

Plumbing compliance SANS 10254: Installation, replacement and repair of hot water system



COMPLIANCE TABLES

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Due to the numerous changes in compliance and the regulations/standards (as noted above) and more so due to the critical safety and hazard aspects of pressurised hot water storage vessel, much area of focus has been place on the hot water storage heater and the relevant standards and regulations relating to the installation and more so the compliance to these standards and regulations.

As result of these changes, lack of understanding and in some cases misinterpretation or misguidance, a state of confusion and further lack of understanding has creeped into the industry sector.

To help mitigate against this the Institute of Plumbing of South Africa in association with the Plumbing Industry Registration Board has a set of Compliance Tables. These Compliance Tables are an industry guideline, and denotes the critical requirements that must be undertaken by the plumber if and when the installation, maintenance, replacement and repair of a fixed electrical hot water storage water heater is done, so as to meet compliance in terms of the regulations and standards.

FOR EASE OF USE THE COMPLIANCE TABLES ARE SPLIT INTO:

- 1. Table A: Compliance Table for: The installation of a NEW fixed electric storage water heater (geyser)
- 2. Table B: Compliance Table for: The REPLACEMENT of fixed electric storage water heater (geyser)
- 3. Table C: Compliance Table for: The REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE of fixed electric storage water heater (geyser)

It is duly noted that each respective compliance table will give guidance to the PIRB Auditors if and when an audit is undertaken for any installation, maintenance, replacement and repair of a fixed electrical hot water storage water heater. It is further noted that if the minimum compliance is not meet on any of the installation, maintenance, replacement and repair of a fixed electrical hot water storage water heater the respective licensed plumber will be issued a PIRB rectification notice.

*This document is to be used in conjunction with IOPSA notice of non-compliance and SANS 10254

