

IS THIS NOTIFIABLE WORK?

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Notifiable work is a category of plumbing and drainage work which allows a plumber or drainer to perform the work without a local government permit or mandatory inspections. It includes most work performed in existing homes and limited work on commercial buildings.

You can use this reference guide to check whether a Form 4/4a should be lodged for various types of plumbing, drainage and fire protection work. Please note, while this is a comprehensive list of the different types of work, it's not an exhaustive one. For more information on notifiable work, refer to Schedule 1 of the Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019 (PDR).

DESCRIPTION OF WORK	NOTIFIABLE WORK Form 4/4a	MINOR WORK No form	PERMIT WORK Form 1
Replacing an existing basin, WC or cistern with another	X	✓	X
Installing a new shower over an existing bath in an existing Class 1 building	✓	X	X
Relocating a bathroom within an existing class 1 building	✓	X	X
Installing a new bathroom in a home extension	✓	X	X
Diverting a drain around a new swimming pool (class 1 building)	✓	X	X
Replacing galvanised water supply pipework with another type of pipework (eg polyethylene)	✓	X	X
Repairing a broken or damaged pipe	X	✓	X
Installing a hot water heater on an existing building (solar/heat pump/gas/electric)	✓	X	X
Replacing an existing solar water heater with an electric water heater	✓	X	X
Installing water and drainage to a new relocatable home	X	X	✓
Replacing a testable backflow prevention device on a rainwater tank with a dual check valve with atmospheric port (DCAP)	✓	X	X
Installing or relocating disposal trenches for an on-site sewerage facility (i.e. septic system)	X	X	✓
Replacing a pump	X	✓	X
Replacing an existing on-site sewerage treatment plant with a new one	X	X	✓
Replacing a bath with a shower tray	✓	X	X
Installing a water saving device	X	✓	X
Connecting plumbing and drainage to a shed or garage (no existing fixtures)	X	X	✓
Adding a shower to the existing plumbing and drainage in a shed (existing fixtures)	✓	X	X
Install, replace or remove a testable backflow prevention device	✓	X	X
Testing a backflow prevention device	X	✓	X

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Fire service – installing a new system	X	X	✓
Fire service - extending or removing when the work is associated with a building development approval	✓	X	X
Clearing a blocked drain	X	✓	X
Replace a kitchen, basin or shower tap	X	✓	X
Fire hydrants and hose reels – maintaining, repairing or replacing	X	✓	X
Pipe relining	X	✓	X
Installing, replacing or removing a temperature control device (i.e. thermostatic mixing valve or a tempering valve)	✓	X	X

Please note, this is a comprehensive list but not an exhaustive one. There are other types of work that may be considered minor work, depending on the circumstances.

For more information on minor work, refer to Schedule 2 of the PDR. For information on unregulated work, see Schedule 3 of the PDR.