

Smart eDA Plumbing Application Service

User guide for applicants

A guide to assist an applicant in preparing, lodging and tracking plumbing applications electronically under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002.*







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Overview

Plumbing Application Service

The Plumbing Application Service (PAS) is an online service that supports the preparation, lodgement and processing of plumbing applications.

PAS provides the workflow to guide applicants through the assessment process by bringing together multiple sources of information and the relevant assessing authorities for processing plumbing applications.

It is a single access point for applicants across the state and is available for use 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

PAS, through Growth Management Queensland, represents a strong and effective collaboration with councils to get the right services in the right place at the right time.

The plumbing application process in Queensland is governed under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002*.

Services provided by PAS

Through PAS applicants can:

- prepare forms online
- pay fees electronically
- · lodge an application electronically
- forward Form 7 electronically to the responsible person to complete
- receive notifications electronically
- upload documentation
- communicate electronically with relevant stakeholders and authorities from the lodgement through to the final decision stages.

Getting started

Before you start

Council participation

All councils are being encouraged to participate in PAS. A full list of participating councils is regularly updated and is available on the department's website at www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/plumbing/plumbing-application-and-notification-service.html.

Make sure you have the correct software tools

To use PAS you will need:

- Internet Explorer Version 7 or later, Firefox Version 3 or later, Safari Version 4 or later, or Chrome Version 4 or later
- Adobe Reader Version 9 or later (this is required to enable functionality of e-Forms). Adobe Reader can be downloaded for free from www.adobe.com.



Where to start

PAS supports two types of users

- 1. Registered single users
- 2. Registered businesses (provides options for multiple offices and users)

Registration for PAS is free.

PAS requires an email address in order to lodge, refer and track an application electronically, manage tasks and communicate electronically.

The registration process differs slightly depending on whether you are registering as an individual or an organisation. To register, visit http://dlgp.qld.gov.au/plumbing/plumbing-application-and-notification-service.html.



1. Registering as a single user

As a single user, you can create an account under one name to prepare and manage your applications. All correspondence will be directed to your registered email address.

Once you have submitted your details, an email will be automatically sent to your registered email address asking for your confirmation.

If you do not receive this email, please check your junk mail. If you require assistance, please contact the PAS team on 07 3405 6167.

2. Registering as a business

Registering as a business is beneficial when there is more than one person preparing applications within the same business. This allows users to keep track of various offices and staff across the business, which increases transparency and makes managing multiple applications a much simpler task.

Businesses are required to nominate an administrator to register and manage applications. The administrator can then register office locations/business units and staff within the business.

An example of an organisation setup

A general email inbox will be required for receiving all correspondence from PAS. This should be listed as the main email address on the registration form. From here you can set up several users under one office or several offices using individual email addresses.

All applications will be made under the name of the registered user and all returned correspondence will go to the general email inbox. The assigned user will be identified in the subject line of any returning email correspondence.

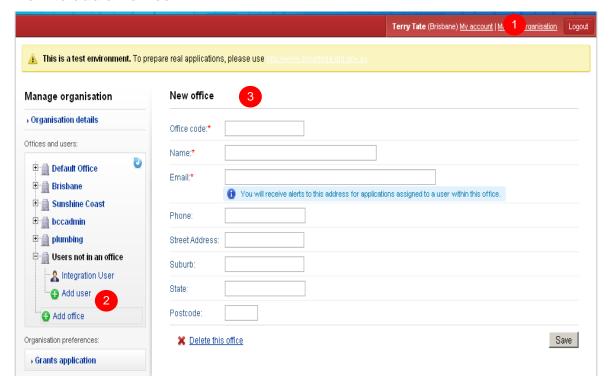
From the main email inbox you will be able to manually distribute emails or automate this by setting up email distribution rules within the inbox. The email distribution rules can be set up to



automatically forward incoming emails to the assigned user as identified in the subject line of the email. The main inbox can then be monitored if someone is away from the office.

