

# Plumbing Gap Training

(CPC32413 Certificate III in Plumbing\_MACG)



Fact Sheet

To work in Australia as a plumber, you must obtain a licence. If you have come from overseas then you need to complete a period of time working for an employer to gain local experience, plus complete a series of units from the Certificate III in Plumbing.

### What do I need to do?

You firstly need what we call an OTSR – (Offshore Technical Skills Record).

You need to apply through an approved TRA RTO and complete a skills Assessment and Practical Assessment to obtain this.

Typically, you will need the OTSR if you are the primary visa applicant to enter Australia. (See your migration agent for further information on this)

Once completed, you then emigrate to Australia.

You approach the regulator for plumbing and obtain a “Permit to Work”. Regulators details can be found on the Trades Recognition Australia Website: <https://www.tradesrecognitionaustralia.gov.au/programs/migrant-plumbers>

Once you have your permit, then you need to locate an employer to work with for a minimum of 2 years. This is mandated as you need to be able to cover all the work required in your theory and to meet the requirements of the various regulators.

***\* Some regulators may specify a shorter time period; you will need to confirm this with them when applying for your permit.***

Once you have your employer, then you need to contact a Gap Training provider; Australian Trade Training College ([tra@attc.org.au](mailto:tra@attc.org.au)) or 07 3414 5999

### What is covered in the course and why do I need to do it?

Firstly, we know you are a plumber, you have passed your OTSR and have been in business for a number of years, but the regulators require all licenced occupations to go through this process.

#### Plumbing Worker

Evidence of successful completion of the following units of competency (Core Units):

- CPCPDR2021A - Locate and clear blockages;
- CPCPDR2022A - Install domestic treatment plants;
- CPCPDR2024A - Install stormwater and sub-soil drainage systems;
- CPCPDR2025A - Drain work site;
- CPCPDR2026A - Install pre-fabricated inspection openings and enclosures;
- CPCPDR3021A - Plan layout of a residential sanitary drainage system;
- CPCPDR3022A - Install below ground sanitary drainage systems;
- CPCPDR3023A - Install on-site disposal systems;
- CPCPFS3031A - Fabricate and install fire hydrant and hose reel systems; and
- RIICCM210A - Install trench support.

#### Gas Worker (Elective)

Evidence of successful completion of the following units of competency:

- CPCPCM2048A - Cut and join sheet metal;
- CPCPGS3056A - Install gas piping systems;
- CPCPGS3057A - Size consumer piping systems;
- CPCPGS3058A - Install and commission Type A gas appliances;
- CPCPGS3059A - Install LPG storage of aggregate storage capacity exceeding 500 litres;

- CPCPGS3046A - Install LP gas systems in caravans, mobile homes and mobile workplaces;
- CPCPGS3047A - Install LP gas systems in marine craft;
- CPCPGS3048A - Install gas pressure control equipment;
- CPCPGS3049A - Install Type A gas appliance flues;
- CPCPGS3051A - Purge consumer piping;
- CPCPGS3053A - Disconnect and reconnect Type A gas appliances; and
- CPCPGS3054A - Calculate and install natural ventilation for Type A gas appliances

#### Roof Plumber (Elective)

Evidence of successful completion of the following units of competency:

- CPCPCM2048A - Cut and join sheet metal;
- CPCPRF2022A - Select and install roof sheeting and wall cladding;
- CPCPRF2023A - Collect and store roof water;
- CPCPRF3021A - Receive roofing materials;
- CPCPRF3022A - Fabricate and install roof drainage components;
- CPCPRF3024A - Install roof components;
- CPCPRF3026A - Install composite roof systems

#### What do I need to do?

##### Theory

The theory component of the course is 100% online. The theory covers the units above and will consist of a series of questions of various types (some are multiple choice, some are written and for those units that cover regulations, you will need a copy of the Rule Book)

##### Practical

Each unit will consist of a Practical task, which can be completed on the job.

For the plumbing section, there are 10 practicals, each practical must be completed 3 times (at different times) and signed off by your employer / supervisor.

For the Gas Section, there are 12 practicals, however some combine into a single practical, each practical must be completed 3 times (at different times) and signed off by your employer / supervisor.

If for some reason you are not able to complete a practical due to your employer not doing that work, please consult your assessor who will be able to work out an alternative arrangement

#### What do I do after the course is finished?

You take all the certificates we have issued you along with your original OTSR and you will apply for a "Provisional Licence". You will need to work for a further 12 months with an employer under "Broad / Limited Supervision" and then after the 12 months with an application form for your full licence, signed by your employer you can then apply for your full Plumbing Licence.

**\* This process may vary between regulators, but we have found that it only varies slightly**

### Where can I find more information?

Any queries may be directed to:

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