



## Plumbers Licensing Board Policy

### Qualifications required to obtain a plumbing contractor's licence

#### OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to guide members of the Plumbers Licensing Board (the Board), and departmental officers delegated by the Board, in making appropriate, consistent and legally valid decisions when issuing a plumbing contractor's licence.

#### SCOPE

This policy applies to all applications for a plumbing contractor's licence made under Regulation 15 of the Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards Regulations 2000 (the Plumbing Regulations) and accepted for processing by the Board.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set out how the Board will satisfy itself as to the plumbing qualification requirements for the granting of a plumbing contractor's licence under regulation 17 of the Plumbing Regulations.

#### GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THIS POLICY

Statement of competency	A statement issued by a registered training provider to the effect that the person named in the statement has received training in particular plumbing work and is competent to do that work.
Statement of attainment	A document issued by a registered training provider to the effect that the person named in the statement has undertaken training with the provider and, by that training, has attained the particular units of competency listed in the statement.
Registered training provider	Means a training provider as defined under Section 5 of the <i>Vocational Education and Training Act 1996 (WA)</i> and registered under Part 7A of that Act.
Course in Plumbing Contractor's Licence (Water Supply, Sanitary and Drainage)	A course of training accredited by the Western Australian Training Accreditation Council from 19 May 2005 to 31 July 2014.
Plumbing contractor's licence	A licence that authorises the holder to carry out specified plumbing work at contractor level, and to supervise and exercise general direction and control over specified plumbing work, as per regulation 12 of the Plumbing Regulations.

## CONTEXT FOR THIS POLICY

Regulation 12 of the Plumbing Regulations lists the six categories of plumbing contractor's licence available in Western Australia. These are:

- Water supply, sanitary and drainage;
- Water supply only;
- Water supply and sanitary only;
- Water supply and drainage only;
- Drainage only; and
- Sanitary and drainage only.

Regulation 17 of the Plumbing Regulations sets out the matters about which the Board is to be satisfied before granting a plumbing contractor's licence. Under regulation 17(1)(b) of the Plumbing Regulations, the Board must be satisfied that the requirements of clauses 2(a) and 2(b) of Schedule 3 of the Plumbing Regulations have been met. Those requirements are:

2(a) that the applicant is the holder of a tradesperson's licence; and

2(b) the applicant also holds either of the following:

- (i) a statement of competency as a water supply plumber, sanitary plumber or drainer; or
- (ii) an equivalent Western Australian qualification as determined by the Board.

**This policy relates only to the qualifications required under clause 2(b) of Schedule 3.**

## POLICY

The Board will accept either of the following as evidence that an applicant for a plumbing contractor's licence has met the qualification requirements of clause 2(b) of Schedule 3 of the Plumbing Regulations:

- a) a statement of competency issued between 19 May 2005 and 31 July 2014 by a registered training provider, stating that the person named in the statement has successfully completed the accredited course - *Course in Plumbing Contractor's Licence (Water supply, Sanitary and Drainage)* and is competent to carry out the work covered by that accredited course;

**OR**

- b) a statement of attainment issued on or after 1 August 2014 by a registered training provider, to the effect that the person named in the statement has successfully completed the specified units of competency from the Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services as set out in Table 1 below, and is competent to carry out the work covered by those units of competency.

**Table 1 – Specified units of competency in the Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services**

Category of plumbing contractor's licence	Required units of competency
Water supply, sanitary and drainage plumbing work	<p><b>Business units</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Establish legal and risk management requirements of small business (BSBSMB401A or BSBSMB401) or, Establish legal and risk management requirements of new business ventures (BSBESB402)</li> <li>2- Estimate and cost work (CPCPCM4012A or CPCPCM4012)</li> <li>3- Carry out work-based risk control processes (CPCPCM4011A or CPCPCM4011)</li> </ul> <p><b>Water supply units</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Design and size heated and cold water services and systems (CPCPWT4011B or CPCPWT4011)</li> <li>2- Commission and maintain hot and heated water temperature control devices (CPCPWT4023A or CPCPWT4023)</li> <li>3- Commission and maintain backflow prevention devices (CPCPWT4022A or CPCPWT4022)</li> </ul> <p><b>Sanitary unit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Design and size sanitary plumbing systems (CPCPSN4011B or CPCPSN4011)</li> </ul> <p><b>Drainage units</b></p> <p>Design and size domestic treatment plant disposal systems (CPCPDR4013B or CPCPDR4013)</p> <p>Design and size sanitary drainage systems (CPCPDR4011B or CPCPDR4011)</p>
Water supply plumbing work only	<p><b>Business units</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Establish legal and risk management requirements of small business (BSBSMB401A or BSBSMB401) or, Establish legal and risk management requirements of new business ventures (BSBESB402)</li> <li>2- Estimate and cost work (CPCPCM4012A or CPCPCM4012)</li> <li>3- Carry out work-based risk control processes (CPCPCM4011A or CPCPCM4011)</li> </ul>

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<p>Water supply and sanitary plumbing work only</p>	<p><b>Business units</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Establish legal and risk management requirements of small business (BSBSMB401A or BSBSMB401) or, Establish legal and risk management requirements of new business ventures (BSBESB402)</li> <li>2- Estimate and cost work (CPCPCM4012A or CPCPCM4012)</li> <li>3- Carry out work-based risk control processes (CPCPCM4011A or CPCPCM4011)</li> </ul> <p><b>Water supply units</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Design and size heated and cold water services and systems (CPCPWT4011B or CPCPWT4011)</li> <li>2- Commission and maintain hot and heated water temperature control devices (CPCPWT4023A or CPCPWT4023)</li> <li>3- Commission and maintain backflow prevention devices (CPCPWT4022A or CPCPWT4022)</li> </ul> <p><b>Sanitary unit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Design and size sanitary plumbing systems (CPCPSN4011B or CPCPSN4011)</li> </ul>

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<p>Drainage plumbing work only</p>	<p><b>Business units</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Establish legal and risk management requirements of small business (BSBSMB401A or BSBSMB401) or, Establish legal and risk management requirements of new business ventures (BSBESB402)</li> <li>2- Estimate and cost work (CPCPCM4012A or CPCPCM4012)</li> <li>3- Carry out work-based risk control processes (CPCPCM4011A or CPCPCM4011)</li> </ul>

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## POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Departmental officers delegated by the Board will process applications in a manner that conforms to this policy and will inform applicants of this policy.

## GOVERNANCE

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