Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board

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Supervision FAQs

Is there a law that you must be employed by your supervisor?

Under the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006, this is not a requirement of supervision.

Am I able to work for a different company to my supervisor?

Yes, you can work for a different company to your supervisor. The Board understands that for a number of reasons you may work for a different company than where your supervisor works. This can be because the company you work for does not have a current certifying practitioner in the trade you are working in. You only need to let us know if your supervisor is not working in the same region as you.

As a supervisor, are there going to be restrictions on how many people I can have under my ticket?

The Board does not have a policy on how many people a supervisor can supervise. However, we encourage you to read our guide for supervisors and remote supervision policy.

I'm based in the same area as my nominated supervisor, what do I need to do?

If you and your supervisor are based in the same region, then you do not need to anything. We encourage you to have good supervision practises in place and check out the resources we have available here on our website.

I live 70-100kms away from my supervisor but drive back and forth to work each day. Is it an issue that I live far away?

As long as you are in the same region and following good supervision practices this should not be a problem. The Board will take into consideration if you live in a different region to your supervisor, but close to the border. For example, if you live in Pukekohe and work in Waikato, where your supervisor also lives, this is fine. If you live in Otago and your supervisor lives in Taranaki, the Board will want to know more details about what supervision practices are in place.

For more information on what good supervision looks like, read more here on the Board's website.

What does the Board mean by region?

The regions are located below.

