

***Plumbing Regulations 2018* Regulatory Impact Statement now available**

The Victorian Government has today released the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for Victoria's proposed *Plumbing Regulations 2018*. The RIS is now available on the [Engage Victoria](#) website.

To ensure Victoria continues to have effective plumbing regulations, the Victorian Government has undertaken a review of the *Plumbing Regulations 2008* prior to their expiry in November 2018. Following an early public consultation process in March 2017, as well as targeted industry engagement and consultation with the Plumbing Advisory Council and its subcommittees, the Government has prepared the draft plumbing regulations and a RIS. These have now been released for public consultation.

The Government considered the existing regulatory requirements supporting the plumbing industry to be broadly appropriate. The proposed draft regulations largely continue the current regulatory framework with some changes seeking to modernise existing requirements and improve the quality of plumbing work for consumers and the community. Key proposed changes include:

- Setting additional experience requirements for practitioners prior to being eligible for licensing to reduce the rate of defective work;
- Establishing two new classes of plumbing work, including a new specialised class of work for the maintenance of thermostatic mixing valves and a new class for the installation of basic refrigerated air-conditioning systems;
- Reclassifying classes of plumbing work, such as refrigerated air-conditioning and type B gasfitting work, to better reflect training pathways; and
- Prescribing several new standards and technical requirements, including a new requirement for the replacement of hot water heaters in existing Class 1 buildings.

To assist practitioners in understanding the proposed changes in the draft Regulations, the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) is developing a series of explanatory videos, which will soon be available on the VBA website.

The public consultation period will close at 5.00 pm on 27 July 2018. At the end of the consultation period, the Victorian Government will review all submissions received and take this feedback into consideration when finalising the *Plumbing Regulations 2018*.

To view the draft Regulations and the RIS, and learn how to make a submission, visit the [Engage Victoria](#) website.

For more information about the Plumbing Regulations Sunset Review, please:

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