The administrator of the organisation can create new offices and users. To create a new office, please follow the steps below:

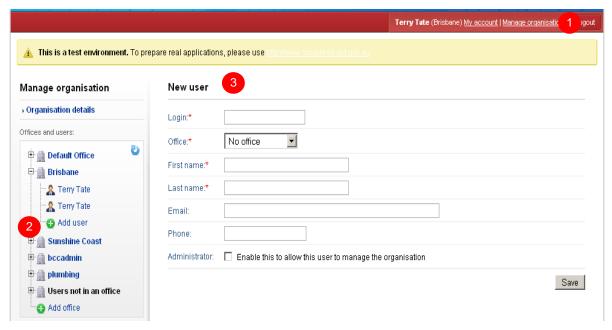
How to add an office



- 1) Select the 'Manage organisation' tab—once your organisation has been registered, your organisation details will be added into the default office.
- 2) If you have various locations, you will be able to add them as a separate office by selecting 'Add office'.
- Office details should be entered under 'New office'. The Office code, Name and Email fields are mandatory.



How to add users

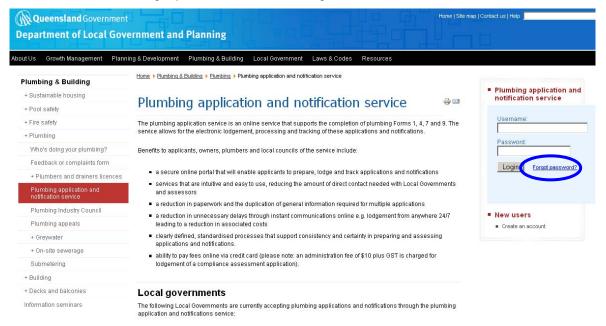


- 1) Select 'Manage organisation' tab—once your organisation has been registered, your organisation details will be shown on the left side of the page.
- 2) Click on 'Add user'—users can be added to the default office or any other office you have registered for your organisation.
- 3) Enter 'New user' details—the email address entered will be the new user's login.

If you require any assistance in setting up an organisation structure to suit your needs, please contact the PAS team via email: sedafeedback@dlgp.gld.gov.au

Forgotten password

If at any stage you have forgotten your password to login, visit the http://dlgp.qld.gov.au/plumbing/plumbing-application-and-notification-service.html, enter your email address and click on 'forgot password' next to the 'login' button.

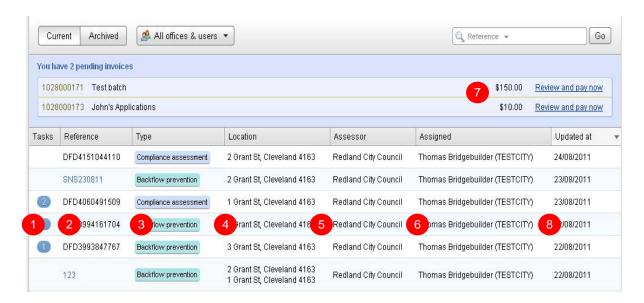




Preparing an application

Applications page

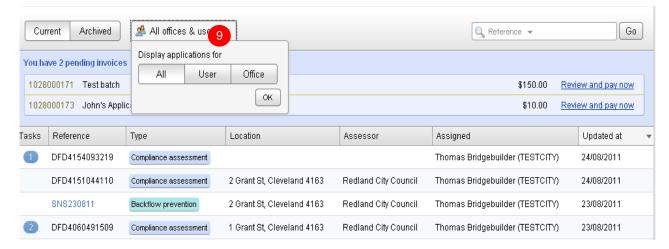
The applications page will be the first page you will see after logging into PAS. A summary of all your applications will be listed, with recently updated applications displayed at the top of the list.



