

Technical Information for Plumbers



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INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

Plumbers are reminded that Riverina Water County Council requires them to:

- Complete an Application for Plumbing Permit prior to work commencing.
- Arrange for Plumbing inspections at least 2 working days in advance of the preferred date. This can be done on 0269 220 608.
- All work must:
 - Comply with the NSW Code of Practice: Plumbing and Drainage
 - Be carried out by a licensed plumber.
- Riverina Water may elect to inspect other works of plumbing or require additional inspections or test on any job.

Important note: Plumbers must arrange for inspection of all completed work prior to the home being occupied.

Arranging inspections

- Arrange an appointment with Riverina Water. This can be done on 0269 220 608, two working days before any inspection is required.

At time of inspections

- Meet the inspector on-site or ensure that a technically qualified representative is present.
- Provide a copy of the *Permit* and a receipt for fees consistent with the work undertaken.
- Have all pipe work uncovered and under test at the time of inspection.
- Supply a copy of the site plan, if the building is not residential – highlighting the zones – to check for compliance.

Non – Complying Work

When non-complying work carried out by the licensee has been identified during inspection, Riverina Water will not issue the compliance certificate to the licensee. The licensee is required to satisfy Riverina Water's requirements in accordance with the NSW Code of Practice: Plumbing and Drainage, and Australian Standards 3500.

In order to comply the following may be required at cost to the Plumber/Builder:

- Every effort shall be made between RWCC and plumber/builder to ensure compliance is achieved, if it has not then the following may apply.
- Investigate the completed work to-date. This may require work to be exposed and could include the removal of panels or ceilings etc.
- Take legal action.
- Refer the matter to the Department of Fair Trading to impose a restriction on the licensee or impose a fine.
- Additional Plumbing Inspection due to non-compliance or request for an Occupancy Certificate fees may apply.

A copy of the NSW Code of Practice Plumbing and Drainage (2006) and associated circulars are available in the NSW Department of Water and Energy website.