



Plumbers Licensing Board Policy

Qualifications required to obtain a Restricted plumbing permit

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 restricted plumbing permits.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all applications for a restricted plumbing permit made under regulation 15 of the Plumbers Licensing and Plumbing Standards Regulations 2000 (the Regulations) and accepted for processing by the Board.

The policy does not limit or inhibit the Board's discretion in taking a decision outside these principles and in accordance with the Regulations, based on the individual circumstances of an applicant.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set out how the Board will satisfy itself as to the qualification requirements for the granting of a restricted plumbing permit under regulation 17 of the Regulations.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THIS POLICY

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.
Restricted plumbing permit	A permit that authorises the holder to carry out the replacement of water heaters in limited like-for-like circumstances, unless a change to the existing pipes or pipe configuration is required.

CONTEXT FOR THIS POLICY

Regulation 17 of the Regulations sets out the matters about which the Board is to be satisfied before granting a licence or permit application submitted under regulation 15.

For the restricted plumbing permit covered under this policy, regulation 17(1)(b) requires the Board to be satisfied that:

- an applicant for a restricted plumbing permit holds the qualifications set out in clause 7 of Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

Clause 7 of Schedule 3 of the Plumbing Regulations

Under clause 7 of Schedule 3, the requirements for a restricted plumbing permit are that –

- (a) the applicant holds –
 - i. a statement of attainment for the unit of competency CPCPWT3022 — Install and commission water heating systems and adjust controls and devices; or
 - ii. an equivalent Australian qualification as determined by the Board.

and

- (b) the applicant holds —
 - i. an electrical worker’s licence issued and endorsed as an electrician’s licence under the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991* regulation 24; or
 - ii. a gasfitting permit or authorisation issued under the *Gas Standards (Gasfitting and Consumer Gas Installations) Regulations 1999*.

POLICY

Applications for a Restricted Plumbing Permit

For the purpose of obtaining a restricted plumbing permit, an applicant must provide to the Board the documentation set out in a) and b) below.

- a) Evidence that the applicant holds a statement of attainment with a course code of CPCPWT3022 issued by a registered training provider.

The Board will accept a copy of a Statement of Attainment or Academic Record issued by a registered training provider to the applicant.

- b) Evidence that the applicant holds —
 - i. an electrical worker’s licence issued and endorsed as an electrician’s licence under the *Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991* regulation 24; or
 - ii. a gasfitting permit or authorisation issued under the *Gas Standards (Gasfitting and Consumer Gas Installations) Regulations 1999*.

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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