- Task—numbered blue squares alert users to the number of tasks to be completed.
- Reference—the PAS reference number or your own reference number (if you choose to add in your own unique identifier when you create the application).
- Type—whether the application is for notifiable minor work or compliance assessment.
- 4. Location—address where the work is to take place.
- 5. Assessor—details of the relevant council for the application.
- 6. Assigned—name of the user and office location. This allows businesses to view who is managing which applications within their business (for individual users, only their name will appear).
- Pending invoices—outstanding invoices yet to be paid.
- 8. Updated at—the most recent date the application was amended.

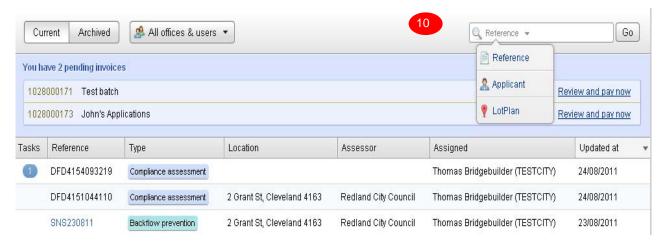


Applications can be filtered by assignee.



Offices & users—allows you to filter the applications shown by selecting between All, User or Office.

Searching for an application.



- 10. Reference—allows you to search for an application by:
 - a. Reference—the PAS reference number or your unique ID number
 - b. Applicant—first name, last name or user name
 - c. LotPlan—the lot on plan number



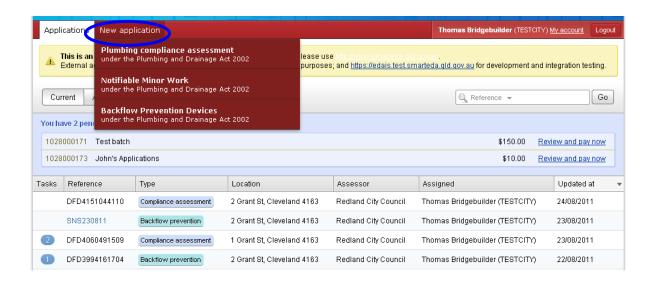
PAS wizard

Before you get started

PAS is designed to work through a wizard process to assist you with the preparation of your application. You will be guided by the 'next' or 'continue' buttons at the bottom of each page to take you to the next step in the process. All of the relevant steps in the process are listed at the top of the screen. At any stage you will be able to go back to any page by clicking on 'go back'.

Application type

To start a new application, click on 'new' from the second tab menu and choose the type of application you want to create (plumbing compliance assessment, notifiable minor work or backflow prevention devices).

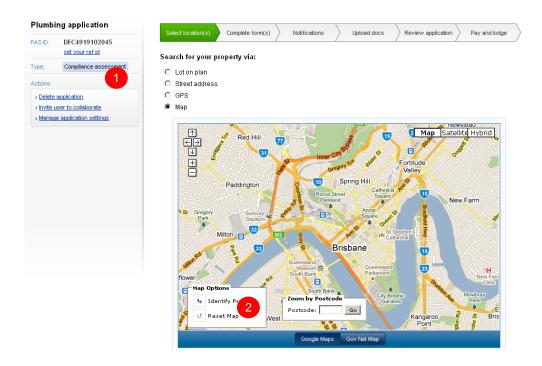




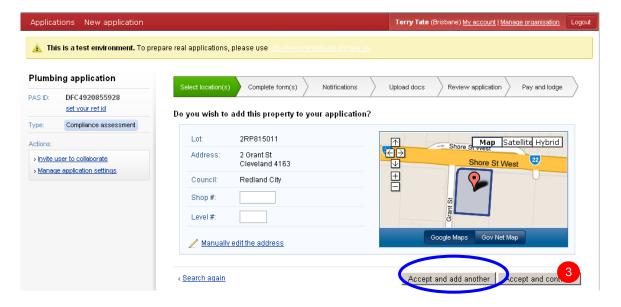
Add location

The first step in preparing a new application will be to add a location. There are four ways to select and identify a lot:

- Enter data—a location can be identified and added using the lot number, street address or Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates.
- 2. The lot can be identified by using either Gov Net Maps or Google Maps. You can search by postcode or use 'zoom' tools and the 'identify property' tool to click on the desired lot and select 'search'.