			FABLE FOR: THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW FIXED ELECTRIC STORAGE WATER HEATER (GEYSER)			
he 1			he areas of compliance that must be undertaken by a plumber if and when a new installation is undertaken of a fixed electric storage water heater (geyser).			
tem	Regulation	on	Areas of Compliance			
	SANS 10252-Part 1 and SANS 10254		 All NEW fixed electrical storage water heater (geyser) installations must comply with all requirements SANS 10252-1 and SANS 10254. A "New" installation is defined as: where any fixed electrical storage water heater (geyser) that is not being replaced; where any fixed electric storage water heating (geyser) installation that forms part of a newly constructed dwelling and or building an existing dwelling and or building where an additional fixed electrical storage water heating (geyser) is installed 			
AB	LE B: COMPLIA	ANCE TA	TABLE FOR: THE REPLACEMENT OF FIXED ELECTRIC STORAGE WATER HEATER (GEYSER)			
he 1	following table dei	enotes the	he critical areas of compliance that must be undertaken by a plumber if and when a replacement is undertaken of an existing fixed electric storage water heater (geyser).			
tem	Regulation		Crtitical areas of compliance: All replacements of a fixed electrical storage water heater (geyser) installations must comply with all requirements of SANS 10252-1 and SANS 10254			
1	SANS 10254 181	1. A 2. Th ra 3. Th les	PERATURE AND PRESSURE VALVE4. The discharge pipes from the temperature & pressure valve shall. a. never be joined together with other discharge pipes, b. led to a discharge point which is visible outside the building and in a position where the discharge from the pipe will not cause a nuisance and also cannot become blocked, c. be installed in a manner that will obviate the development of water traps which could prevent the free return of air into the system.d. sized not less than the size of the outlet of the valve for which pipe is intended. e. Always be of metal and inclined downwards away from the valve for the metal and inclined downwards away from the valve for the pressure discharge pipe.			
	SANS 10254	1. Ar wa 2. Th ot 3. Th th	NSION CONTROL4. An isolating valve, gate valve, non-return valve or any other flow control Valve must be installed on all closed hot water heating system.c. installed in a manner that will obviate the development of wa traps which could prevent the free return of air into the system valve and the waterThe Expansion Control Valve shall have the same pressure rating a tother valves used in the system.5. The discharge pipes from Expansion Control valve shall a. never be joined together with other discharge pipes, b. led to a discharge point which is visible outside the building and in a position where the discharge from the pipe will not cause a nuisance and also cannot become blocked,c. installed in a manner that will obviate the development of wa traps which could prevent the free return of air into the system d. sized not less than the size of the outlet of the valve for which pipe is intended.			
	SANS 10252-1	Isolatin 1. Or 2. If	ATING VALVES ting valve must be installed: On the inlet pipe of the Pressure Control Valve (separate to the integral isolating valve of a Pressure Control Valve). If applicable on the inlet side of all float valves. Shall not be provided between any expansion-relief device or vacuum relief device.			
Ļ	SANS 10252-1 10254	1. Va	CUUM BREAKERS Vacuum control valves shall be installed on both hot and cold water pipes to and from the heater to ensure the water heater is vented. Vacuum control valves shall be installed on both hot and cold water pipes to ensure that siphonage of the water heater is prevented.			
	SANS 10254 198	1. Th 2. Th 3. Th	 RESSURE CONTROL VALVE The Pressure Control Valve shall have the same pressure rating as other valves used in the system. The pressure rating of the Pressure Control Valve maybe less than the rated pressure of the storage water heater but shall never exceed it. The location of the Pressure Control Valve must be related to the required downstream flow-pressures. See requirements of the Expansion Control Valve if the Pressure Control Valve incorporates an Expansion Control Valve. 			
	SANS 10254 10252-1	1. Th sp 2. Ea	 OUNTING 1. The support structure for the drip tray and water heater, must be placed on tie beams that are supported on load bearing walls, at least grade 5 of SANS 1783-2, of a size 114mm x 30mm or bigger and may not be spaced more than 500mm apart. 2. Each foot of water heater must rest on a support beam. 3. No water heater or storage tank of capacity exceeding 200 L shall be attached by means of brackets or hangers to a load-bearing masonry or concrete wall or to any other vertical structural element. 			
,	SANS 10254 10252-1&2	 DRIP TRAY Drip tray installed in the correct manner. The size of the drip tray shall be such that it will cover the total area of the heater and the associated water control appurtenance. Drip tray discharge pipe must be installed and sloped and supported towards its outlet to ensure that all water will run out unrestricted. Pipe must discharge to outside of building, easily visible. 				

5. Discharge pipe must be suitable for hot water as required in SANS 10252 – 1 section 8 and drainage principles of SANS 10252-2 must be employed (gradients, no 90° elbows on horizontal runs etc.

SANS 10252-1 1. Thermal insulation must be installed on the hot and cold pipe work as directed in SANS 10252-1 section 6 (*3 m from the hot water outlet, cold pipe first 1m from inlet and first 1m of the Temperature and Pressure discharge pipe) * While the standard reflects all hot water pipes, IOPSA recommended 3m, while the remaining pipework should be noted to the client (see below for written non-compliance).

		2. Must be a minimum of R-1 rated				
9		PIPE WORK The pipes shall be firmly anchored to prevent water hammer and the dislodgement of joints.				
10	SANS 10252-1 181 1848 198 752 1056-3 776	 COMPONENTS (INCL. PIPES, FITTINGS AND FIXTURES) All Materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures used in the replacement must meet SANS 10252 – 1 section 5 (when applicable the supplier must be able to provide proof that the component complies to the relevant SANS standard) and must be listed on the JASWIC acceptance list. Materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures must be installed as per regulation and manufacturers guidelines. Connections to all components must be union type for ease of replacement. 	 Adequate access must be provided to remove or maintain or replace any component. Pipes & pipe fittings, Copper, Plastic, Stainless steel and mild steel galvanized medium All pipes must be fixed as per manufacturer and SANS 10252-1 section 5 and 8. Components Thermostats – SANS 181 Safety trays – SANS 1848 Fixed type water heaters – SANS 151 	 d. Valves – SANS 198 e. Float valve – SANS 752 f. Isolating valves SANS 1056-3 ball, SANS 776 gate 7. Connections to all components (storage tank, valves, pumps, etc) must be union type for ease of replacement. 8. Adequate access must be provided to remove or maintain or replace any component. 		
11	SANS 151, 198	HOT WATER CYLINDER Integrity of hot water cylinder and the valves must meet SANS 151 requirements.				
12	SANS 10254	WRITTEN NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE When any replacement, repair or maintenance work is being done on any components in the system, a written notice of all non-compliances must be given by the plumber to the owner or occupant for the owner's attention. <i>See annexure A</i>				
13	SANS 10254 10142-1	 COC (INCLUDED IN CURRENT AMENDMENTS TO SANS 10254) A plumbing certificate of compliance from the Plumbing Industry Registration Board (PIRB) the SQAQ registered professional body for plumbers, shall be issued for the installation, replacement or repair of any plumbing works carried out on the hot water reticulation system. An electrical COC is required for the electrical connection in accordance with SANS 10142-1 (OHS Act Electrical Regulations) 				

