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Dear Sirs,

## WSD Circular Letter No. 6/2024

### Proposed Amendments to “Guide to Application for Water Supply”

According to Section 7.2(a) of the WSD’s publication “Guide to Application for Water Supply”, for plumbing proposal submissions with water heaters intended to be installed in future, a written undertaking must be obtained from the architect/developer with full description of the type of heaters intended to be installed in future so that the vertical plumbing line diagrams could be checked and approved to comply with relevant statutory requirements.

2. It is not uncommon for public housing projects that water heaters would be installed by the future tenants/Registered Consumers instead of the architect/project proponent, whereby acceptance of plumbing installations and water supply to be given without heaters installed would be sought from the Water Authority.

#### New Arrangement

3. To enable greater flexibility in handling plumbing proposals under the aforesaid circumstances, the architect/project proponent may provide a written statement in the plumbing proposal drawing(s) in lieu of the written undertakings to fulfil relevant requirements stipulated in the “Guide to Application for Water Supply”. Such arrangement is only applicable to public housing projects managed by the Housing Department.

4. To this end, Section 7.2 of “Guide to Application for Water Supply” has been updated to suit the above arrangement. Please refer to the attached **Annex I** for details.

**Effective Date**

5. The above arrangement shall take immediate effect.

**Enquiry**

6. Should you have any enquiry, please contact our Engineer/Technical Support(4) at telephone no. 2829 5657.

Yours faithfully,

(Original Signed)

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for Water Authority

Encl.  
(with Chinese translation)

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Housing Department (Attn: SM/QM)

Buildings Department

Architectural Services Department

Fire Services Department

The Hong Kong Housing Society

The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

The Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering – Hong Kong Branch

Hong Kong Plumbing and Sanitary Ware Trade Association Ltd.

Hong Kong Licensed Plumbing Professionals Association Ltd.

Hong Kong Water Works Professionals Association Ltd.

The Hong Kong Institution of Plumbing and Drainage Ltd.

Plumbing Technology Student Association

The Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong Limited

Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education

Hong Kong Institute of Construction, Construction Industry Council

The Hong Kong Construction Association, Ltd.

Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association Ltd.

The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical & Mechanical Contractors Ltd.  
Contractor's Authorised Signatory Association Ltd.  
Registered Minor Works Contractor Signatory Association Ltd.  
Hong Kong Registered Contractors Association Company Ltd.  
Hong Kong Licensed Plumbers Union Limited  
Hong Kong Metropolitan University Li Ka Shing School of Professional and Continuing Education  
The Association of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (Hong Kong) Ltd.  
Pipeman Engineering (International) Limited  
Hong Kong Institute of Water and Sanitation Safety

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## 7.2 Water Heaters

The type of water heater to be installed shall be shown in the VPLD of the plumbing proposal for approval by the WA. The Water Authority (WA) may consider acceptance of plumbing installation and a supply to be given without heaters installed on the following conditions:-

- (a) If VPLD indicates that heaters will not be installed but plumbing details are shown to provide supply points for heaters, a written undertaking must be obtained from the architect/developer with full description of the type of heaters intended to be installed in future so that VPLD should be checked and approved to comply with Waterworks requirements for the installation of the particular heaters.
- (b) If heaters are shown on VPLD but cannot be installed in place ready for final inspection, an advance written undertaking should be obtained from the architect/developer giving a prescribed date for the heaters to be installed. *The WA may carry out re-inspections to the premises 6 months after the installation of meters to check if the correct type of heaters has been installed.*
- (c) A warning plate should be secured in a proper and conspicuous place as near to the heater position as possible and etched with the following instruction in both English and Chinese:

“Only [type of water heater] water heaters should be installed *in compliance with the requirements under the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102) and the Waterworks Regulations (Cap. 102A).*”  
*Prior approval must be obtained from the Water Authority.*”

“只准安裝[熱水器種類]熱水器，並須符合香港法例第102章《水務設施條例》及第102A章《水務設施規例》的相關要求”  
先向水務監督申請”

*The WA may carry out re-inspections to the premises 6 months after the installation of meters to check if the correct type of heaters have been installed.*

- (d) *For public housing projects managed by the Housing Department, the*

building services engineer may provide the following written statement in the plumbing proposal drawing(s) in lieu of the written undertakings to fulfil conditions (a) and (b) above:

“Tenants have the option to purchase and install their own suitable water heaters in the market, whether they are unvented storage or instantaneous type (gas or electric), in accordance with the relevant Housing Department’s policies. These water heaters shall be installed in accordance with the Water Authority’s requirements and the manufacturer’s specifications and requirements.”

Remarks:

Extracted from Section 7.2 of Guide to Application of Water Supply, with updated part(s) in underline italic font.