

# Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board



## Are You a Licensed Plumber and Drainer?

### Definition of a Journeyman

A Journeyman registration allows the holder to carry out plumbing/draining work under the general direction of an Advanced Tradesman. A Journeyman may supervise the work of apprentices and trades assistants. He is not permitted to contract for plumbing/draining work under this registration.

### Definition of an Advanced Tradesman

An Advanced Tradesman licence allows the holder to contract for and perform plumbing/draining work in his own right. He may also direct and supervise the work of apprentices, journeymen and trade assistants.

An Advanced Tradesman licence does not allow you to sign off work.

#### 1. Who needs to be licensed or registered?

Any person intending to perform plumbing work needs a Northern Territory licence or registration. Anyone who holds an interstate registration or licence may apply for the NT equivalent under Mutual Recognition.

#### 2. Why do I need a licence or registration?

It is a punishable offence under the laws of the NT to perform plumbing or draining work without an appropriate NT licence or registration.

#### 3. When should I apply for a licence or registration?

On completion of your training, you should apply for a Journeyman registration. If you have come from interstate, you should apply for an NT licence or registration before starting work.

#### 4. How do I apply for a licence or registration?

Download an application form from the Board's website, or call the Registrar. Complete the form, attach the information required and send it to the Plumbers & Drainers Licensing Board.

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## 5. What happens next?

Your application will be assessed and you will be informed of the decision in writing within 2-3 weeks.

## 6. What is the Plumbers & Drainers Licensing Board?

The Board is a statutory board made up of five people appointed by the Minister for Planning & Lands to administer the Plumbers & Drainers Licensing Act.

## 7. What is the Board's main objective?

To ensure Plumbing & Draining work is only carried out by properly trained tradesmen, for the protection of the health and welfare of the community.

## 8. How does the Board do this?

By licensing and registering plumbers and drainers and by conducting investigations into complaints about unlicensed, faulty or sub-standard work.

## 9. How do I contact the Board?

### Physical Location

Ground floor, Cavenagh House  
38 Cavenagh Street  
DARWIN NT 0800

Tel: 08-8999 8972  
Email: [pdlb@nt.gov.au](mailto:pdlb@nt.gov.au)  
[www.nt.gov.au/plumberslicensing](http://www.nt.gov.au/plumberslicensing)

### Postal Address

GPO Box 1680  
DARWIN NT 0801

Fax: 08-8999 8967  
website:

## 10. What if I want to certify work?

You need to register as a Certifying Plumber with the Building Practitioners Board. Call the Board on 8999 8964 or by email on [bpb@nt.gov.au](mailto:bpb@nt.gov.au), or visit their website: [www.nt.gov.au/bpb](http://www.nt.gov.au/bpb).