



# 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 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 Regulations.

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 the applicant.

### 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.
Plumbing contractor's licence	A licence that authorises the holder to carry out, supervise and exercise general direction and control over specified plumbing work at contractor-level, and carry out and supervise specified plumbing work at trade-level, as per regulations 12 and 13 of the Regulations.

## CONTEXT FOR THIS POLICY

Under Section 59I of the *Plumbers Licensing Act 1995* plumbing work means work specified as water supply plumbing, sanitary plumbing or drainage plumbing.

The Board has determined six categories of plumbing contractor's licence available in Western Australia. These are:

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

Regulation 17 of the 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) , the Board must be satisfied that the requirements of clauses 2(a) and 2(b) of Schedule 3 of the Regulations have been met. Those requirements are:

2(a) that the applicant is the holder of a tradesperson's licence or tradesperson's licence (drainage plumbing); 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 Australian qualification as determined by the Board.

With reference to clause 2(a) of Schedule 3 the Board has determined that the holder of a tradesperson's licence (drainage plumbing) is only eligible to apply for a plumbing contractor's licence in drainage plumbing.

## POLICY

The Board will accept 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 Regulations:

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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Design and size domestic treatment plant disposal systems (CPCPDR4013B or CPCPDR4013)</li> <li>2- Design and size sanitary drainage systems (CPCPDR4011B or CPCPDR4011)</li> </ul>
Water supply 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>

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<p>Water supply and sanitary plumbing work</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>

Water supply and drainage plumbing work	<p><b>Business units</b></p> <ol 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> </ol> <p><b>Water supply units</b></p> <ol 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> </ol> <p><b>Drainage units</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Design and size domestic treatment plant disposal systems (CPCPDR4013B or CPCPDR4013)</li> <li>2- Design and size sanitary drainage systems (CPCPDR4011B or CPCPDR4011)</li> </ol>
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Drainage plumbing work	<p><b>Business units</b></p> <ol 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> </ol>

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<p>Sanitary and 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> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Design and size domestic treatment plant disposal systems (CPCPDR4013B or CPCPDR4013)</li> <li>2- Design and size sanitary drainage systems (CPCPDR4011B or CPCPDR4011)</li> </ul>

## 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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