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## Occupational Licensing

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING ACT 2005

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*(Water Meter – Electrical Earth Bond Exemption) Order 2012*

*Section 99 Exemption*

I, KERRIE DAVIDIA CROWDER, Administrator of Occupational Licensing, make the following Order under section 99 of the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*.

### 1. Short title

This Order may be cited as the *Occupational Licensing (Water Meter – Electrical Earth Bond Exemption) Order 2012*.

### 2. Commencement

This Order takes effect on 1 February 2012.

### 3. Purpose of the Order

The purpose of the Order is to exempt, under section 99 of the Act -

(a) Plumbing Contractors; and

(b) Plumber Practitioner (Certifier) Water Plumbers -

who undertake certain electrical work from the requirement to be licensed as electrical contractors or electrical practitioners under the Act, until the expiry of this Order, provided the conditions, set out in this Order, are met.

### 4. Interpretation

In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires –

“**Act**” means the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*;

“**Administrator**” means the person appointed as the Administrator of Occupational Licensing under section 10 of the Act;

“**contractor**” has the meaning given it by section 3 of the Act;

“**contractor’s licence**” means a contractor’s licence granted under the Act in respect of plumbing work;

“**Determination**” means the Occupational Licensing (Plumbing Work) Determination 2010, as amended from time to time;

“**electrical work**” has the meaning given it by regulation 4 of the Regulations;

“Plumber Practitioner (Certifier) Water Plumbing” is the licence listed in clause 4.3(b) of the Determination;

“**registered training organization**” has the meaning given it by regulation 3 of the Regulations;

“**Regulations**” means the Occupational Licensing (Electrical Work) Regulations 2008;

“**required course of training**” means a course of training that has the content set down in Clause 9, delivered by a registered training organisation;

“**water authority**” means the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation (Southern Region) Pty Limited, ACN No. 133 654 976 trading as Southern Water;

“**work function**” means the electrical work that a person is permitted to perform in carrying out electrical work to which Clause 8 of this Order applies.

### **5. Application of the Acts Interpretation Act 1931**

The *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* applies to this Order.

### **6. Exemption to perform certain electrical work**

A Plumber Practitioner (Certifier) Water Plumbing who carries out any electrical work to which Clause 8 applies, is exempt from the requirement of the Act to hold an electrical contractor’s licence, or an electrical practitioner’s licence, if the conditions of Clause 7 are met.

### **7. Conditions to perform and allow certain electrical work under this Order**

- (1) The water authority, or any contractor directly or indirectly engaged by the water authority, must ensure a person performing work to which this exemption applies –
  - (a) holds a licence under the Act as a Plumber Practitioner (Certifier) Water Plumbing;
  - (b) has completed the required course of training, delivered by a registered training organisation;
  - (c) has, on completion of the required course of training, been assessed as competent by a registered training organisation to perform the work function;
  - (d) is subject to the management and control of either the water authority or any contractor directly or indirectly engaged by the water authority;
  - (e) carries out electrical work to which Clause 8 applies, as directed by the water authority or any contractor directly or indirectly engaged by the water authority, in accordance with documented work procedures, practices and instructions established pursuant to Clause 7(2) of this Order that otherwise satisfy the requirements of the Act; and
  - (f) must produce on request by an authorised officer, a document that identifies that he or she has been authorised to perform the work function then being undertaken on the customer’s installation.
- (2) The water authority or any contractor directly or indirectly engaged by the water authority must –
  - (a) undertake and document a hazard and risk assessment, including the associated mitigation and control measures for the work function;
  - (b) develop, document and maintain, for the work function, work procedures, practices and instructions;
  - (c) authorise all persons that may perform the work function, only when assessed as competent;
  - (d) ensure all authorised persons are issued a document, which authorises the person to perform the specific work function on the customer’s installation, that records the –
    - (i) name of the authorised person;
    - (ii) date the authority takes - and ceases to have - effect;
    - (iii) work function the person is authorised to perform; and
    - (iv) name of the person that issues the authorisation; and

- (e) create, maintain and produce to an authorised officer on request, a register which records the –
    - (i) particulars of the person authorised to perform the work function;
    - (ii) dates their training was undertaken and competence assessed;
    - (iii) name of the registered training organisation undertaking the assessment; and
    - (iv) work function the person is authorised to perform; and
  - (f) produce, on request by an authorised officer, a document that identifies all persons that have been authorised to perform the work function on the customer installations.
- (3) The water authority must require of any contractor directly or indirectly engaged by it, to give to the water authority a copy of any document brought into being for the purposes of regulation 17(2) of the Regulations.

### **8. Exemption in respect of permanent electrical earth bond when installing water meters**

A contractor or a Plumber Practitioner (Certifier) – Water Plumbing who otherwise complies with Clause 6 of this Order may, when installing water meters owned by the water authority, perform the electrical work required to fit a permanent electrical earth bond across a water meter, if the contractor or the Plumber Practitioner (Certifier) – Water Plumbing complies with the documents, “Permanent Earth Bond Process” and “Earthing Integrity Process”.

### **9. Content of the required training course**

The content of the required training course for each work function must include training in how to comply with this Order and the –

- (a) hazards created by the environment within which the electrical installation is present, not excluding those hazards associated with work activities, tools, plant, equipment and apparatus used in the work function;
- (b) exclusion zones for the work function;
- (c) specific procedures, practices and instructions for the performance of the work function to be performed applicable to the water authority and any contractors directly or indirectly engaged by the water authority, including -
  - (i) safe access to the work site where the work function is to be performed; and
  - (ii) safe performance of the work function; and
  - (iii) the performance of the work function in compliance with Clause 8.

### **10. Exemption Time Period**

This Exemption Order expires on 31 July 2012.

KERRIE CROWDER, Administrator Of Occupational Licensing.  
25 January 2012

### **Explanatory Note**

This note is not part of this Exemption Order.

- (1) This Exemption Order does not remove the obligation to comply with other requirements of the Act and Regulations. These include, but are not limited to, the obligation to record all electrical work and give a copy of the record to the water authority to retain (as per regulation 17 of the Regulations).
- (2) The originals of the documents, “Permanent Earth Bond Process” and “Earthing Integrity Process” are held in the Administrator’s Office.

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