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Mechanical services licensing framework transitional period ending 31 December 2021

Purpose

To advise industry the transitional arrangements for mechanical services occupational employees and site supervisors will end on 31 December 2021, and from 1 January 2022, the new licensing framework will be fully implemented.

Background

On 1 January 2020, the new mechanical services licensing framework, which is regulated by the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) commenced in Queensland.

Mechanical services work involves the construction, installation, replacement, repair, alteration, maintenance, test or commissioning of a mechanical heating or cooling system in a building. For example, air conditioning, refrigeration and air handling systems. Mechanical services work also includes medical gas work. These systems contribute to the overall health, safety and comfort of the community and can have fatal consequences if incorrectly installed or maintained.

Through transitional arrangements, the new mechanical services licensing framework recognises businesses and workers who were undertaking work immediately before the mechanical services licence commenced, that fell within the scope of work of the new licence.

Businesses and their nominees were required to hold a mechanical services contractor (or nominee supervisor) licence by 1 July 2020. Occupational employees and site supervisors working for a licensed contractor (or one who is undertaking the application process) are not required to be licensed until 1 January 2022.

New arrangements

From 1 January 2022, the new mechanical services licensing framework will be fully implemented and all individuals or companies performing mechanical services work will be required to hold a licence before performing mechanical services work.

All transitional arrangements for occupational workers and site supervisors will end on 31 December 2021, noting applications can continue to be processed by the QBCC. Individuals who continue to perform this work after 31 December 2021, while unlicensed, risk being fined.

More information

For more information about the mechanical services licensing framework and requirements visit the:

- [Business Queensland](#)
- [Queensland Building and Construction Commission](#).

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