

Testing of Drainage Works  
Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing,  
Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulation 73

Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulation 73(1) requires applications for drain testing to be submitted to the Building Authority. Would you kindly ensure that with immediate effect, your application is also copied to the authorized person at the same time. Prior to the submission of your application, you should liaise with the authorized person or his appointed representative to agree on a suitable time and date for the drain test.

2. It should be noted that the period of time allowed under Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulation 73(6) for the testing of drains is four **working** days and therefore trenches should not be filled in until this period has elapsed. Under the provisions of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance the computation of time for the performance of any act required under any ordinance where such period does not exceed six days, excludes public holidays and Sundays and periods when tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above is in force.

3. All drain tests are to be carried out in accordance with the method and procedures as set out in BS 8301:1985. In preparation for the drain tests, you should ensure that testing equipment is all in good working order and that the drains to be tested are properly laid to the requisite fall, suitably bedded and adequately supported.

4. Where building sites are located in the vicinity of water control zones or catchment areas, or in situations where the Environmental Protection Department has specified watertight construction for drainage works, the Building Authority may require exfiltration testing of manholes, petrol interceptors, septic tanks and the like to be carried out.

5. For the sake of uniformity, the standard Form in Annex 1 has been devised for your use in all your future applications for drain testing.

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Building Authority

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### Application for Drain Test

B.O.O. Ref. : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

To Building Authority,

Pursuant to Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulation 73(1), I hereby give notice that drainage works at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(number and name of street)

on \_\_\_\_\_ are ready for testing.

(lot number)

2. Particulars of the registered contractor appointed in respect of the drainage works are as follows :

i) Name of Registered Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

ii) Registration Certificate Number \_\_\_\_\_

iii) Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

iv) Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Drain test has been scheduled to take place on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

at \_\_\_\_\_ . I confirm that the authorized person has been consulted and that he/  
(time)

his representative will attend the above drain test.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Registered Contractor

c.c. Authorized Person