

Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board



Policy Number: PL 007

Subject: Applications from people with qualifications issued overseas

Effective Date: 27 February 2012

1 Applicants assessed before arrival in Australia

People intending to migrate to Australia should contact VetAssess in their own country for assessment of their qualifications against the Australian qualification **before** arranging to travel to Australia. Following assessment, they will be issued with an *Offshore Technical Skills Record (OTSR)* detailing the gap training required for them to meet NT requirements.

On arrival in the NT, applicants must apply to the Plumbers & Drainers Licensing Board for Journeyman registration before starting work.

Applicants will need to provide:

- Completed application form;
- Copy of overseas qualifications;
- Offshore Technical Skills Record issued by VetAssess;
- Application fee;
- Photograph;
- Evidence of access to ASNZA:3500.

If granted, registration will be valid for one year and will include the following conditions:

- Registration is not transferable to any other jurisdiction in Australia;
- Registration can only be renewed for a single period of up to one year;
- Renewal for a single period of up to one year may be granted subject to written evidence from a registered training organisation that significant progress has been made toward completing the identified training requirement and non-completion was beyond the control of the applicant.

During the period of the conditional registration, the applicant will be required to work as a plumber/drainer and gain experience of Australian Standards.

On expiry of the conditional Journeyman registration period of one year (or the extended period) the applicant may apply for Journeyman registration of up to 3 years. Applicants will be required to show evidence that they have completed the gap training specified in their Offshore Technical Skills Record and a minimum of one year experience working in the plumbing industry in the NT.


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2 Applicant not assessed before arrival in Australia

Applicants whose qualifications were not assessed against the Australian qualification before their arrival in Australia must fulfil all the Board's requirements before Journeyman registration can be granted. On receipt of an application for Journeyman registration, the Board will determine whether the applicant's qualifications and experience are satisfactory.

To enable the Board to assess and determine applications, all applicants must provide the information specified on the application form, including:

- Completed application form;
- Evidence of completion of CPC32408 Certificate III in Plumbing or equivalent;
- Evidence of completion of an Australian apprenticeship*;
- Application Fee;
- Evidence of work experience overseas and in Australia;
- Evidence of access to ASNZS:3500; and
- Any other information specified on the application form.

* Applicants should note that the time required to complete an apprenticeship will depend on the applicant's experience and competence.

* Not all visa holders are eligible to undertake an Australian Apprenticeship and applicants who are not Australian citizens should ensure that they comply with all relevant legislation in regard to visa restrictions.

3 Upgrading from Journeyman to Advanced Tradesman

Journeyman registration entitles the holder to work in the NT only under the supervision of an Advanced Tradesman. All applicants for an Advanced Tradesman licence are subject to the same requirements which are detailed on the Board's website.

For further information on:

Assessment of overseas qualifications	www.skillassess.com
Offshore skills assessment before arrival in Australia	www.vetassess.com.au
Assessment of overseas qualifications and advice on gap training while in Australia	any registered training organisation including Charles Darwin University tel: 08 8946 7189
Journeyman registration in the Northern Territory	www.nt.gov.au/plumberslicensing tel: 08 8923 9310
Apprenticeships in the NT	www.australianapprenticeshipsnt.com.au tel: 1300 137 130
Assistance with visas	Business & Skilled Migration Unit Dept of Business & Employment: www.migration.nt.gov.au tel: 08 8999 5104


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