



## Industry Bulletin 148

# Changes to the Plumbing Regulations commencing on 1 May 2023

*This industry bulletin has been issued to inform Western Australian plumbing industry stakeholders of changes to the Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards Regulations 2000 (Plumbing Regulations).*

*These changes commence operation on 1 May 2023 aligning with the 2022 version of the Plumbing Code of Australia (PCA) and PCA referenced documents AS/NZS 3500:2021 Plumbing and Drainage series taking effect.*

### 1 May 2023 PCA 2022 takes effect

- PCA 2022 and referenced documents AS/NZS 3500:2021 take effect.
- WA specific variations to AS/NZS 3500:2021 take effect.
- Changed heated water delivery temperature control provisions in the PCA 2022, delayed for a one year period.

### 1 May 2024 Transitional period ends

- Changed PCA provisions for heated water delivery temperature control, including WA specific variations to these requirements take effect.

The Plumbing Regulations have been amended to reflect changes in the 2022 version of the PCA. The PCA 2022 replaces the 2019 version as per the three year amendment cycle of the National Construction Code (NCC) series, which includes the PCA as Volume 3. The Plumbing Regulations call up the PCA that in turn references the AS/NZS 3500 Plumbing and Drainage series.

Regulations 48 and 49 of the Plumbing Regulations have been amended to account for the changes in the PCA and to ensure continued compatibility with WA specific conditions.

Regulation 112 has been inserted into the Plumbing Regulations to provide transitional provisions in regard to the carrying out of plumbing work in WA.

#### Amendments to the Plumbing Regulations

##### Part 6: Regulation 48 amended

Regulation 48 calls up the PCA as the primary plumbing standards that apply to plumbing and plumbing work in WA and is amended to:

1. provide a one year transitional period prior to implementation of changed heated water delivery temperature control requirements in Section B of the PCA 2022, (see [Industry Bulletin 149 – Heated water delivery temperature requirements](#) for more details); and
2. call up “Specification 41” in Section B of the PCA 2022, a new specification with requirements for “cross connection hazards”.

## Part 6: Regulation 49 amended

Regulation 49 modifies the PCA and AS/NZS 3500:2021 series to meet WA specific conditions and is amended to:

1. vary the heated water delivery temperature requirements in Section B of the PCA 2022 (see [Industry Bulletin 149 – Heated water delivery temperature requirements](#) for more details);
2. allow reflux valves in drainage plumbing systems to be installed upstream of a boundary trap; and
3. ensure that fixture traps installed in the ground or concrete, under a fixture, are not of a greater diameter than the outlet of the fixture that the trap serves.

Further information:

[Important changes to sanitary and drainage plumbing regulations and standards commencing 1 May 2023](#)

## Part 8: Regulation 112 inserted

Part 8 includes transitional provisions in relation to the plumbing standards that apply to plumbing and plumbing work. Regulation 112 is inserted to include the following transitional provisions:

1. maintain the current heated water delivery temperature control requirements in WA for a period of 12 months until 1 May 2024; and
2. allow plumbing work commenced but not completed to be carried out to the plumbing standards that applied at the time the plumbing work commenced.

These amendments were published in [Government Gazette No. 142](#) on 23 September 2022 and are available on the WA Legislation website.

The latest version(s) of the Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards Regulations 2000 is also available on the WA Legislation website: <https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au>

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