

TasWater meter upgrades

Fact Sheet

Introduction

In Tasmania, prescribed plumbing work can only be performed by either a licensed plumbing practitioner or a plumbing apprentice working under the supervision of a licensed plumber.

To operate a business that involves performance of prescribed plumbing work, a person must be the holder of a contractor's licence.

The following information is provided specific to the TasWater metering upgrade program.

Demarcation of work

- The isolated replacement of a water meter owned by the network utility operator (TasWater) that does not require any work or modification downstream of the meter assembly is not recognised as prescribed plumbing work. (See Figure 1)
- Any work undertaken downstream of the meter assembly other than the physical disconnection of the union, is plumbing work, and can only be performed by a licensed plumber using compliant materials with a Lead Free WaterMark certification. (See Figure 1)

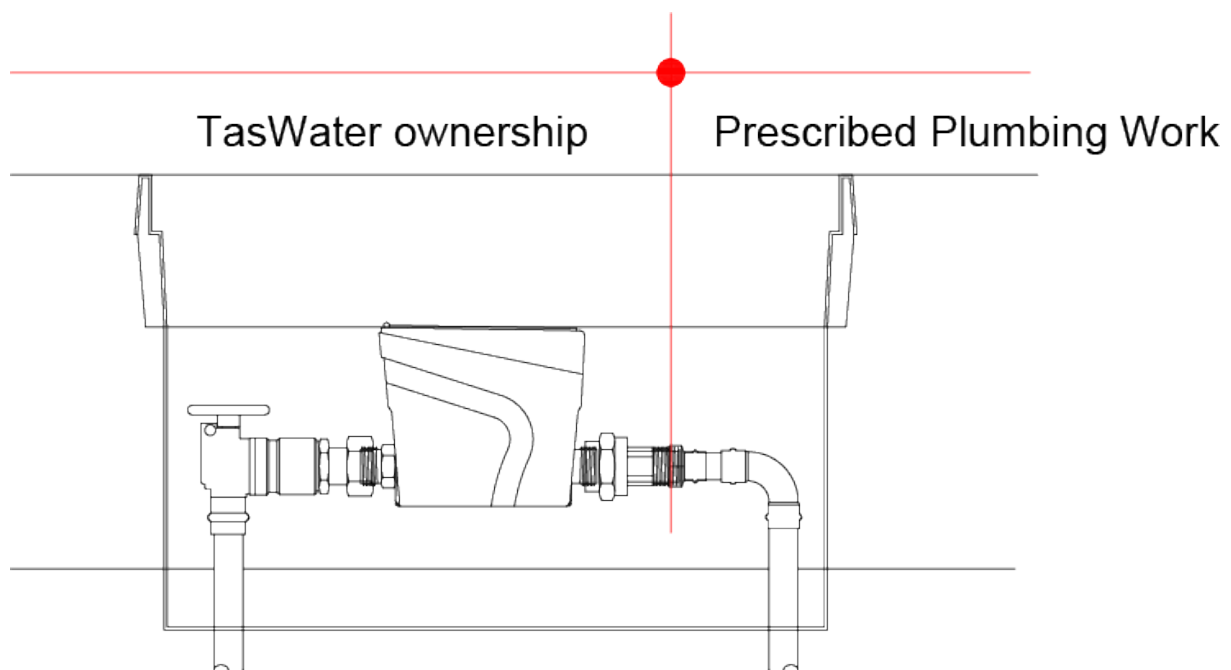


Fig.1 - Standard water meter demarcation point

Examples of prescribed plumbing work include:

- the removal, replacement or installation of a pressure limiting valve
- alteration of any downstream pipework or fitting
- raising or relocating a meter assembly
- adapting to an alternate pipe or fitting material.

See Figure 1 showing the demarcation in scope of work.

Occupational licensing requirements

Plumbers licensed in other States and Territories may be eligible to work in Tasmania either through registering under the Automatic Mutual Recognition pathway or by applying for a Tasmanian licence through Mutual Recognition.

Penalties apply for any person undertaking work without the appropriate licence under the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*.

Any person tendering for work must familiarise themselves with the licensing requirements in Tasmania. More information can be found on the [CBOS website](http://cbos.tas.gov.au) or by emailing cbos.info@justice.tas.gov.au

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