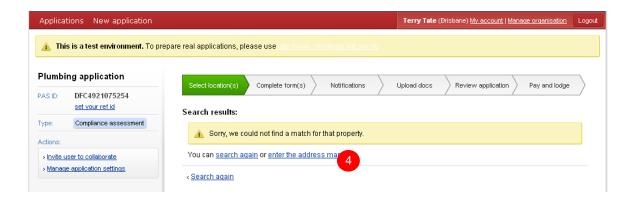


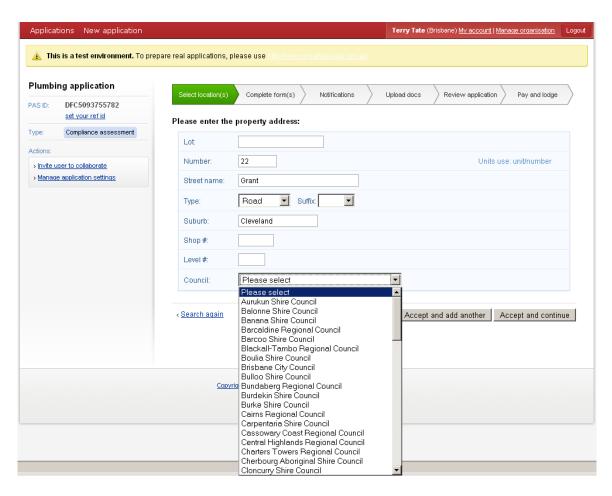
3. Add location—once the location is identified you will need to select the 'Accept and continue' button. Multiple lots can be selected for one application by clicking 'Accept and add another' and repeating the process.





4. If you are unable to identify a lot by using these three searches, the search may be returned with an unconfirmed location warning. It is possible to continue with an unconfirmed location by clicking 'enter the address manually' and selecting the relevant council from the drop down options.



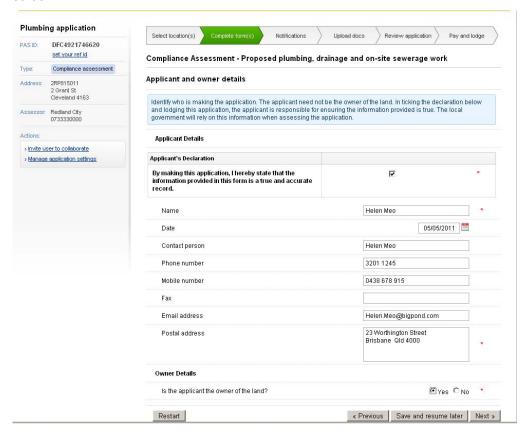




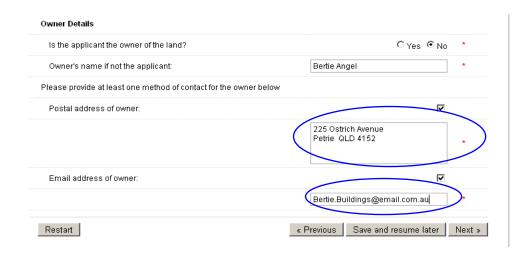
Forms

The plumbing forms in PAS are electronic representations of the paper based forms. The forms are to be completed in an 'interview format' where only relevant questions will be generated, dependent on the answers provided.

Once you have completed the forms, PAS will automatically populate and save these details to the application. Prior to submission, the populated form can be viewed under the 'Complete form(s)' tab on the summary screen. After submission, the form can be viewed and downloaded from the summary screen.