*NOTE: These tables do not cover all aspects of compliance as required by regulation & standards.

You are still responsible to comply with all regulations and standards. Refer to point 13 & Annexure A: Non-compliance notice SANS 10254 for guideline to all areas of compliance.

ABLE C: COMPL /ATER HEATER (IANCE TABLE FOR: THE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF FIXED ELECTRI (GEYSER)	C STORAGE The following table denotes the critical areas of complia maintenance is undertaken on a fixed electric storage w	nce that must be undertaken by a plumber if and when a particular repair ater heater (gevser).
em Regulation		of a fixed electrical storage water heater (geyser) installations must comply	with all requirements of SANS 10252-1 and SANS 10254.
	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE OF A DRIP TRAY The following critical areas of compliance in terms of the SANS	1. Drip tray installed in the correct manner.	 Each foot of water heater must rest on a support beam. No water heater or storage tank of capacity exceeding 200 L shall be
	requirements must be undertaken when the repairs/maintenance of a drip		attached by means of brackets or hangers to a load-bearing masonr
	tray is undertaken. Repair/Maintenance shall include the replacement of a	towards its outlet to ensure that all water will run out unrestricted.	or concrete wall or to any other vertical structural element.
	drip tray and or installation of a new drip tray to an existing installation.	3. The size of the drip tray shall be such that it will cover the total area	
		of the heater and the associated water control appurtenance.	PLUMBING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
SANS 10252	COMPONENTS (INCL. PIPES, FITTINGS AND FIXTURES)	4. Discharge pipe must be suitable for hot water as required in SANS	A plumbing certificate of compliance from the Plumbing Industry
Part 1 and	1. All materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures used in the	10252 – 1 section 8 and drainage principles of SANS 10252-2 must be	
SANS 10254	repair/maintenance must meet SANS 10252 – 1 section 5 (when	employed (gradients, no 90° elbows on horizontal runs etc. 5. Pipe must discharge to outside of building, easily visible.	plumbers, shall be issued for the installation, replacement or repair of a
	applicable the supplier must be able to provide proof that the component complies to the relevant SANS standard) and must be	5. Pipe must discharge to outside of building, easily visible.	plumbing works carried out on the hot water reticulation system.
	listed on the JASWIC acceptance list.	MOUNTING	WRITTEN NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE
	2. Materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures must be installed	1. The support structure for the drip tray and water heater, must be	When any replacement, repair or maintenance work is being done on an
	as per regulation and manufacturers guidelines.	placed on tie beams that are supported on load bearing walls, at	components in the system, a written notice of all non-compliances must
	3. Adequate access must be provided to remove or maintain or replace	least grade 5 of SANS 1783-2, of a size 114mm x 30mm or bigger and	be given by the plumber
	any component. REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE OF A TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE VALVE	may not be spaced more than 500mm apart.4. Adequate access must be provided to remove or maintain or replace	a. never be joined together with other discharge pipes,
	The following critical areas of compliance in terms of the SANS	any component.	b. led to a discharge point which is visible outside the building and in
	requirements must be undertaken when the repairs/maintenance of a		position where the discharge from the pipe will not cause a nuisan
	temperature and pressure valve is undertaken. Repair/maintenance shall	PLUMBING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE	and also cannot become blocked,
	include the replacement of a temperature and pressure valve and or	A plumbing certificate of compliance from the Plumbing Industry	c. be installed in a manner that will obviate the development of wate
		Registration Board (PIRB) the SAQA registered professional body for	traps which could prevent the free return of air into the system,
CANE 402E2		plumbers, shall be issued for the installation, replacement or repair of any	d. sized not less than the size of the outlet of the valve for which the
Part 1 and	 COMPONENTS (INCL. PIPES, FITTINGS AND FIXTURES) 1. All materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures used in the 	plumbing works carried out on the hot water reticulation system.	pipe is intended. e. Always be of metal and inclined downwards away from the valve.
