

Public Health Circular

Training Requirements - Servicing of Domestic Aerated Wastewater Treatment Systems

This Circular clarifies the imposition of training requirements found in the South Australian Public Health (Wastewater) Regulations 2013 (the Regulations) and the Onsite Wastewater Systems Code (The Code).

Aerated wastewater treatment systems covered by this circular may include the processes of primary treatment, aeration, clarification and disinfection connected to an approved recycled water irrigation system.

Existing sandfilter systems, commercial wastewater treatment systems and service agents are not covered by this circular

Homeowners with an existing approval to service their system:

Where a homeowner is already permitted by the relevant authority to carry out servicing of their own aerated wastewater treatment system, this permission can be maintained without the need for further training provided this servicing is in accordance with:

- the relevant requirements of the Regulations and Code;
- the manufacturer's requirements; and
- any further requirements of the relevant authority.

A failure to meet these requirements may result in the relevant authority issuing a notice to the Act to rectify any non-compliance issues that may include a requirement to attend the training course as specified by the Code.

Homeowners installing a new system:

Any homeowners wishing to undertake servicing of their own domestic aerated wastewater treatment system after 16 June 2013 are required to undertake the training course specified by the Code. This includes new sandfilter systems. Product manufacturers may impose additional further training requirements specific to their respective units.

Additional requirements for all systems

Where required by specific legislation (e.g *Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians Act 1995*), appropriately licenced tradespersons must be engaged to carry out the relevant work.

Unless otherwise permitted by the relevant authority, where a person has been allowed to carry out servicing, the permission should extend to that person and specific property only and does not extend to other family members or new occupants if the house is sold or rented.

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