled or semi-skilled workers (provisional or otherwise) for the relevant designated trade divisions under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583).

Requirements for pipes and fittings

Pipes and fittings used for the construction or installation of, or alteration to, a fire service or inside service must comply with the applicable updated technical requirements and standards prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Waterworks Regulations.



Penalty for contravention

A person who employs or permits persons other than designated persons to carry out *specified plumbing works* commits an offence[^] and is liable to a maximum fine of \$25,000.



[^] Except for situations permitted under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583) and Construction Workers Registration (Exemption) Regulation (Cap. 583C), and alterations or repairs of a minor nature.

Time limit for prosecutions

A prosecution for a contravention of the Waterworks Ordinance may now be brought within six months* from the date immediately after the date on which the contravention is discovered by, or comes to the notice of, the Water Authority.

* For contravention in relation to the construction or installation of, or alteration to, a fire service or inside service, no prosecution may be commenced if the contravention is discovered by, or comes to the notice of, the Water Authority after six years after the date of application for inspection and approval of such works, or six years after the date of the contravention in the case of alterations of a minor nature.

