



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
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# **A CODE FOR PLUMBING SERVICES REGULATIONS**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT  
CHAPTER E-9**

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Pursuant to clause 25(1)(f) of the *Environmental Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-9, Council made the following regulations:

**1. Adoption of Code**

- (1) The National Plumbing Code of Canada 2015 Edition is hereby adopted as amended from time to time, subject to the amendments, variations, additions and deletions set out in these regulations.

**Applicability**

- (2) The Code applies to the design, construction, extension, alteration, renewal or repair of plumbing systems installed in the province. (*EC666/86; 593/92; 86/01; 550/09; 85/14; 781/15*)

**2. Definitions**

- (1) In these regulations

- (a) “**Code**” means the National Plumbing Code of Canada 2015 and amendments, variations, additions and deletions set out in these regulations;
- (b) “**enforcing authority**” means the Department charged with the administration of these regulations;
- (c) “**permit**” means a written approval by the enforcing authority for the construction, extension, alteration, renewal or repair of a plumbing system;
- (d) “**plumbing system**” has the same meaning as applied in the Code.

**Numbering system**

- (2) The use and interpretation of the decimal numbering system of the Code is explained in the Preface of the Code. (*EC593/92; 639/93; 525/96; 86/01; 550/09; 85/14; 781/15*)

**3. Modifications**

The National Plumbing Code of Canada 2015 Edition is amended by the addition of the following sections:

**1.10 PERMITS**

**1.10.1 Permit**

- (1) Except as provided for in sentence (2), no person shall, without first having obtained a permit, construct, extend, alter, renew or repair a plumbing system or connect a system to a building sewer.

**Exception**

- (2) A permit is not required when a valve, faucet, fixture or service water heater is repaired or replaced, a stoppage cleared or a leak repaired if no change to the piping is required.

**Application to authority**

- (3) An application for a permit shall be made to the enforcing authority enforcing the Code.

**1.10.2. Form**

- (1) The application for a permit shall be made on such form as may be provided by the enforcing authority.

**Fees**

- (2) Every application for a permit shall be accompanied by the fees set out in Appendix B to this Code.

**Qualifications**

- (3) A permit under this section shall be issued only to a person who holds
  - (a) a valid certificate of qualification or permit in the plumbing trade issued under the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualification Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. A-15.2; and
  - (b) a valid and subsisting plumbing contractor's license issued by the enforcing authority.

**Exception**

- (4) Notwithstanding sentence (3), the enforcing authority may issue a permit to any individual in the business of installing water pumps, water softeners or beverage dispensing units for the installation of such fixtures or equipment when it is satisfied that the individual is proficient in his ability to carry out the installation in conformance with the minimum requirements of this Code.

**Potable water treatment devices**

- (5) Potable water treatment devices, including but not limited to reverse osmosis systems and ultra-violet systems, shall be installed in accordance with this Code.

**1.11 INSPECTION AND TESTING****1.11.1. Inspection**

- (1) Where a permit is required as described in section 1.10, the owner shall not put the system into use or cause it to be put into use until it has been inspected and tested to the satisfaction of the enforcing authority.

**Not covered until inspection**

- (2) The plumbing contractor shall notify the enforcing authority when the work is complete and ready to be inspected and tested and shall not cause the work to be covered without the approval of the enforcing authority.



**Materials, etc. for inspection**

- (3) The plumbing contractor shall furnish any equipment, material, power or labour that is necessary for inspection or testing.

**Uncover for inspection**

- (4) If any part of a plumbing system is covered before it has been inspected and approved, the owner shall ensure that it is uncovered for inspection and testing if the enforcing authority so directs.

**Changes to comply with Code**

- (5) If any part of a plumbing system is not approved after it has been inspected or tested, the owner shall ensure that any changes or alterations as may be required by the enforcing authority are carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Code and are made subject to further inspection and testing before the work is covered.

**1.11.2. Existing plumbing system**

- (1) The enforcing authority may inspect any existing plumbing system and, where there is reason to suspect that the system is not satisfactory, order it to be tested.

**Compliance with written order**

- (2) If any part of the system has become or is in a condition that it may become dangerous or injurious to health, the owner shall ensure compliance with any written order by the enforcing authority ordering alteration or replacement of the system or any part thereof.

**1.11.3. Compliance with Code prevails**

The granting of a permit, the approval of a plan or specification or an inspection or test that is made by the enforcing authority does not in any way relieve any person who carries out work on a plumbing system of full responsibility for carrying out such work in complete compliance with the Code.

**1.11.4. Fees**

Inspections carried out in the administration of this Code shall be subject to the fees set out in Appendix B to this Code.

**1.12 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE****1.12.1. Certificate of compliance**

- (1) When a plumbing system has been completed and has been approved, the plumbing contractor shall issue to the owner a certificate of compliance certifying that the work has been carried out in compliance with this Code.

**Form**

- (2) The certificate of compliance required by sentence (1) shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the enforcing authority. (EC666/86; 593/92; 639/93; 525/96; 85/14; 781/15).

**4. Air admittance valves**

- (1) Revoked by (EC356/17).

**Fire safety, combustible and non-combustible piping**

- (2) Division B of Part 2 of the Code is amended by the deletion of sentences 2.2.5.11. (2) and (3).

