

# Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board



## INFORMATION SHEET – number 8

### REGISTRATION/LICENSING FOR OVERSEAS TRAINED PLUMBERS/DRAINERS

The Board regularly receives enquiries about licensing for overseas trained plumbers and drainers wishing to work in the Territory.

If you completed training in Plumbing and/or Draining overseas, you must fulfil the current NT requirements before you can be issued with Journeyman registration in the NT. The current requirement is a Certificate III in Plumbing (CPC32408 or CPC32411). If you were trained overseas and wish to work as a plumber and/or drainer in the NT, you should contact a registered training organisation for an assessment of your skills against the above qualifications. The RTO will tell you what gap training is required.

Other arrangements exist to help overseas trained plumbers and drainers who are not Australian citizens to work in the Territory. For further information on visa options for overseas trained plumbers, please contact the Business and Skilled Migration Unit of the Department of Business and Employment on 8999 5264.

Charles Darwin University is currently the only RTO able to undertake this assessment in the NT.

Once you have a statement from a RTO confirming that you have completed the required gap training and you meet the requirements of the Certificate III in Plumbing, you can apply to the Board for registration as a Journeyman.

To qualify for an Advanced Tradesman licence, you must complete the required 10 competencies from the Certificate IV in Plumbing and prove that you have gained two years work experience while holding a Journeyman registration in Australia.

### MANDATORY INSPECTIONS

During the dry season, you need to give 24 hours notice to book a mandatory inspection. However, now that the wet season is here with its unpredictable weather, if you ring before 9 am, the inspection can be carried out the same day. Call 8999 8985 for bookings. Make sure you have your Certifying Plumbers registration number and details of the relevant building permit when you call.

**Important**

### MELIOIDOSIS

Otherwise known as Nightcliff Gardeners Disease, melioidosis kills people in the NT every year. It is caused by bacteria living in the soil which are brought to the surface in wet weather. Anyone working in soil (for example, gardeners and plumbers) should take care to protect themselves, particularly if they have cuts on their skin. Enclosed footwear is essential.

### RENEWALS

Although a renewal notice will be sent to you about a month before your licence is due to expire, it is YOUR responsibility to make sure that you lodge a renewal application BEFORE the expiry date. If you fail to do so, your licence will expire and any work done after that date will be unlicensed and may result in disciplinary action.

### ***PDLB WEBSITE – [www.nt.gov.au/plumberslicensing](http://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 and previous information sheets.

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