

Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board



TO ALL ADVANCED TRADESMEN

CHANGES TO LICENCES AND APPLICATION FORMS

The Plumbers & Drainers Licensing Board is making changes to NT licences and the way licence applications are processed. Some of the things you will notice are:

- From 1 October 2007 NT registration cards and licences will carry a **photo** of the holder, so you will need to supply a photo of yourself with your application form.

If you have a current licence without a photo, the Board will replace it free of charge – just send the Registrar your name, licence number and a recent photograph of yourself.

- Application forms have been changed and you need to provide more information now than in the past. For example, you need to show evidence that you have the current Australian standard (ASNZ3500) and provide more details about the work you have been doing over the past three years.

ASNZ3500 is available from the TCA, corner Hickman Street and Winnellie Road at a cost of \$190 for the set.

Use the checklist on the form to make sure you have provided everything.

USEFUL REMINDERS

- Renewal applications must be lodged before your licence expires. If the Board does not receive a renewal application before that date, you will need to lodge a whole new application and you will be unlicensed until this is finalised.
- It is illegal to work in the NT without a current NT registration card or licence.
- You must notify the Board if you change your address.
- It is an offence to carry out plumbing or draining work on your own account unless you hold a licence as an advanced tradesman in that trade.
- If you employ someone to carry out plumbing work on your behalf, you must ensure that this person holds a current NT licence.
- You can check someone's licence details by calling the Registrar.

RENOVATING A BATHROOM ?

Make sure that you understand Building Advisory Committee Wet Areas Policy BAC/2005/6 which tells you when you need a building permit. This can be found on the BAC website: <http://www.nt.gov.au/lands/building/boards/bac/policies/index.shtml>. Or you can get a copy from the Plumbers & Drainers Licensing Board Registrar by phoning 8999 8972.

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CHANGES TO THE BOARD'S WEBSITE

The Board's website has been updated and improved. The site now includes useful links to other websites, for example:

- COAG – look up your licence and find the equivalent in other states of Australia;
- NT Worksafe – apply for a Gasfitter's licence;
- Territory Business Centre – where you can lodge your licence application if you are not in Darwin;
- Building Practitioners Board – become a Certifying Plumber;
- Plumbing Industry Commission in Victoria - check their on-line newsletter 'The Registered Plumber';
- PAW's new blockage reimbursement process .

Suggestions for changes to the legislation can be made through the feedback form on the website – all comments will be considered when the Act is reviewed.

If you have any comments or suggestions about what evidence of skills development should be required from plumbers when they renew their licences, please use the feedback form on the website to send your suggestions to the Board.

Further improvements this year will soon make it possible for you and your customers to get a list of currently licensed plumbers from the website.

Visit the website at: www.nt.gov.au/plumberslicensing

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