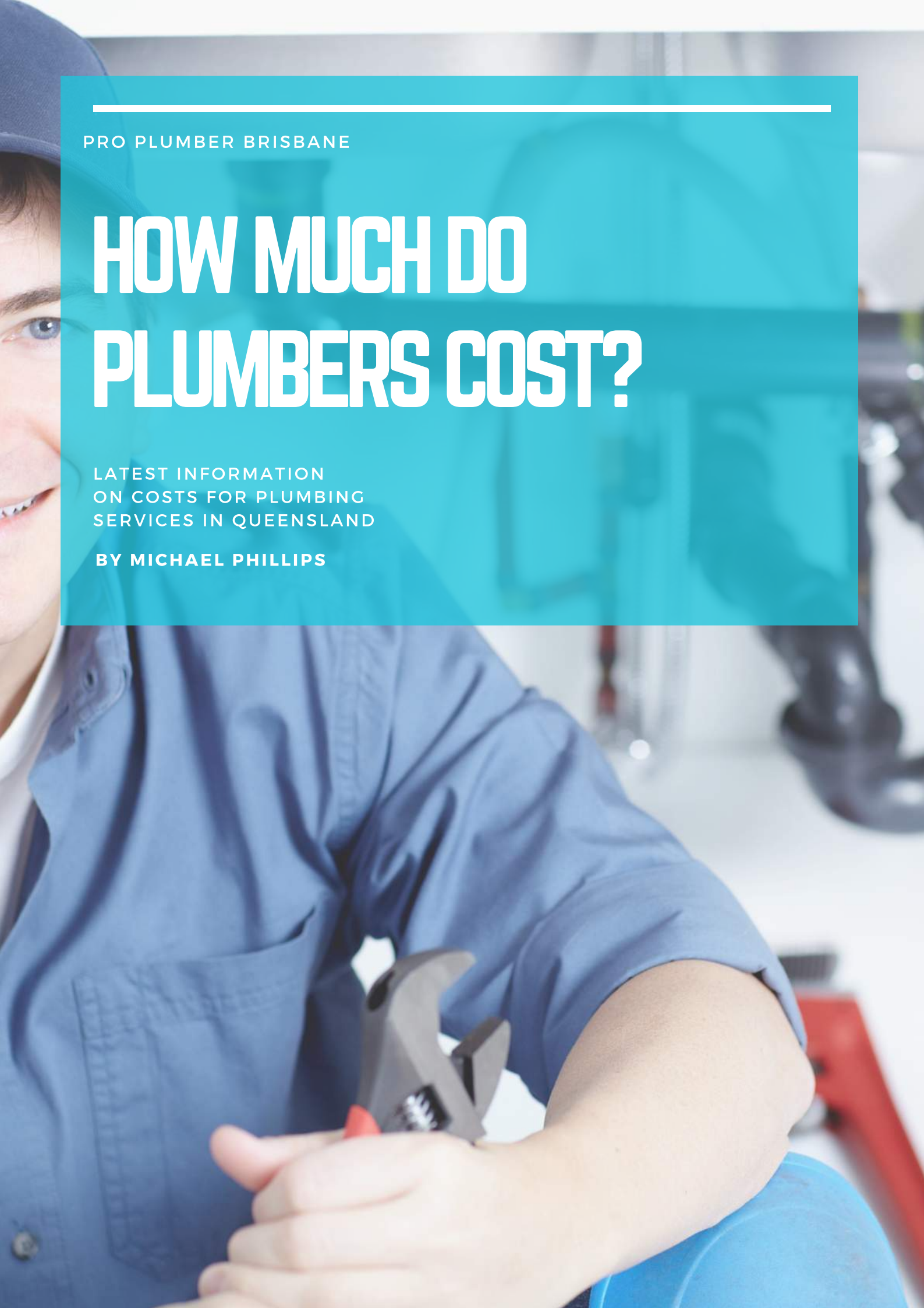

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HOW MUCH DO PLUMBERS COST?

LATEST INFORMATION
ON COSTS FOR PLUMBING
SERVICES IN QUEENSLAND

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INTRODUCTION

Plumbers, electricians, painters, and carpenters are just some of people you call for home restoration services. These service traders consider several things when quoting. So, you may ask, how much do painters cost? Well, painters, for example base their quotations on the size of your place, the quantity of paint required, extra materials needed as well as the time it takes for them to finish their job.

Plumbers, on the other hand, base its price quote on what kind of repair or upgrade you need for your kitchen or toilet. Whether it's a busted toilet, a bursting pipe or a faucet that needs an upgrade, it's always better to get probable costs on specific plumbing services before hiring one.

Why Do You Need to Hire A Plumber?

When it comes to home improvement services, we usually hear people choose to do things themselves rather than to hire professionals. The cost is most usually the problem.

When we want to repaint our home, or when a problem arises in our kitchens, our most common justification is this. Why would I hire and pay someone to do things for me when I can do it myself?

This article by [Pro Plumber Brisbane](#) will explain typical costs associated with various jobs. This is a guide only and you should always get a written quote prior to hiring a professional.



REASONS TO HIRE A PROFESSIONAL

There are valid reasons why it is still better to hire a professional than to do it yourself.