**Minimum diameter of drainage pipe**

- (3) Division B of Part 2 of the Code is amended in subsection 2.4.9. by the addition of the following sentence:

**2.4.9.2.** (5) The minimum diameter of drainage pipe to be used underground shall be 2”.

**Backflow preventers**

- (4) Revoked by (EC356/17). (EC86/01; 550/09; 781/15; 356/17)

**5. Administrative requirements**

Revoked by (EC356/17). (EC666/86; 593/92; 525/96; 550/09; 356/17)

**5.1 Low flow fixtures**

- (1) -(5) Revoked by (EC356/17). (EC85/14; 781/15; 356/17)

**5.2 Plumbing contractor’s license**

- (1) The enforcing authority may issue a plumbing contractor’s license to a person who
- (a) provides proof that the person
    - (i) holds a valid and subsisting certificate of qualification or permit in the plumbing trade issued under the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualification Act*, or
    - (ii) employs an individual who holds a valid and subsisting certificate of qualification or permit in the plumbing trade referred to in subclause (i);
  - (b) is in possession of or has access to a copy of the Code; and
  - (c) pays the required fee in accordance with Appendix B.

**Required supervision**

- (2) A person to whom a plumbing contractor’s license is issued under subsection (1) shall ensure that plumbing services provided under that license are provided only
- (a) by a person who holds a valid and subsisting certificate of qualification or permit in the plumbing trade referred to in subclause (1)(a)(i); or
  - (b) under the supervision of a person who holds a valid and subsisting certificate of qualification or permit in the plumbing trade referred to in subclause (1)(a)(i).

**Expiry, revocation**

- (3) A plumbing contractor’s license
- (a) expires on March 31 of the year following the year in which it was issued; and
  - (b) may be revoked at any time by the enforcing authority if the holder
    - (i) contravenes or fails to comply with the Code, these regulations or an order of an inspector, or
    - (ii) is no longer in possession of or no longer has access to a copy of the Code.

**Prohibition**

- (4) No person shall provide plumbing services unless he or she



- (a) is or is employed by a holder of a plumbing contractor's license; and
- (b) is or is supervised by a holder of a valid certificate of qualification or permit in the plumbing trade issued under the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualification Act*. (EC85/14)

### 5.3 Prohibition – new design

- (1) On and after the coming into force of this section, the design, construction, extension, alteration, renewal and repair of a new plumbing system by any person shall not direct water from any non-sanitary source, including water from a sump pit or surface or storm water, into a sanitary sewer system.

#### Prohibition – existing design

- (2) Subject to subsection (3), on the coming into force of this section, the extension, alteration, renewal and repair of an existing plumbing system by any person, including any future design and construction of the plumbing system, shall not direct water from any non-sanitary source, including water from a sump pit or surface or storm water, into a sanitary sewer system.

#### Exemption

- (3) The utility that owns or operates a central wastewater collection and treatment system may, on application from the owner of a serviced property, issue a written exemption to the owner that exempts the owner from a restriction in subsection (2). (356/17)

**Sections 6 to 8.1 Revoked by EC550/09.** (EC86/01; 666/86; 593/92; 525/96; 86/01; 550/09)

## 6. Compliance

- (1) In connection with any plumbing installation, any plumbing contractor, plumber, or individual installing such installation in a building and for which he may or may not receive any remuneration or consideration, shall comply with these regulations and the provisions of the Code as adopted herein, and failure to comply shall render him liable to the penalties provided by subsection (2).

#### Penalties

- (2) Every natural person or corporation who commits a breach of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to the penalty set out in section 32 of the Act.

#### Continuing default

- (3) Where any natural person or corporation has been convicted of an offence under the provision of these regulations, and the offence is in the nature of an omission, or neglect, or failure to comply with any order, and if an authorized representative of the enforcing authority gives reasonable notice to that person or corporation to make good the omission, or neglect, or failure to comply and default is made in respect thereof, the person or corporation convicted is liable to a further fine of \$25 for each day in default after notice and until the notice has been complied with. (EC525/96)

**APPENDIX A**

Revoked by (EC356/17)  
(EC85/14; 356/17)

**APPENDIX B**

**1. Fees**

(1) The following fees are prescribed:

- (a) on application for a permit
  - (i) except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii).....\$20 per fixture  
(\$50 minimum)
  - (ii) for a prefabricated home on a foundation.....\$50  
plus \$20 per fixture added on site,  
plus \$20 per connection to a  
municipal water or sewage system
  - (iii) for an extension or alteration to an existing plumbing system  
that does not involve the addition of a fixture.....\$50
- (b) on application for a permit to make alterations to an existing plumbing system or part thereof
  - (i) that is or has been in use and for which no previous permit has  
been granted.....\$85 per hour  
plus travel expenses,
  - (ii) where, at the request of an applicant, an inspection is  
conducted outside an inspector’s normal working hours.....\$125 per hour  
(\$250 minimum) plus travel expenses,
  - (iii) that has been constructed or altered in compliance with a  
directive or an order issued pursuant to these regulations .....NO CHARGE
  - (iv) that has been constructed or altered in default of a  
directive or an order issued pursuant to these regulations .....\$200
- (c) for an inspection conducted at the request of an applicant.....\$85
- (d) on application for a plumbing contractor’s license.....\$75

**Travel expenses**

(2) For the purposes of clause (1)(b), the rate of travel expenses payable is based on the rates in effect pursuant to the collective agreement between the province and the P.E.I. Union of Public Sector Employees for reimbursement for the use of private motor vehicles on government business. (EC525/96; 731/04; 550/09; 247/12; 85/14; 355/16)