SANS 10254		TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE VALVE	f. Thermal insulation must be installed on 1m Temperature and
	applicable the supplier must be able to provide proof that the	1. The Temperature and Pressure Valve shall have the same pressure	Pressure discharge pipe.
	component complies to the relevant SANS standard) and must be	rating as other valves used in the system.	
	listed on the JASWIC acceptance list.	2. The pressure rating of the Temperature and Pressure Valve may be	WRITTEN NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE
	2. Materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures must be installed	less than the rated pressure of the storage water heater but shall	When any replacement, repair or maintenance work is being done on
	as per regulation and manufacturers guidelines.	never exceed it.	any components in the system, a written notice of all non-compliances
	 Connections to all components must be union type for ease of replacement. 	3. The discharge pipes from the Temperature and Pressure Valve shall.	must be given by the plumber to the owner or occupant for the owner's attention. See annexure A
	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE OF AN EXPANSION CONTROL VALVE	4. Adequate access must be provided to remove or maintain or replace	c. installed in a manner that will obviate the development of water
	The following critical areas of compliance in terms of the SANS	any component.	traps which could prevent the free return of air into the system,
	requirements must be undertaken when the repairs/maintenance of an		d. sized not less than the size of the outlet of the valve for which the
	Expansion Control Valve is undertaken. Repair/Maintenance shall include	EXPANSION CONTROL VALVE	pipe is intended, and
	the replacement of an Expansion Control Valve and or installation of an Expansion Control Valve to an existing installation.	 The Expansion Control Valve shall have the same pressure rating as other valves used in the system. 	PLUMBING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
		 The pressure rating of the Expansion Control Valve maybe less than 	A plumbing certificate of compliance from the Plumbing Industry
SANS 10252	- COMPONENTS (INCL. PIPES, FITTINGS AND FIXTURES)	the rated pressure of the storage water heater but shall never exceed	
Part 1 and	1. All materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures used in the	it.	plumbers, shall be issued for the installation, replacement or repair of a
SANS 10254		3. An isolating valve, gate valve, non-return valve or any other flow	plumbing works carried out on the hot water reticulation system.
	applicable the supplier must be able to provide proof that the	control device shall not be provided between an Expansion Control	
	component complies to the relevant SANS standard) and must be	Valve and the water	WRITTEN NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE
	listed on the JASWIC acceptance list. 2. Materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures must be installed	 The discharge pipes from Expansion Control valve shall a. never be joined together with other discharge pipes, 	When any replacement, repair or maintenance work is being done on any components in the system, a written notice of all non-compliances
	as per regulation and manufacturers guidelines.		must be given by the plumber to the owner or occupant for the owner's
	3. Connections to all components must be union type for ease of	position where the discharge from the pipe will not cause a nuisance	
	replacement.	and also cannot become blocked,	
	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE OF A PRESSURE CONTROL VALVE	 Connections to all components must be union type for ease of replacement 	PLUMBING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE A plumbing certificate of compliance from the Plumbing Industry
	The following critical areas of compliance in terms of the SANS requirements must be undertaken when the repairs/maintenance of a	replacement. 4. Adequate access must be provided to remove or maintain or replace	
	Pressure Control Valve is undertaken when the repairs/maintenance of a	any component.	plumbers, shall be issued for the installation, replacement or repair of a
	the replacement of a Pressure Control Valve and or installation of a		plumbing works carried out on the hot water reticulation system.
	Pressure Control Valve to an existing installation.	PRESSURE CONTROL VALVE	
SANS 10252		1. The Pressure Control Valve shall have the same pressure rating as	WRITTEN NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE
Part 1 and	COMPONENTS (INCL. PIPES, FITTINGS AND FIXTURES)	other valves used in the system.	When any replacement, repair or maintenance work is being done on