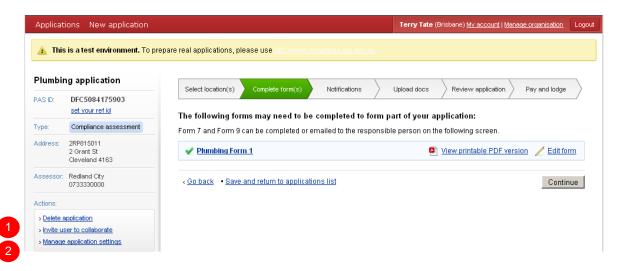
If you are not the owner of the land – select 'No' for the question 'Is the applicant the owner of the land?' and complete the details for the owner. PAS allows the owner to be contacted by mail or email.





Invite user to collaborate

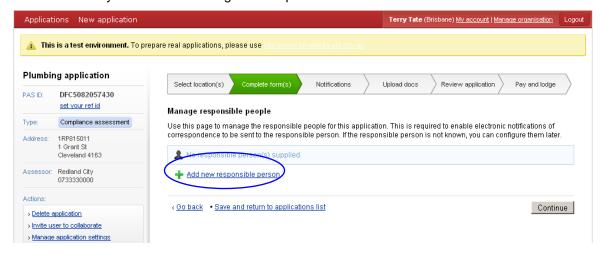
- Invite user to collaborate —you may extend an invitation for another user to work with you on this application by selecting 'Invite user to collaborate' and completing the details. If the user does not have an account with any of the Smart eDA services they will be sent an invitation to register along with your invitation.
 - A collaborating user will be able to perform the same actions as you on this application and receive email notifications, but will not be able to extend invitations of their own, or manage any application settings.
- 2. Manage application settings—allows you to remove any invited users from this application.



Responsible person

The responsible person for regulated work is a person who is licensed to perform the work and either performs or directs the performance of the work. If the responsible person for the work is not known, ticking the declaration in this part is not required. However, if the declaration for this section has not been ticked, Form 7 must be completed by the responsible person and provided to the local government prior to requesting an assessment of the work. If this form is used for a solar hot water pump installation, a Form 4 is not required.

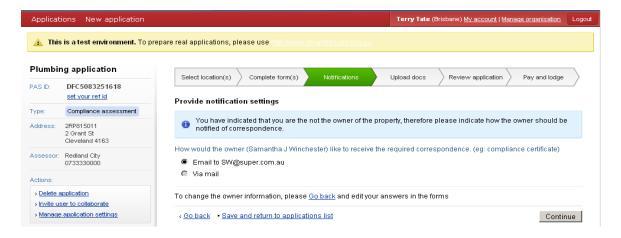
After completing the plumbing form, the responsible person for the work will need to be identified. If the applicant is not the responsible person, Form 7 can be forwarded to the responsible person via email. Please note they will need a PAS login to complete the form.





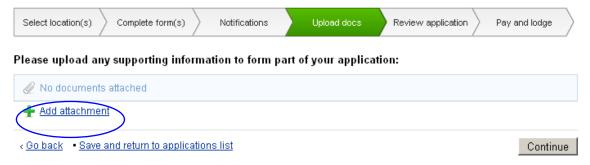
Notifications

If the applicant is not the owner you will need to select the notification style in which the owner wishes to receive correspondence (e.g. compliance permit). Email notification is strongly recommended.

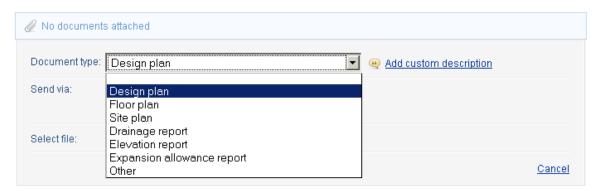


Uploading documents

The 'Upload docs' tab is where all documentation and reports are uploaded. This is a browse and upload function similar to attaching documents in an email. Files up to 50MB are supported and PDF documents are recommended.



