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List of documents that have been proactively released

Date	Title	Author
2 June 2026	Regulations Relating to the Building and Construction Sector (Self-certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Amendment Bill	Office of the Minister for Building and Construction
2 June 2026	Minute of decision: Regulations Relating to the Building and Construction Sector (Self-certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Amendment Bill LEG-26-MIN-0114 Minute	Cabinet Office
4 May 2026	Appendix One: Supplementary Analysis Report: Broadening the scope of the plumbers and drainlayers self-certification scheme	MBIE

Information redacted

YES

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Regulations Relating to the Building and Construction Sector (Self-certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Amendment Bill

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On 28 May 2026, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in December 2025, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee:
 - 1.1 noted that regulations under the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006 would be required to define the work that can be self-certified and prescribe the information that must be in a Certificate of Compliance (CoC);
 - 1.2 agreed that the regulations contain, for the purpose of defining self-certifiable plumbing and self-certifiable drainlaying, the criteria set out in Appendix One to the paper under EXP-25-MIN-0124;
 - 1.3 agreed that the regulations contain, for the purpose of prescribing the information that must be included in a CoC, the information set out in Appendix Two to the paper under EXP-25-MIN-0124;
 - 1.4 agreed to amend the Building (Forms) Regulations 2004 to support the operational requirements of the self-certification by plumbers and drainlayers scheme;

[EXP-25-MIN-0124]
- 2 **noted** that in April 2026, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee agreed:
 - 2.1 to rescind the decision referred to in paragraph 1.2 above; and instead
 - 2.2 that the regulations contain, for the purpose of defining self-certifiable plumbing and self-certifiable drainlaying, the criteria set out in Appendix One to the paper under ECO-26-SUB-0041;

[ECO-26-MIN-0041]
- 3 **agreed** to amend the requirement for “self-certifiable plumbing” agreed to above, so that instead of there being a requirement for “does not penetrate a firewall”, there is a requirement for “does not penetrate a fire separation”;
- 4 **noted** that the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers (Self-certification and Certificate of Compliance Information) Regulations 2026 (the self-certification regulations) will give effect to the decision referred to in paragraphs 1.3 and 3 above;

- 5 **noted** that Building (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2026 (the forms amendment regulations) will give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 1.4 above;
- 6 **agreed** that the forms amendment regulations will replace an outdated reference to “relevant compliance document(s)” in the Building (Forms) Regulations 2004 with a reference to acceptable solution(s) or verification method(s);
- 7 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council on 8 June 2026, following Royal assent of the Building and Construction Sector (Self-certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Amendment Bill (the Bill), of the:
- 7.1 Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers (Self-certification and Certificate of Compliance Information) Regulations 2026 [PCO 28792/10.0];
- 7.2 Building (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2026 [PCO 28793/10.0];
- 8 **noted** that the self-certification regulations and forms amendment regulations will come into force on 7 July 2026, provided the Bill receives Royal assent before 8 June 2026.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon James Meager
Hon Scott Simpson
Hon Cameron Brewer
Hon Mike Butterick
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Stuart Smith, MP

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