

Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board



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OBTAINING A JOURNEYMAN REGISTRATION IN THE NT

1. Mutual Recognition—licensed elsewhere in Australia or New Zealand

If you are, or have been, registered in another state or in New Zealand, you can get your Journeyman registration in the NT under Mutual Recognition. Lodge a completed application form, pay the fee and show your interstate card. Applications are processed within a week.

2. Not licensed/registered elsewhere in Australia or New Zealand

If you are not already registered you must apply to the Board and provide:

- Evidence that you have completed an apprenticeship; and
- Evidence that you hold a Certificate III in Plumbing Services.

This applies to everyone, regardless. Whatever age you are, whether you were a plumber in the UK or Ireland, have just finished school in Australia or have been working outside plumbing licence areas, the process is the same. You need to sign up for an apprenticeship and Certificate III.

The time taken for an apprenticeship will depend on you and your experience. The normal time required is four years. However, this will be reduced, for example, if you have previously trained somewhere else, been assessed by Vetassess and hold an Overseas Training Skills Record, or have previously completed part of a plumbing qualification. You should contact a registered training organisation (CDU or GI in Darwin) to discuss this.

INTERSTATE LICENCES

To work as a plumber in the NT, you must hold **your own NT licence or registration**. You cannot work *under someone's licence*, or use your interstate licence.

Employers are responsible for ensuring all their employees and/or sub-contractors are appropriately licensed/registered BEFORE they start work. Check their cards or call the Registrar to confirm registration/licences.

If you know anyone working in the NT without a NT licence, please send them to the Board to apply.

It is a very simple, quick and cheap process to get a NT plumber's licence under mutual recognition, based on your interstate one.

JOURNEYMAN TO ADVANCED TRADESMAN

If you want to gain your Advanced Tradesman licence, you must show you have:

- *Completed ten competencies from the Certificate IV course;*
- *Completed two years post-trade work experience; and*
- *Held a Journeyman registration for two years.*

In the NT, Certificate IV competencies are available through Charles Darwin University and the Gordon Institute. Both are recognised by the NT licensing board.

*Information sheets are enclosed.
Enrolments are now open for both.*

CDU has an arrangement with Government where, if you sign up for a second apprenticeship and complete the entire Certificate IV (13 competencies) through CDU, funding is available to reduce the cost. If you elect to do only the ten competencies required for an ATL or you do the study through GI, no government subsidy is available.

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/plumbing

For more information on licensing and registration in the NT, visit the Board's website or contact the Registrar on 08-8936 4083.