Complicated

Plumbing jobs are complicated. Fixing taps and leaks can be a tricky task and should be left to skilled professionals. Sometimes, you can get overwhelmed with how “easy” these things seem to be, but discover in the middle that you actually got started without entirely knowing you were getting into.

Experts

A qualified plumber has undergone extensive training to be licensed. They have become experts at fixing repairing pipes, drains and water systems. Choosing an expert will help you reach your specific goals in your home.

Fast and Efficient

A trained tradesman is able to do things faster and more efficient-definitely much better than you and I could. Hiring one will definitely save you a lot of time and effort. I mean, why tear your hair out when you don't have to right?

State-of-the-Art Equipment

Another advantage of hiring a qualified plumbing contractor is that they usually have state-of-the-art equipment to perform the tasks you would like to accomplish in your home. Some of the equipment includes infra-red cameras and other high tech devices to see down pipes and drains for possible blockages.



HOW MUCH DOES A PLUMBER COST?

The money you pay up front when buying a home is just the beginning. It is possible though to get estimates to calculate the overall costs of what you want to improve in your home. This information is very important to avoid hidden extra costs your contractor might charge. The cost of hiring a plumber, for example, can be calculated. It may vary wildly, depending on the complexity of the work. This article can provide you with some average estimates on what you should expect to pay for a professional, experienced plumber.

Generally, here are some things you need to know about the cost for a plumbing service:

Call-out Fee

Professional plumbers usually charge a call-out fee. You usually call a plumber when your kitchen or toilet experiences an emergency situation. This is what you pay for them so they can visit your house and check the repairs to be done.

Hourly Rate

A plumber's general cost is usually based on an hourly rate, with rates different from each company. As a common rule for all trade services, the more difficult the job is and the longer it will take for them to complete the task, the more you will need to pay.

Estimate

Always ask for an estimate. Some of the plumbing services are quick repair jobs and don't really take a lot of hours to finish. Always request a fully itemized quote before starting off with the repair. The quote should include charge per hour, brand of parts to be used, and the cost of any material.



AVERAGE COST SCENARIOS

Unclogging

Unclogging your toilet caused by a simple obstruction can cost \$65-\$250.

Unclogging your drain caused by a simple obstruction can cost \$50-\$450.

Depending on the distance snaked, an estimated cost of \$100-\$800 is what you'll expect if a plumber needs to snake the main sewer line with a cable or if he needs to cut its head to remove any debris and tree roots.

Sewer Line Replacement

If your pipes are damaged, it can cost \$1,000-\$25,000 for a sewer line replacement. This depends on the replacement method used, the depth and length of existing pipes and the complexity of the project. The technique called dig-up-and-replace sewer can cost up to \$3,000-\$6,000, for an average family home.

Garbage Disposal

Running the pipes to add a kitchen's garbage disposal can cost \$100-\$400 plus the cost of the disposal which is \$50-\$2,500. If your utility sink already has hook-ups and vents, installation will only cost \$200-\$500. The utility sink usually costs \$50-\$900 while basic hook-ups can cost \$500-\$1,300.

Water Heater

For a traditional tank water heater, installation can cost \$300-\$3,500. A tankless water heater, however, usually costs \$800-\$3,000 plus an installation fee of about \$1,500-\$5,000.



COSTS CONTINUED

Sump Pump

In case you encounter a problem involving water in your basement or crawlspace, parts and labor to install a basic sump pump can cost \$250-\$600.

New House Construction

For low-cost, rural areas, plumbing for a new house construction can cost \$200-\$800 per fixture. A house construction located in high-cost urban areas, however, can cost \$800-\$1,100 or more per fixture. This is considering a toilet sink and bathtub as individual fixtures. If there are 10 fixtures in your house, it could cost \$2,000-\$11,000.

A cost of \$2,000-\$15,000 is expected for installing copper pipes and tearing out old pipes in a 2-bedroom, 1,500 sq. ft. home. This depends on the amount of wall to be torn out, the location, as well as the condition and the size of the crawlspace under the home.

Note: The rates significantly vary by location or state in Australia where you live.



TIPS ON HOW TO CHOOSE THE BEST PLUMBER

Here are some things to consider before hiring a plumber:

1. Always choose to hire a qualified plumber who holds a valid license.
2. Ask for insurance. They should at least have Public Liability Insurance cover. This will ensure protection both for you and the contractor in case of an injury or accident.
3. Ask the plumber his length of experience in the plumbing industry. If a tradesman has had several years in the business, it's a good sign and would often mean a proven track record of quality work. It's also good to ask for references of past customers. You can also check on Google or Facebook for reviews.
4. A plumber should provide quality parts and materials. Ask if there is any warranties on the products that will be used on your service.
5. Additionally you should also check to see if they offer a warranty of the workmanship.

Conclusion

Never settle for less when you decide to hire plumbers. It's always better to be informed and do your research before any major decision is made. Always hire with confidence. Be happy with your decision based on the research you did. An experienced and qualified professional will get the job done right. And if you are unsatisfied they will be happy to come back and fix any issues. The "How Much Do Plumbers Cost?" article was published by Michaels Phillips from Pro Plumber Brisbane, a South East Queensland based plumbing contractor.

