

# Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board



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### Overseas Trained Plumbers—Change in Policy

#### Can an overseas trained plumber work in the NT?

No. Before being employed as a plumber, you must be appropriately registered or licensed.

#### What is needed for NT registration?

A Certificate III in Plumbing and 12 months experience in the NT plumbing industry.

You may work while meeting those conditions, but you must (1) hold conditional registration, (2) work as an employee under supervision of a licensed tradesman and (3) be enrolled in gap training with an NT Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

#### How do I get conditional registration?

Application forms are available from the Registrar. The forms lists the evidence you need to include.

#### What is the point of the policy?

To ensure conditional registration is issued only to people who genuinely wish to remain in Australia and are willing to improve their skills to meet the same standard as locally trained plumbers.

#### Why has the policy changed?

The Board has granted conditional registration to several overseas trained plumbers. Most are enrolled in gap training and will obtain full Journeyman registration. However, others have failed to sign up for gap training.

The new policy means applicants must enrol in training to get and maintain conditional registration.

#### What has changed?

Under the revised policy:

- Conditional registration will not be granted until you have enrolled in gap training with an NT RTO and paid the fee.
- Conditional registration will be issued for an initial period of three months. Extensions will only be approved if you show evidence of progress with gap training.
- Extension beyond 12 months will only be granted if the RTO confirms you have made significant progress and that failure to complete gap training is not your fault.

### Employer Responsibility - Conditional Registration

You must check **all** employees/sub-contractors undertaking plumbing work for you in the NT are appropriately registered/licensed.

The front of a conditional registration card is clearly marked **\*\*conditions apply\*\***. A note on the back says the card is not transferable to other jurisdictions and an accompanying letter from the Board details the conditions.

Do not accept non-certified copies. Examine both the card itself (not a copy) and the conditions in the approval letter to ensure the card is current and the holder complies with all conditions.

The terms and conditions of conditional registrations vary. If you have any doubt about the validity of a registration card or the conditions applicable to that individual, contact the Registrar.

### HOW TO LODGE AN APPLICATION

Application forms and current application fees can be found on the forms page of the Board's website:

**[www.nt.gov.au/plumberslicensing](http://www.nt.gov.au/plumberslicensing)**

Applications may be lodged by email, mail, or in person at the addresses shown on the form.

Only complete applications will be considered.

