



WaterMark Certification Scheme update

Please note the 12 month transition period for water meters to comply with the WaterMark certification scheme in this bulletin has been revised to 24 months. The requirement for all water meters to be manufactured to AS 3565.1:2010 and marked appropriately has now been extended to 1 August 2019.

This industry bulletin has been produced to inform the plumbing industry and relevant stakeholders of recent changes to the certification of water meters installed in plumbing systems. The changes do not include water service provider water meters (e.g. Water Corporation), which have different requirements for certification. The changes have occurred with the implementation of the improved WaterMark Certification Scheme (WMCS) by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB).

Background

An improved WMCS was developed following a review of the existing scheme by the ABCB in 2014. The Building Ministers' Forum made the decision to amend the scheme to improve its effectiveness in 2015.

The improved WMCS was launched on 1 July 2016. Progressive implementation of the improvements to the WMCS commenced 1 August 2017.

WaterMark Schedule of Products

All materials and products used in plumbing installations must be fit for purpose in accordance with Part A2 of the PCA and be subject to a risk assessment. The resulting score will determine if a material or product is listed on the WaterMark Schedule of Products (WMSP; assessed as high risk) or on the WaterMark Schedule of Excluded Products (WMEP; assessed as low risk).

These updated documents are available from the ABCB website at www.abcb.gov.au/Product-Certification/WaterMark-Certification-Scheme.

Water meters

On 1 August 2017, water meters manufactured to AS 3565.1:2010 *Meters for cold and heated drinking and non-drinking water supplies* were removed from the WMEP list and added to the WMSP list.

To enable water meter manufacturers sufficient time to obtain WaterMark certification, a transition period of 24 months has been provided commencing 1 August 2017. All water meters installed in plumbing systems after 1 August 2019 must be WaterMark certified to AS 3565.1:2010.

Licensed plumbing contractors and designers are reminded that all water meters installed between 1 August 2017 and 1 August 2019 must be manufactured to AS 3565.1:2010 and marked accordingly.

For further information contact the WaterMark Administrating body at watermark@abcb.gov.au.

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