Classify the type of document you will be uploading by either selecting an option from the drop down list or selecting 'Add custom description', give the document a description and then browse your folders for the document you want to upload.



Repeat the above steps for additional files. When all document uploads are completed, select 'Continue' or 'Save and return to applications list'.



Incorrect document—to delete an incorrect document that has been uploaded and saved to the application, select the red 'x' located next to the incorrect document to delete. **Note:** once an application has been lodged with the assessor, you cannot remove any documents.



Review application

This provides an overview of the application prior to submission and will include all forms and documentation attached to the application. Before lodgement, you will need to check that all the required forms have been completed and all documentation has been uploaded as required by the assessment manager.

Every PAS application will be given a unique PAS identification number (ID). The applicant and council can also set their own identification by selecting 'set your ref ID', entering in an 'identity code' and clicking 'save'. All reference numbers can then be viewed by choosing 'Show all'. If changes are required, you will need to select 'Go back' and make the necessary changes. If no changes are required, select 'Continue'.



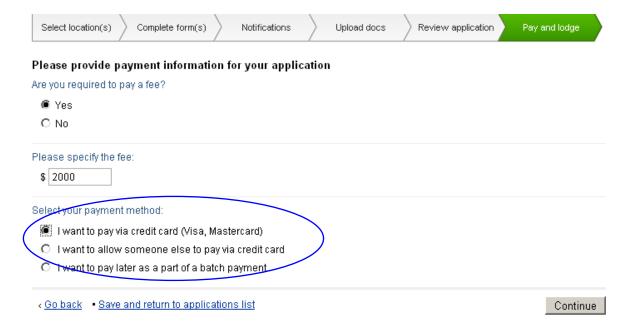


Payment

You will be directed to the 'Pay and lodge' tab and will be required to answer payment details for your application. An \$11 (including GST) processing fee for PAS will be paid to the Department of Local Government and Planning.

Payment of fees to participating councils can be processed electronically through the Smart Service Queensland payment gateway, available through PAS. There are three payment methods available:

- pay by credit card (Visa or MasterCard only)
- allow someone else to pay via credit card
- pay later as part of a batch payment via credit card.



Payment methods

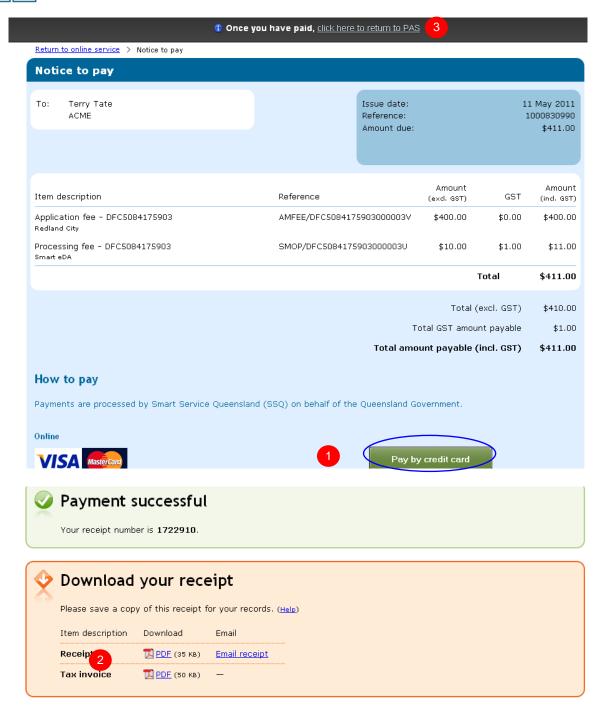
Credit card

Payment can be made via credit card (1) directly to the assessment manager through PAS using the secure Smart Service Queensland payment gateway. Once payment has been successfully made, Smart Service Queensland will generate a PDF tax invoice and receipt (2). To return to PAS, please click the 'click here to return to PAS' (3).

You have chosen to pay via credit card.









