

Proposal to prescribe participation in competence reviews as a standard term and condition of a licence

Submission form

Question

- 1. Do you agree with the Board's proposal to prescribe by way of Gazette notices, participation in competence reviews as a standard term and condition of a licence?**

(Please circle) YES / NO

Please provide any additional comment you wish to make.

I totally disagree with the proposal of the Board and feel this is yet again an attempt by the Board to legislate itself power over and above the Act. Section 53 and section 54 of the Act allow provision for the review of competence if adhered to appropriately by the Board.

The intent of the Act was to ensure that the practitioner is practising at the required standard. Competency review is not a disciplinary process. It is designed to review and educate as detailed in the sections 53 and 54. The proposal of the Board does nothing more than legislates the Board more power beyond the intent of the relevant sections of the Act being sections 53 and 54.

The proposal of making the participation a term and condition of licensing empowers the Board to take disciplinary action under section 89 (c) of the Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 2006.

A competence review is not a punitive or disciplinary process. Nor is it normally a re-examination of knowledge or skill. Rather it is an assessment of performance in actual practice.

Specific complaints should not be investigated as part of the competence review process - although they may give an indication where the review should be focussed.

Competence review is an educational opportunity – one where the practitioner is assessed and where necessary assisted through a training programme to ensure they are practising to the required standard of competence.

If the Board does proceed with the Gazette notice they run the risk of again visiting the Regulation Review Committee.

Your contact details

Name:

Registration number *(if applicable):*

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Thank you for your submission. The Board appreciates the time you have taken to make your submission and can assure you that it will be carefully considered.

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Making a submission

Submissions on the Board's proposal are welcomed and must be received **by 5pm on 17 May 2013.**

There are three ways you can make a submission...

- you can complete an online submission at www.pgdb.co.nz
- you can send your written submission by email to submissions@pgdb.co.nz
- you can mail your submission to: The Registrar, PGDB, PO Box 10655, Wellington 6143.