

Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board



INFORMATION SHEET – number 7

Important

WORKING IN PLUMBING/DRAINING WITHOUT A LICENCE ? APPLY NOW AND AVOID PROBLEMS NEXT YEAR

When national licensing is introduced next year, anyone who has a current plumbing licence will be transferred automatically into the new national system. Anyone who is not licensed at that time will need to reapply and meet the new national requirements. This may mean taking further training.

If you know or employ anyone who is currently working in the plumbing/draining industry but is not licensed or registered, now is the time for them to get their licence.

YOUR EMPLOYEES/SUB-CONTRACTORS NEED A LICENCE TO WORK IN THE NT

Every employer has a duty of care to ensure that his employees/sub-contractors are appropriately licensed. If you employ someone to do plumbing or draining work, or you sub-contract plumbing or draining work to a sub-contractor, the employee or sub-contractor must have the appropriate NT registration / licence card. They cannot 'work under someone else's licence'.

RECOGNITION OF INTERSTATE LICENCE /REGISTRATION

A licence from interstate is not valid in the NT. Anyone who has a **current** interstate (or New Zealand) licence can get a Northern Territory licence easily. Under the Mutual Recognition system the NT Board will give them the NT equivalent of what they have interstate and they are allowed to work as soon as they have lodged a complete application.

If your interstate licence has expired, you can still apply for an NT licence if you provide copies of your qualifications and experience for the Board to assess.

APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETED IN ANOTHER STATE

If you completed an apprenticeship in Australia but have never got around to getting registered, you can apply for Journeyman registration in the NT. The Board will assess your qualifications and, if you meet today's requirements, give you registration.

UPGRADING TO ADVANCED TRADESMAN LICENCE

Upgrading from Journeyman registration to an Advanced Tradesman licence is the same for everyone – you have to complete ten units of competency and show that you have two years post-trade work experience. Completing the Dovaston business course is no longer enough on its own, but it does count as one of the 10 competencies.

INSTALLATION OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

The Health Department has recently changed its requirements. If you are installing a waste water treatment system now, even if you are replacing an existing one, the new one must meet today's guidelines. Contact the Health Department for more information.

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INTERESTED IN BEING A BOARD MEMBER?

Board members are appointed in accordance with the *Plumbers & Drainers Licensing Act* for a period of up to three years. At present the members are:

Chairman

John Maclean
Gold Medal Services

Deputy Chairman

Richard McElwee
NT Tap & Drain Doctor

Members

Dennis Reid
Charles Darwin University

Rod Cryer
Dept of Education & Training

Armando Padovan
Dept of Lands & Planning

Each time a vacancy arises the Minister invites nominations for people to join the Board. If you are a licensed plumber and interested in becoming a Board member in the future, or if you are just interested in learning more about how the Plumbers & Drainers Licensing Board works, please contact the Registrar and arrange to come along to a board meeting. The Board is particularly keen to get your input if you live beyond the Berrimah line.

IT'S YOUR LICENCE – MAKE SURE YOU KEEP IT

If you let your licence lapse and continue to work as a plumber, both you and your employer could be fined.

It is YOUR responsibility to lodge a renewal application BEFORE the expiry date - whether you get a renewal notice or not

If you let your licence expire, you will need to satisfy the Board that you meet the CURRENT licence requirements. If you do not meet the current licence requirements, you may be required to undertake gap training.

You will also be unlicensed from the time your licence expires until the Board approves its renewal.

Remember to notify the Board when you move or change your phone number. Keeping your details up to date makes it easier to get renewal notices to you. Contact the Registrar by phone or via the website to change your details.

PDLB WEBSITE - www.nt.gov.au/plumberslicensing

The Plumbers & Drainers Licensing Board website contains licensing information, application forms, Board members' names, links to related sites, FAQ's etc, as well as news items like dates for Backflow Prevention courses and previous information sheets. Check out the site and use the feedback button to change your address, or provide suggestions about how the site can be improved.