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Plumber Cost in Christchurch

Published rate cards of five Christchurch plumbing firms, typical job prices and 4,538 Google reviews on 17 plumbing profiles. Checked on 18 November 2026.

WEEKDAY FIRST HOUR
$161 to $258.75

Including GST, travel and vehicle fee. ACF, MJ Robertson and Inline $161; Whitehead $181.70; Peter Diver $258.75. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

EVENING OR WEEKEND
$307.63 to $391

First hour including GST. Public holidays: $322 (Inline) to $753.25 (ACF). [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

THEN PER HOUR
$95 to $120 + GST

Billed in 15-minute blocks after the first hour at four of the five firms. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

What the data shows

Only 5 of the 17 busiest plumbing firms publish a full rate card. Most write rates plus GST. A 15-minute job still costs the full first hour. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [9]

4,538 Google reviews: 1,086 in the last 12 months, 755 answered. 697 mention price, cost, a quote or a bill; 125 of 217 low reviews mention money; 31 describe paying for a full hour after a short visit. [9]

Method. We read the firms' websites and rate cards, Google's AI Overview, MoneyHub's cost guide and every Google review on 17 Christchurch profiles. No firm was asked for a quote. [9]

01 / RATE CARDS

Five published rate cards

Plumbing labour, Christchurch city. Inline's card includes GST; the others are plus GST.

Firm	First hour, weekday	Then	After hours, first hour	Public holiday, first hour
ACF Plumbing	$140 + GST	$95/h	$267.50 + GST	$655 + GST [1]
MJ Robertson	$140 + GST	$100/h	$290 + GST	$461 + GST [2]
Inline (zone 1)	$161 incl	$115/h incl	$322 incl	$322 incl [3]
Whitehead	$158 + GST	$110/h	$280 + GST	$650 + GST [4]
Peter Diver	$165 + GST (30 min)	$120/h	$250 + GST (30 min)	+ $100 surcharge [5]

Labour only, incl GST	1 hour	2 hours	After hours, 1 h	Public holiday, 1 h
ACF Plumbing	$161	$270.25	$307.63	$753.25
MJ Robertson	$161	$276	$333.50	$530.15
Inline Plumbing	$161	$276	$322	$322
Whitehead	$181.70	$308.20	$322	$747.50
Peter Diver	$258.75	$396.75	$391	$506

SEO4 calculation from the published cards. Parts, gas, drains, equipment, certificates and travel outside the city are extra.

02 / JOBS AND EQUIPMENT

Typical job prices

MoneyHub's Christchurch guide (April 2026), GST exclusive, before parts.

Job	Typical price + GST
Blocked toilet	$150 to $250
Toilet repair	$150 to $300
Tap or leaking pipe	$150 to $250
Blocked kitchen sink	$175 to $250
New basin	$175 to $300
Shower set	$200 to $350
New toilet installed	$250 to $550

Equipment and other	Price	Src
Blocked drains / waterblasting (Peter Diver)	$247.50/h + GST	[5]
CCTV drain inspection (Peter Diver)	$230/h + GST	[5]
Drain eel; CCTV footage (Inline)	$103.50 each, incl GST	[3]
Gas safety certificate	$40 + GST	[2] [4]
Hot water cylinder offer (Plumb Fast)	$85/h + $45 vehicle + GST	[6]
Fixed-price assessment (Plumbquick)	$69 + GST, waived if accepted	[7]

03 / RIGHTS AND COMPLAINTS

Quotes, estimates, short visits

What the rules say, and what low reviews are about.

Rule	Detail	Src
Quote	A fixed price; can’t rise unless you agree to extra work	[10]
Estimate	A best guess; final bill generally within 10 to 15%	[10]
Charging for a quote	Must be disclosed first; quotes and estimates should include GST	[11]
Problem fixed itself	You may still owe the first hour or minimum charge	[8]

Low reviews (3 stars or fewer)	Count
All low reviews, 17 profiles	217
Mention money	125
Paid a full hour or more after a short visit	31
Mention a vehicle, call-out or on-site fee (all reviews / low)	17 / 10

SEO4 reading of 4,538 Google reviews. No reviewer is named. [9]

04 / REVIEWS AND WHO TO CALL

4,538 reviews

Every Google review on 17 Christchurch plumbing profiles, 18 November 2026.

Three plumbers to call first

Average 4.8+, 150+ reviews, 70%+ of last year's reviews answered; ranked by new reviews.

Firm	Phone	Average, reviews	New (answered)
1. ACF Plumbing	027 847 3007	5.0, 469	150 (145)
2. Simply Plumbing	0800 881 144	5.0, 156	70 (68)
3. A1 Plumbing	0274 293 770	4.9, 220	34 (32)

SEO4 Price Score

Firm	Score	Firm	Score
ACF Plumbing	16/16	Plumbquick Christchurch	9/16
Inline Plumbing	13/16	Simply Plumbing	8/16
Whitehead Plumbing & Gas	12/16	A1 Plumbing	7/16
MJ Robertson	12/16	Clyne & Bennie	5/16
Peter Diver	11/16	Walton Plumbing	5/16
Plumb Fast	10/16	Foleys Christchurch	4/16

None of these firms are SEO4 clients. A public snapshot from 18 November 2026, written in good faith; the score says nothing about the quality of the plumbing. [9]

05 / HOW TO PAY A FAIR PRICE

Ask before the van leaves

A plumber’s bill compares only when the first hour, the rounding and the GST match.

Five questions on the phone
What is your hourly rate, plus or including GST? Is there a vehicle or call-out fee? What does the minimum charge include? How do you bill after the first hour? What do you charge after hours and on public holidays?

Work out your own visit with the free calculator in the full article: **seo4.co.nz/blog/plumber-cost-christchurch**. Plumbers who want a clearer rate page can contact SEO4 at seo4.co.nz/pricing-contact.

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