



# New installation fee

**This bulletin is to clarify the requirements of the Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards Regulations 2000, regulation 45 and Schedule 1. These provisions require licensed plumbing contractors to pay a new installation fee when intending to carry out plumbing work for a new building, or an extension to an existing building that will include the installation of at least one new fixture.**

## Obligations

The new installation fee is payable by the licensed plumbing contractor who gives the first, or only, notice of intention with respect to the plumbing work that involves the installation of at least one new sanitary fixture and is payable at the time of giving the notice.

For the purpose of this regulation, a fixture means a receptacle designed to collect and discharge wastewater or other waste into sanitary or drainage plumbing, for example, a basin, water closet, bath, shower, sink, laundry trough, urinal or bidet. Two or more such receptacles that discharge through one fixture trap are to be considered as one fixture.

## New installation fee for tenancy fit offs

When plumbing work is carried out in multi-tenancy buildings it may be unclear who is responsible for paying the new installation fee. This becomes more confusing when more than one licensed plumbing contractor certifies work on the same site.

In multi-tenancy buildings it is common for the first licensed plumbing contractor to carry out provisional water and drainage work only and submits a notice of intention accordingly. Such a notice which does not relate to the installation of a new sanitary fixture(s) does not attract the new installation fee. In most cases a subsequent licensed plumbing contractor is engaged to complete the tenancy fit off and gives the first notice of intention which includes the new sanitary fixture installation and is therefore responsible to pay the new installation fee at the time of giving the notice.

## New installation fees for transportable buildings

Regulation 45 also applies to transportable buildings, accordingly the new installation fee is payable for each transportable building containing at least one new sanitary fixture that is intended to discharge to a drainage system connected to a sewer or apparatus for the treatment of sewerage. The licensed plumbing contractor installing the sanitary fixtures to the building during production shall pay the new installation fee at the time of giving the notice of intention. When the transportable building is connected to on site plumbing, the licensed plumbing contractor undertaking the work must submit a notice of intention for the connection plumbing and the new installation fee does not apply.

### Disclaimer

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