SANS 10254	 All materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures used in the repair/maintenance must meet SANS 10252 – 1 section 5 (when 	The pressure rating of the Pressure Control Valve maybe less than the rated pressure of the storage water heater but shall never exceed	any components in the system, a written notice of all non-compliances must be given by the plumber to the owner or occupant for the owner?
	applicable the supplier must be able to provide proof that the	it.	attention. See annexure A
	component complies to the relevant SANS standard) and must be	3. The location of the Pressure Control Valve must be related to the	
	listed on the JASWIC acceptance list.	required downstream flow-pressures.	
	2. Materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures must be installed	4. See requirements of the Expansion Control Valve if the Pressure	
	as per regulation and manufacturers guidelines. REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE OF A VACUUM CONTROL VALVES	Control Valve incorporates an Expansion Control Valve. 2. Materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures must be installed	PLUMBING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
	The following critical areas of compliance in terms of the SANS	as per regulation and manufacturers guidelines.	A plumbing certificate of compliance from the Plumbing Industry
	requirements must be undertaken when the repairs/maintenance of a	3. Adequate access must be provided to remove or maintain or replace	
	Vacuum Control Valves is undertaken. Repair/Maintenance shall include	any component.	plumbers, shall be issued for the installation, replacement or repair of a
	the replacement of a Vacuum Control Valves and or installation of a		plumbing works carried out on the hot water reticulation system.
SANS 10252	- Vacuum Control Valves to an existing installation.	VACUUM CONTROL VALVES	
Part 1 and SANS 10254	COMPONENTS (INCL. PIPES, FITTINGS AND FIXTURES)	 Vacuum control valves shall be installed on both hot and cold water pipes to and from the heater to ensure the water heater is vented. 	WRITTEN NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE When any replacement, repair or maintenance work is being done on
57113 10234	1. All materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures used in the	 Vacuum control valves shall be installed on both hot and cold water 	any components in the system, a written notice of all non-compliances
	repair/maintenance must meet SANS 10252 – 1 section 5 (when	pipes to ensure that siphonage of the water heater is prevented.	must be given by the plumber to the owner or occupant for the owner's
	applicable the supplier must be able to provide proof that the		attention.
	component complies to the relevant SANS standard) and must be		
	listed on the JASWIC acceptance list. REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE OF A ISOLATING AND CONTROL VALVES	COMPONENTS (INCL. PIPES, FITTINGS AND FIXTURES)	PLUMBING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
	The following critical areas of compliance in terms of the SANS	1. All materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures used in the	A plumbing certificate of compliance from the Plumbing Industry
	requirements must be undertaken when the repairs/maintenance of	repair/maintenance must meet SANS 10252 – 1 section 5 (when	Registration Board (PIRB) the SAQA registered professional body for
	an Isolating or Control Valves is undertaken. Repair/Maintenance shall	applicable the supplier must be able to provide proof that the	plumbers, shall be issued for the installation, replacement or repair of a
SANS 10252	l- include the replacement of a Vacuum Control Valves and or installation of	component complies to the relevant SANS standard) and must be	plumbing works carried out on the hot water reticulation system.
Part 1 and	Vacuum Control Valves to an existing installation.	listed on the JASWIC acceptance list.	
SANS 10254		2. Materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures must be installed	WRITTEN NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE
	ISOLATING AND CONTROL VALVES Shall not be provided between any expansion-relief device or vacuum	as per regulation and manufacturers guidelines. 3. Adequate access must be provided to remove or maintain or replace	When any replacement, repair or maintenance work is being done on any components in the system, a written notice of all non-compliances
	relief device.	 Adequate access must be provided to remove or maintain or replace any component. 	must be given by the plumber to the owner or occupant for the owner's
			attention. See annexure A
	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE OF A PIPEWORK	PLUMBING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE	* While the standard reflects all hot water pipes, IOPSA recommends 3m

