

Overseas Qualifications

Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians

If you intend to perform Plumbing, Gas Fitting or Electrical work in South Australia you must hold an appropriate Workers Registration with Consumer and Business Services (CBS) under the *Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians Act 1995*.

Generally your registration will be restricted to working under direct supervision while you undertake further study. A restricted registration holder who is required to work under direct supervision should obtain advice and direction from the supervising unrestricted plumbing, electrical and/or gas-fitting worker before commencing any work. On completion of their work, the supervisor must check that the work is implemented correctly before it is in use.

Plumbing Workers Registration

This allows you to carry out water plumbing work, sanitary plumbing work, draining work, or the installation or testing of backflow prevention devices, subject to conditions limiting the work that may be carried out under the authority of the registration.

Gas Fitting Workers Registration

This allows you to install, alter, repair, maintain or disconnect any pipes or equipment, to convey or utilise gas (including associated gas ventilation equipment) downstream of:

- the outlet of a meter installed for measuring consumption of reticulated gas supplied by a licensed gas supplier under the *Gas Act 1988*; or
- the outlet of any gas storage tank or cylinder,

subject to conditions limiting (in anyway) the work that may be carried out under the authority of the registration.

Electrical Workers Registration

This allows you to install, alter, repair or maintain an electrical installation, subject to conditions limiting (in anyway) the work that may be carried out under the authority of the registration.

Pathways to obtaining recognised qualifications

If you are a skilled migrant and wish to apply for any of the Workers Registrations above, to obtain the required qualifications you will need to contact an approved organisation to undergo assessment.

Offshore Technical Skills Record

If you are from overseas, you can obtain an **Offshore Technical Skills Record (OTSR)** through one of the approved organisations listed below.

If you are a migrant with the following skills;

- general plumber/gas fitter,
- general electrician,
- air-conditioning and refrigeration mechanic,
- cable jointer, and electrical powerlines tradesperson,

The organisations will assess your technical skills and list the units of competency that you need to complete on the OTSR. Once you have obtained an OTSR, you can apply for a restricted registration to work under direct supervision until you complete any gap training requirements. When you have completed the required gap training you will be issued a certificate which is evidence of achieving an approved qualification. A copy of this along with your academic transcript will need to be supplied when you apply for a change in condition of your registration with CBS to remove the restriction of working under direct supervision.

The OTSR must show you have been assessed as having the required technical skills under one of the qualifications approved for licensing purposes (refer to PGE Qualification Guidelines for more information).

Offshore Technical Skills Record Approved Organisations

- College of Electrical Training
- Future Skills International
- Plumbing, Electrical, Electronic and Refrigeration Vocational Education, Employment and Training Inc. (PEER VEET)
- TAFE NSW – Northern Sydney Institute
- TAFE Queensland - SkillsTech
- VETASSESS
- Victoria University

Further contact information

If you have entered Australia not knowing who to contact, Specialist Migrant Services can assist you in coordinating your key contacts. Specialist Migrant Services can also help with recognition of skills to assist migrants in participating in the workforce within the state.

Please contact Skilled Migrant Services for further enquiries:

Specialist Migrant Services,
Phone: 8303 2450; Email: sms@sa.gov.au

How do I apply?

Visit our website www.cbs.sa.gov.au and apply on line, or come in to our customer service centre at 91 Grenfell Street Adelaide.

What information do I need to provide to complete an application?

Fees

The application and pre-grant fee specified in the PGE workers guidelines information sheet.

Evidence you meet the qualification requirements

You must attach copies of your qualifications as assessed by an offshore technical skills record approved organisation.

For more information

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