

Building and Plumbing Newsflash 521

Changes to licence classes under the *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003* and *Queensland Building Services Authority Regulation 2003*

Purpose

To advise:

- that a new licence class called 'restricted water plumber - water and sanitary' has been introduced
- the scope of the 'restricted drainer - on-site sewerage facility' licence scope has been expanded.

Background

Changes to licence classes have been introduced to help address plumbing skills shortages currently being experienced in certain areas. Upon commencement, these licences will be recognised nationally along with all of Queensland's other restricted occupational licences. The amendments are consistent with the current scope of work for plumbers and drainers.

To enact these changes, the *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003* has been amended with change taking effect on 31 May 2013.

Changes to licence classes

New restricted water plumber—water and sanitary licence

In recognition of the key water and sanitary plumbing competencies obtained during the Certificate III in Plumbing (Mechanical Services), this new voluntary licence class will allow graduates of this program to undertake a limited scope of plumbing work under the supervision of a fully qualified and licensed plumber.

The list of qualifications required for this new licence is available at www.hpw.qld.gov.au

Change to restricted drainer—on-site sewerage facility licence

The scope of the existing restricted drainer—on-site sewerage facility licence class has been expanded to include installation of on-site sewerage treatment plants and their associated land application area. This licence will not permit the installation of other on-site sewerage facilities such as septic tanks, chemical, composting or incinerating toilets.

Licensees who complete the Plumbing Industry Council approved course for the installation of on-site sewerage treatment plants and gain at least six months practical experience in installation work will be eligible to apply for the licence with the expanded scope.

Each licensee who holds a current restricted drainer—on-site sewerage facility licence or who has applied for one but not yet received the licence will be contacted directly and advised of the new process.

The *Queensland Building Services Authority Regulation 2003* has also been amended to allow restricted drainers with the expanded licence scope to apply for a contractor's licence, should licensees desire to do so.

The eligibility requirements and the list of qualifications required for this new licence are available at www.hpw.qld.gov.au. The table below provides a comparison of the competencies restricted drainers have to complete to either maintain **or** install and maintain onsite sewerage facilities.

Course code	Course name	Restricted Drainer Install and maintain	Restricted Drainer Maintain only
QLD334WEP01A (previously DWM02)	Maintain and service domestic treatment plants and onsite sewerage facilities.	✓	✓
CPCPDR4013B	Design and size domestic treatment plant disposal systems	✓	✓
CPCPCM2043A	Carry out OHS requirements	✓	x
CPCDR2022A	Install domestic treatment plants	✓	x
CPCPDR3023A	Install onsite disposal systems	✓	x
BSBSMB401A	Establish legal and risk management requirements of small business.	✓	x

For more information on the restricted water plumber or the restricted drainer licences, please contact the Plumbing Industry Council on 1800 862 021.

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