

**Guidance on Plumbing installation**

**work not requiring a warrant <sup>[1]</sup> <sup>[2]</sup>**

| DOMESTIC BUILDINGS   | WORK TO EXISTING BUILDINGS <sup>[3]</sup> |                                       |                                       |                                       |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Work Activity  | Type <sup>[4]</sup>                       | Flat                                  | House<br>(up to 2<br>storeys)         | House<br>(3 storeys &<br>above)       |
| <b>REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT</b>   |   |                                       |                                       |                                       |
| Work associated with the replacement of a bath, shower, wash hand basin, WC or sink of the same general type   | 1, 24                                     | <b>Not Required</b><br><sub>[5]</sub> | <b>Not Required</b><br><sub>[5]</sub> | <b>Not Required</b><br><sub>[5]</sub> |
| Work associated with the relocation (including replacement) of a bath, shower, wash hand basin, WC, or sink within the same room   | 1, 12                                     | <b>Not Required</b><br><sub>[6]</sub> | <b>Not Required</b>                   | <b>Not Required</b><br><sub>[6]</sub> |
| Work associated with the replacement of a branch soil or waste pipe, where the sanitary facility is re-located within same room  | 1, 12,<br>24                              | <b>Not Required</b>                   | <b>Not Required</b>                   | <b>Not Required</b>                   |
| Work associated with the relocation of a bathroom, shower room, utility room or kitchen to another part of the dwelling <sup>[7]</sup>   | 1   | <b>Required</b>                       | <b>Not Required</b>                   | <b>Required</b>                       |
| <b>NEW WORK</b>  |   |                                       |                                       |                                       |
| Any work associated with the installation of a single sanitary facility (excluding a water closet, waterless closet or urinal), including any relevant branch soil or waste pipe | 1, 11                                     | <b>Not Required</b><br><sub>[6]</sub> | <b>Not Required</b>                   | <b>Not Required</b><br><sub>[6]</sub> |
| Any work associated with the installation of a water closet, waterless closet or urinal, including any relevant branch soil or waste pipe  | 1, 11                                     | <b>Required</b>                       | <b>Not Required</b>                   | <b>Required</b>                       |
| Plumbing work adversely affecting a separating wall, e.g. recessed pipework.   | 1   | <b>Required</b>                       | <b>Required</b>                       | <b>Required</b>                       |
| Work associated with the formation of a new bathroom, shower room, kitchen or utility room <sup>[7]</sup>  | 1   | <b>Required</b>                       | <b>Not Required</b>                   | <b>Required</b>                       |

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|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>CENTRAL HEATING AND HOT WATER STORAGE ANCILLARIES <sup>[8]</sup></b>  |                     |                     |                               |                                 |
| Any work associated with replacement pipework, radiators, convector heaters or thermostatic controls to an existing system   | 1, 8                | <b>Not Required</b> | <b>Not Required</b>           | <b>Not Required</b>             |
| Any work associated with new pipework, radiators, convector heaters or thermostatic controls associated with either an existing system or a new combustion appliance installation not requiring a warrant <sup>[8]</sup> | 1, 8                | <b>Not Required</b> | <b>Not Required</b>           | <b>Not Required</b>             |
| Replace existing unventilated hot water cylinder of same general type and standard no worse (more than 15 litres capacity)   | 1, 24               | <b>Not Required</b> | <b>Not Required</b>           | <b>Not Required</b>             |
| Install new unventilated hot water cylinder (more than 15 litres capacity)   | 1                   | <b>Required</b>     | <b>Not Required</b>           | <b>Required</b>                 |

**Note 1** Works not requiring a building warrant under the terms of schedule 3 require, in all respects, to meet the requirements of the relevant regulations, except where falling within types 24 to 26, where works constituting replacements must be to a standard no worse than at present.

**Note 2** This guidance is intended to cover the indicated work activities only, a building warrant may be required for ancillary works. If the work activity is carried out at the same time as work requiring a warrant, the building warrant application should include all works.

**Note 3** Where indicated as not requiring warrant approval, this is on the proviso that no structural works to, or affecting, the roof, external walls or elements of structure, or works adversely affecting a separating wall/floor are to be carried out to facilitate the installation.

**Note 4** Building work type as referenced in schedule 3.

**Note 5** On condition that the work is to a standard no worse than at present.

**Note 6** Excluding work involving a wet-floor shower room.

**Note 7** Excluding works that are forming part of a conversion covered by schedule 2 to regulation 4

**Note 8** See separate guidance for installation of combustion appliances.

**NOTE: Work that involves a change in the method of discharge of the wastewater drainage requires building warrant approval, for example, forming a connection to a public sewer in a system previously served by a septic tank.**