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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Plumbing and Drainage Amendment Regulation 2025*.

2 Commencement

Part 3 commences on 2 January 2026.

3 Regulation amended

This regulation amends the *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019*.

Part 2 Amendments commencing on notification

4 Amendment of s 8 (Approval of Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code—Act, s 7)

Section 8, note, ‘transitional treatment plant approval’—
omit, insert—

further transitional treatment plant approval

5 Amendment of s 23 (Duration of approval)

Section 23, note, ‘transitional treatment plant approval’—
omit, insert—

further transitional treatment plant approval

6 Insertion of new pt 4, div 5

Part 4—

insert—

Division 5 Particular provisions for further transitional treatment plant approvals

32 Purposes of division

The purposes of this division are—

- (a) to enable a person who held a transitional treatment plant approval on 31 December 2024 to apply, on or before 28 February 2025, for a treatment plant approval that remains in force until 31 December 2025; and
- (b) to provide for the application to be decided on the basis of compliance with the previous Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code rather than the criteria under section 19.

33 Definitions for division

In this division—

former section 35 means section 35 as inserted by the *Plumbing and Drainage Amendment Regulation 2024*.

Note—

Former section 35 expired on 1 January 2025.

further transitional treatment plant approval see section 35(2).

previous Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code means the document called ‘Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code’—

- (a) published by the department on 26 October 2017; and
- (b) available on the department’s website.

transitional treatment plant approval means a treatment plant approval that was approved under former section 35.

34 Approval of previous Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code—Act, s 7

- (1) For section 7(2) of the Act, the previous Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code is approved only in relation to work for a further transitional treatment plant approval.
- (2) This section applies despite section 8.
- (3) For subsection (1), a reference in the previous Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code to a provision of, or matter under, the repealed Act or repealed regulation is taken to be a reference to the corresponding provision of, or corresponding matter under, the Act or this regulation.
- (4) In this section—

corresponding matter, for a matter under the repealed Act or repealed regulation, means a matter under the Act or this regulation that is substantially the same as the matter under the repealed Act or repealed regulation.

corresponding provision, for a provision of the repealed Act or repealed regulation, means a provision of the Act or this regulation that is substantially the same as the provision of the repealed Act or repealed regulation.

repealed regulation means the repealed *Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003*.

35 Application for and deciding further transitional treatment plant approvals

- (1) This section applies in relation to a person who was, on 31 December 2024, the holder of a transitional treatment plant approval.

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- (2) The person may apply under this section for a treatment plant approval (a *further transitional treatment plant approval*).
- (3) The application must—
 - (a) be made in the approved form on or before 28 February 2025; and
 - (b) be for a treatment plant that was, on 31 December 2024, the subject of the transitional treatment plant approval held by the applicant.
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) to (7), division 1 applies to the application as if the application were an application for a treatment plant approval under that division.
- (5) Section 16(3) does not apply in relation to the application.
- (6) Section 19 does not apply for deciding the application.
- (7) The chief executive may decide to approve the application if satisfied a treatment plant of the type the subject of the application complies with the previous Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code as approved under section 34.

35A Duration of further transitional treatment plant approvals

- (1) A further transitional treatment plant approval remains in force until 31 December 2025.
- (2) This section applies despite section 23.

35B Expiry of division

This division expires on 1 January 2026.

7 Amendment of sch 10 (Dictionary)

(1) Schedule 10, definition *existing treatment plant approval*—
omit.

(2) Schedule 10—
insert—

former section 35, for part 4, division 5, see section 33.

further transitional treatment plant approval, for part 4, division 5, see section 33.

Part 3 Amendments commencing on 2 January 2026

8 Amendment of s 8 (Approval of Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code—Act, s 7)

Section 8, note—
omit.

9 Amendment of s 23 (Duration of approval)

Section 23, note—
omit.

10 Amendment of sch 10 (Dictionary)

Schedule 10, definitions *former section 35*, *further transitional treatment plant approval*, *previous Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code* and *transitional treatment plant approval*—
omit.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on 16 January 2025.
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 17 January 2025.
- 3 The administering agency is the Department of Housing and Public Works.

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