Send 'payment notice' email

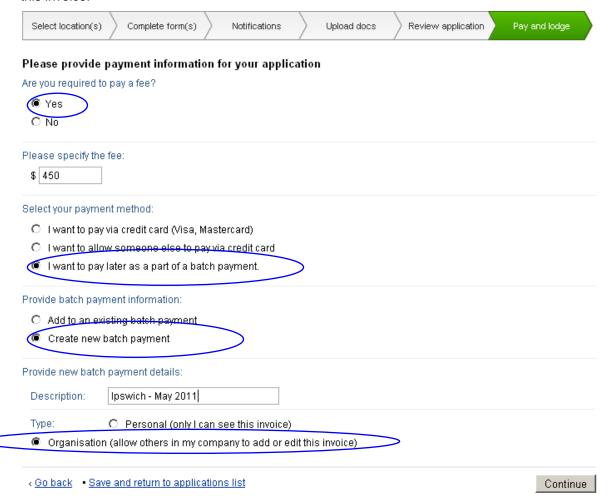
A 'notice to pay' email notifies either the owner or a third party that payment is required. The email will contain details and a link to the same Smart Service Queensland payment gateway for online payment via credit card.

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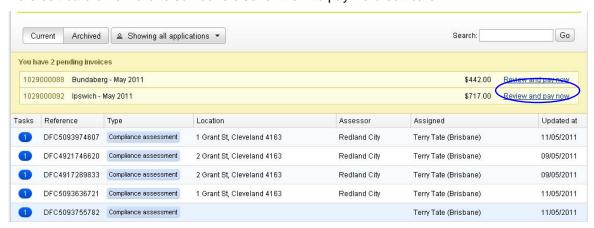
Batch payment

This allows the user to pay multiple invoices at once at a later date by adding the payment to an existing batch or creating a new one. If you are registered as a business, you can also allow others to add or edit this invoice.

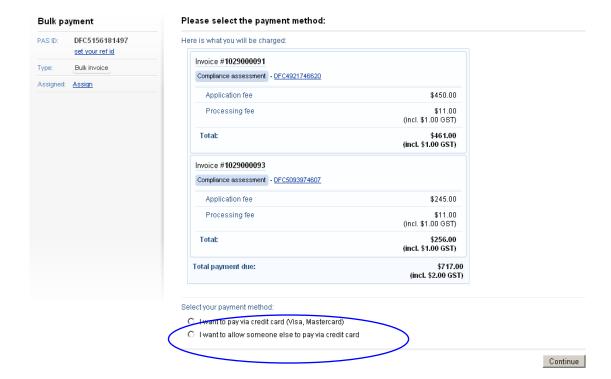


Payment of batch invoices

From the application screen select the batch invoices that you wish to pay by clicking on 'review and pay now'. The bulk payment screen will appear which will then allow you to choose whether you wish to pay via credit card or forward to someone else for them to pay via credit card.







Responding to tasks

Your application will now be lodged to council. This means there will now be another party able to view and assess the application, perform transactions and communicate electronically with you. There are some electronic tasks that you may need to perform during the entire process, some of which will include:

- acknowledging tasks
- receiving and responding to information requests
- sending and responding to communications.

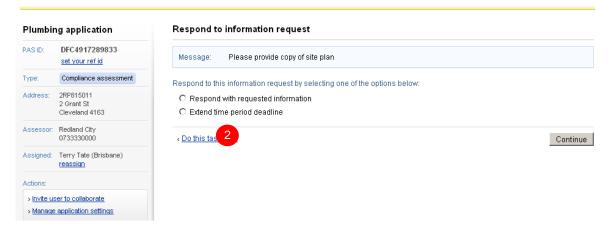
Completing one task will trigger another task to be completed by either you or another party involved in the application. For most tasks you will be able to upload documentation and add comments in the free text field.

