

SCHMIDHAUSER

ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING

What is a Water Compliance Certificate?

A Water Compliance Certificate is needed to make sure that no clean water goes to waste. This certificate is required as a local by-law and only applies to properties sold where the City of Cape Town is the municipal authority. This came into effect in March 2011.

The City of Cape Town Water By-Law, Section 14(1), stipulates that before a property can be transferred, a Schedule 4 Certificate of Compliance for the water installation must be issued. The installation must meet the by-laws as well as the SANS 10252 and SANS 10254 regulations.

How long is a Water Compliance Certificate valid for?

The certificate is valid for 6 months from date of issue, as per the City of Cape Town.

Water and plumbing Installation Compliance Checklist:

- The hot water cylinder is plumbed correctly:
 - Pressure release valve (PRV) is of the correct value.
 - Vacuum breakers are correctly installed.
 - Emergency temperature pressure valve overflow is installed with the correctly sized and rated copper pipe.
 - All three geyser overflows are separately plumbed to the outside and must safely discharge to the atmosphere.
- None of the terminal water fittings leak and they are correctly fixed in position.
- No storm water is discharged into the sewerage system.
- The water meter registers when a tap is open and stops completely when no water is drawn.
- There are no cross connections between the potable supply and any grey water or groundwater system which may be installed.
- A drip tray installed if the geyser was installed after September 2006.
- The water pipes in the plumbing installation are properly saddled and secured.

What is not covered by a Water and Plumbing Compliance Certificate?

- Slow bathwater draining.
- Low water pressure
- Sink, toilet, or basin waste-water leakage
- Broken toilet or flusher handle
- Blocked drains
- Sewerage lines
- Waste lines
- Undetectable Leaks in walls