The following critical areas of compliance in terms of the SANS requirements must be undertaken when the repairs/maintenance to the hot water systems pipework is undertaken.

COMPONENTS (INCL. PIPES, FITTINGS AND FIXTURES)

- 1. All materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures used in the repair/maintenance must meet SANS 10252 – 1 section 5 (when applicable the supplier must be able to provide proof that the component complies to the relevant SANS standard) and must be listed on the JASWIC acceptance list.
- 2. Materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures must be installed as per regulation and manufacturers guidelines.
- 3. Adequate access must be provided to remove or maintain or replace any component.

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE OF A THERMOSTAT/ELEMENT

The following critical areas of compliance in terms of the SANS requirements must be undertaken when the repairs/maintenance to the thermostat and or element is undertaken. repair/maintenance shall include the replacement of a thermostat and or element.

COMPONENTS (INCL. PIPES, FITTINGS AND FIXTURES)

- 1. All materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures used in the repair/maintenance must meet SANS 10252 - 1 section 5 (when applicable the supplier must be able to provide proof that the component complies to the relevant SANS standard) and must be listed on the JASWIC acceptance list.
- Materials, pipes, fittings, components and fixtures must be installed 2. as per regulation and manufacturers guidelines.

Adequate access

A plumbing certificate of compliance from the Plumbing Industry Registration Board (PIRB) the SAQA registered professional body for plumbers, shall be issued for the installation, replacement or repair of any plumbing works carried out on the hot water reticulation system.

PIPEWORK

- 1. The pipes shall be firmly anchored to prevent water hammer and the dislodgement of joints.
- 2. Thermal insulation must be installed on the repaired hot and cold pipe work as directed in SANS 10252-1 section 6 (*3 m from the hot water outlet, cold pipe first 1m from inlet and first 1m of the Temperature and Pressure discharge pipe)

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- The discharge pipes from the Temperature and Pressure Valve shall
- a. never be joined together with other discharge pipes,
- b. led to a discharge point which is visible outside the building and in a position where the discharge from the pipe will not cause a nuisance A plumbing certificate of compliance from the Plumbing Industry and also cannot become blocked,
- c. be installed in a manner that will obviate the development of water traps which could prevent the free return of air into the system,
- d. sized not less than the size of the outlet of the valve for which the pipe is intended, and
- e. in the case of safety valves, always be of metal and inclined downwards away from the valve.
- f. Thermal insulation must be installed on 1m Temperature and Pressure discharge pipe.

while the remaining pipework should be noted to the client (see below for written non-compliance).

3. In the case where the pipe work is totalled replaced and or new pipe work is installed Thermal insulation must be installed on the hot and cold pipe work as directed in SANS 10252-1 section 6 (the whole length of the replaced/installed hot water pipe, cold pipe first 1m from inlet and first 1m of the Temperature and Pressure discharge pipe).

WRITTEN NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE

When any replacement, repair or maintenance work is being done on any components in the system, a written notice of all non-compliances must be given by the plumber to the owner or occupant for the owner's attention. See annexure A

ELEMENT

Ensure that siphonage of the water heater is prevented.

PLUMBING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Registration Board (PIRB) the SAQA registered professional body for plumbers, shall be issued for the installation, replacement or repair of any plumbing works carried out on the hot water reticulation system.

WRITTEN NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANCE

When any replacement, repair or maintenance work is being done on any components in the system, a written notice of all non-compliances must be given by the plumber to the owner or occupant for the owner's attention. See annexure A