

**SUMMARY OF COVID-19 LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS FOR PLUMBERS – 29 APRIL 2020.**

1. Work that may be conducted by plumbers during level 4 lockdown;
  - a. Essential or emergency repairs and maintenance (as before)
    - i. Essential services permits and all other rules in this regard remain in place
  - b. Limited construction projects;
    - i. Public works projects
    - ii. Infrastructure projects (water, electricity, sewer, roads, etc)
    - iii. Critical maintenance and repairs for essential services providers
2. Work that may **NOT** be conducted during level 4 lockdown;
  - a. All construction projects not listed above, such as;
    - i. Residential or domestic housing
    - ii. Commercial projects
  - b. Upgrades and renovations
  - c. New installations (except as listed in 1.b. above.)
3. Hardwares and material suppliers will still only be allowed to sell to qualified trades people. They will however start ramping up to 50% of capacity. (This is our reading of the published regulations, we note that there are conflicting media reports and we will provide clarification as soon as we have it)
4. Staff who are currently in lockdown in a different province may travel back to work. They will require proof of employment and proof that company is an essential service provider (permit).
5. All employers must immediately implement the following;
  - a) Appoint a COVID-19 Compliance Officer
  - b) Develop a plan for the phased in return of their employees to the workplace, prior to reopening the workplace for business.
  - c) Develop measures to ensure that the workplace meets the health protocols.
  - d) Conduct a COVID-19 Risk Assessment
  - e) Notify all workers of the contents of the regulations
  - f) Place notices in conspicuous places in the workplace informing workers of the dangers of the virus, transmission, prevention, use of masks, cough etiquette and where to go for screening or testing.
  - g) screen all workers, to ascertain whether they have any of the observable symptoms associated with COVID-19.
  - h) Provide workers with 70% alcohol hand sanitiser
  - i) Clean and sanitise all work areas regularly (at least twice per day), this includes vehicles.
  - j) Ensure that workers wash and sanitise regularly.
  - k) Provide each employee with at least 2 cloth masks each and all appropriate PPE.
  - l) Clean and launder all masks and PPE regularly as per guidelines.

The above is a high level overview, IOPSA has commissioned a Health & Safety professional to provide a comprehensive guideline, which will be published in due course.

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