

Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board



TO ALL NORTHERN TERRITORY PLUMBERS & DRAINERS

LICENCE / REGISTRATION RENEWALS

About 4-6 weeks before your licence expires you should receive a renewal notice and an application form in the mail. The form lists the information you need to provide and if you don't send everything, this will delay the issue of your licence.

Renewal notices will be sent to the last postal address you gave the Board, so if you have moved (or you think someone else may have moved) and not notified the Board, please check that the Registrar has the right address. If you notice that your licence is about to expire but you have not received a renewal notice, please get a renewal form from the Registrar or download one from the website.

You can check addresses and expiry dates by ringing the Registrar or by looking at the list published on the Board's website.

If you continue to work after your licence has expired or fail to notify a change of address, you could be fined.

Penalty for unlicensed work:

- *First offence-* \$2000 fine or 6 months imprisonment
- *Subsequent offences-* \$5000 fine or 12 months imprisonment

Penalty for failure to notify address change- \$100

PHOTOS

Your new licence/registration card will carry your photo. You can provide a printed photo or email one to the Registrar on pdlb.lpe@nt.gov.au. If you have a licence without a photo, the Board will issue a replacement free of charge on provision of a photograph.

WEBSITE - <http://www.nt.gov.au/lands/building/boards/plumbers>

The website has been updated to include a list of current Journeymen and Advanced Tradesmen, with addresses, phone numbers and licence expiry dates. The list will be updated on a monthly basis so that you can check your details are correct and when your licence is due for renewal. If a plumber you know does not appear on the list, please tell him/her to call the Registrar.

JOURNEYMAN TO ADVANCED TRADESMAN

To become an Advanced Tradesman you need to complete two years work experience and the business course "Establish Business and Legal Requirements". This course is offered by Dovaston Training Assessment Centre by correspondence at a cost of \$350. A staff member from Dovaston will provide assistance by telephone, email and in some cases face-to-face support. Visit the website or contact the Registrar for a course flyer.

CERTIFYING PLUMBERS

An Advanced Tradesman's licence does not allow you to certify plumbing work. To certify work (yours or someone else's) you must be registered as a Certifying Plumber & Drainer with the Building Practitioners Board. For information on how to register with the Board, contact the Registrar on 8999 8964.

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Facsimile : (08) 8999 8967
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CONTACT DETAILS

If you would like future messages to arrive by email rather than by post, please email the Registrar with your email address, name and licence number, at pdlb@nt.gov.au.

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS / BUILDING PERMITS IN WET AREAS:

Under the *Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Act* all plumbing and drainage works must be done by a licensed plumber and/or drainer.

This is separate from the provisions of the NT Building Act.

You do not need certification by a certifying plumber or a building permit from a building certifier for **maintenance and/or minor renovation or refurbishment** of wet areas to houses or associated outbuildings. This includes—

- Maintenance of any fixture, fitting or surface to a wet area including tiling;
- Retiling, including replacement/installation of waterproof membrane;
- New joinery;
- Replacement of like for like including a plumbing fixture or fitting with a similar component. Removing a bath and installing a shower (or vice versa) is not like for like.

The term 'maintenance and/or minor renovation or refurbishment' does not include sanitary drainage, installation of a new service/fixture or alterations to the main elements of the building eg creation of openings in walls, floors etc.

Building approval (ie a building permit issued by a building certifier) **is required** if the work includes alterations and/or additions to buildings, for example:

- New walls or partitions;
- Breaking into or altering elements of the building (walls, floors etc);
- Installation of new fixtures or fittings, eg putting a bath where none was before or replacing a bath with a shower;
- Replacement of a window.

Certification from a certifying plumber is required for all plumbing and drainage works, for example:

- All sanitary drainage works;
- Replacement of any plumbing or drainage service, fixture or fitting with a different component (not being replacement of like for like);
- Relocation, removal or addition of any plumbing or drainage service, fixture or fitting.

If you are unsure whether a building permit is required for the work you are about to do, you should contact the Building Advisory Services Branch of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for advice on 8999 8975.

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