Compulsory tasks will be listed in the task area of the PAS summary page and will be represented by blue links (1). When you click on a blue link you will be taken to the related page to perform your next action.





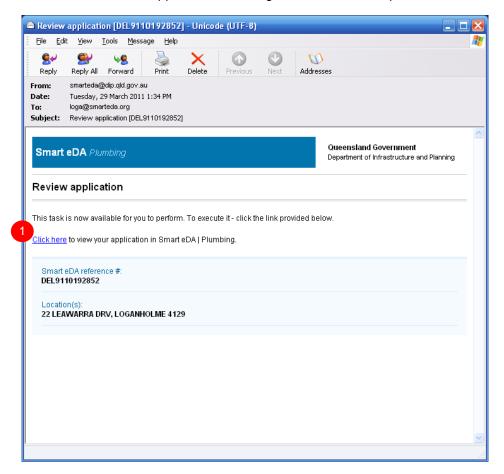
You will not have to complete tasks immediately; you can click on the link and look at the task, then back out of the task by clicking on 'Do this task later' at the bottom of the summary screen (2).



Email notifications

An email notification will be sent to your registered email address when a new task is available for you to view or complete. This email will contain a link (1) directing you to the PAS login page and then directly to the relevant summary page. Email notifications will be sent to the next appropriate party upon completion of each task.

You do not always have to wait for an email to log in and view your application. You can log in to PAS and click on any of your applications on your application page. A numbered blue box next to your application indicates that the application is waiting for tasks to be completed.





Council to review application

Council will check payment details are correct and ensure all correct documentation has been received.

Council will assess the application and issue the permits and certificates.

Information request

If required, council has the ability to initiate the optional task of an information request. If this occurs you will receive a task to respond to the information request. The response required may include sending further documents which can be uploaded directly into the task.

Time period extension

You will have the ability to initiate the optional task of a time period extension for the information request.

Inspections

Inspections are to be booked and performed outside of the system. Council may issue a defect notice or compliance certificate. A defect notice will trigger a few additional tasks for you as the applicant.

Defect notice

If the assessor issues a defect notice, a task will be generated for your review. The applicant reviews the defect notice and when the required work has been completed, the applicant will receive a task to 'notify assessor of rectified work'. The assessor will receive a task to 'review the rectified work'. The assessor then provides their response.

Additional tools

The following additional tools will be available to you once you have lodged the application:

- Send communication—use this function to communicate with parties involved in the application, including sending uploaded documents, if necessary. Any communications and documents sent will be captured in history. Please do not use this task in place of an official task in PAS as it may affect future steps in the application.
- Make additional payment—pay additional fees to council involved in the application.
- Withdraw application—an application may be withdrawn once lodged, however, once withdrawn it
 will cancel the application and no further action can be applied. The withdrawal of an application is
 a permanent action and cannot be revoked.
- Archive application—after an application has been finalised or if long periods of time are expected before an application can be completed, you may wish to archive the application. Applications can be retrieved from the 'Archive' tab.

Actions: > Send communication > Make additional payment > Withdraw application > Archive application > Invite user to collaborate > Manage application settings



Decision process

Council will issue a decision (e.g. compliance certificate) and you will receive a task to view it.

Backup

Once an application has been decided it is good practice to back-up all the documentation and the history for each application on your own records systems. Download all documentation under the tabs 'IDAS forms', 'Other information', 'History' and 'Payments'. You can use the 'retire application' tool which will move the application into the retired applications menu. The application will still be available under this menu.

Feedback

Please let us know if you have experienced any difficulties while using this service. We would also like to hear any recommendations for improvement that you may have. You can make these recommendations by selecting the 'contact us' at the top right corner of the page.

Helpdesk

For help with a matter regarding your application, please contact your local assessment manager or applicable referral agency.

For assistance or any queries about the PAS site, please contact Building Codes Queensland on telephone 1800 534 972 or email BuildingCodes@dlgp.qld.gov.au.

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