

# Building and Plumbing Newsflash 627

## Amended mandatory plumbing and drainage Form 9

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### Purpose

To advise industry that the mandatory plumbing and drainage [Form 9 – Registration and report on inspection and testing of backflow prevention devices, registered air gaps and registered break tank](#) has been updated and republished under a shortened title.

### Background

Section 101 of the Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019 (PDR) requires local governments to establish a program to register each testable backflow prevention device installed in the respective area as well as monitoring the maintenance of each of the testable backflow prevention devices.

The PDR also requires owners of a premises to register a testable backflow prevention device with the local government (unless registered by a licensee or other party) by using the approved form. The owner must also arrange for a backflow prevention licensee to maintain and test the device at least once each year after the device is registered.

The [Form 9 – Registration and report on inspection and testing of backflow prevention devices, registered air gaps and registered break tank](#) is the approved form that owners and licensees are required to use.

Licensees must use Form 9 to record:

- the particulars of the device used for testing
- the results of testing
- whether the device complies with AS/NZS 2845.3.

The previous version of the Form 9 referenced AS/NZS 2845.3:2010. On 15 May 2023, AS/NZS 2845.3:2020 replaced AS/NZS 2845.3:2010 and was adopted as a secondary reference to the mandatory standard AS/NZS 3500.1 in the [Plumbing Code of Australia](#).

### Transitional arrangements

The previous version of the Form 9 (published in July 2019) can continue to be lodged with, and accepted by, local governments provided they were signed before 15 May 2024. The amended Form 9 should be used from 15 May 2024 with an expectation that it will be the only Form 9 used after 31 August 2024.

### Amendments

In consultation with industry stakeholders including the Backflow Prevention Association of Australia and the Master Plumbers Association of Queensland, the Form 9 has been amended.

The changes:

- reflect recent the adoption of AS/NZS 2845.3:2020
- make the form more user-friendly
- allow local governments to collect and maintain accurate information on the testing and operation of all testable backflow prevention devices.

A list of all changes is as follows.

<b>Title</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised title to <i>Registration and report on inspection and testing of testable backflow prevention devices</i>.</li> </ul>
<b>General Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated the general notes to capture all obligations of the licensee under section 103(3) of the PDR.</li> </ul>
<b>Version number</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated version number.</li> </ul>
<b>Section 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed 'Lot and plan' mandatory fields.</li> <li>Inserted 'State' and 'Postcode' fields.</li> </ul>
<b>Section 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocated 'owner/occupier contact details' fields from section 7 to section 2.</li> </ul>
<b>Section 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed 'Hazard level' section.</li> <li>Inserted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a new section 3, titled 'Test criteria' which combines fields from former section 2 'Type of notice' and section 10 'Authorised tester's completion/results'</li> <li>mandatory field titled 'Type of protection' which was previously found in Section 4.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Incorporated former section 'Type of notice' into 'Type of test'.</li> <li>Renamed 'First test (new device)' to 'Commissioning test'.</li> <li>Previous Appendix list under 'Type of device' relocated to section 3 and list expanded to include new Appendices J and K in AS/NZS 2845.3:2020 i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single check valve detector assembly testable backflow prevention devices (Appendix J)</li> <li>Atmospheric vacuum breaker backflow prevention devices (Appendix K).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Section 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transferred the 'Location of device' from the former section 4. The section that includes the 'Location of device' with 'Mains pressure' and 'Time of test' as mandatory fields.</li> </ul>
<b>Section 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocated section 4 (Backflow prevention device and test results) to section 5 and split into 3 subsections: 'Main device', 'By-pass device' and 'Pressure type vacuum breakers'.</li> <li>Inserted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressure Type vacuum breakers as per the new AS/NZS 2845.3:2020</li> <li>'Upstream isolating valve leaked' and 'Downstream isolating valve leaked' tick boxes in all three subsections</li> <li>a 'Non return valve' and 'Air inlet opening pressure' mandatory field in subsection (c) as required for testing Pressure type vacuum breakers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Renamed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'ID number' with 'Serial number'</li> <li>'Differential Pressure' with 'Relief valve opened'.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Section 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inserted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Overflow type' mandatory fields</li> <li>definition of 'Overflow Type'</li> <li>description of Overflow Types to refer to AS/NZS 2845.</li> <li>a new 'Overflow sizing' field.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Required the size of air gaps to be recorded in millimetres (mm).</li> <li>A new note requiring mm<sup>2</sup> to be used when recording Overflow Type 3 (Weir).</li> </ul>
<b>Section 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed 'Phone number' and 'Email address' fields.</li> </ul>
<b>Section 10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated 'Authorised tester's results' section to reference AS/NZS 2845.3:2020.</li> </ul>

## More information

The PDR is available on the [Queensland Government legislation website](#).

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