

Licence Categories

Plumbers

Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians Act 1995

General work descriptions:

Water plumbing means the installation, alteration, repair, maintenance or disconnection of pipes or equipment (including water heaters) to be connected directly or indirectly to a public water supply system.

Sanitary plumbing means the installation, alteration, repair, maintenance or disconnection of pipes or equipment to receive and convey wastewater to sanitary drains (including associated plumbing ventilation equipment).

Draining work means the installation, alteration, repair, maintenance or disconnection of sanitary drains or stormwater drains.

- *sanitary drain* means pipes and equipment to collect and convey wastewater from a sanitary plumbing installation to an on-site wastewater treatment facility or a public sewerage or effluent disposal system
- *stormwater drain* means pipes and equipment to collect and convey stormwater to a public stormwater disposal system

Type	Scope of Work	Exclusions/Notes
Advanced Plumber Registration - Can perform any plumbing work does not include the installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of fire sprinklers	All plumbing work other than the installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of fire sprinkler systems. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water plumbing • Sanitary plumbing • Draining work • Backflow protection Includes certification of work and providing technical direction.	



<p>Plumber – can perform any plumbing work under the direction of an appropriately registered plumbing worker. Does not include the installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of fire sprinklers</p>	<p>All plumbing work other than the installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of fire sprinkler systems. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water plumbing • Sanitary plumbing • Drainage • Backflow protection <p>Work must be performed under the general direction of an advanced plumber.</p>	
<p>Restricted Advanced Plumber – Can install and test backflow prevention devices</p>	<p>Installation, alteration, repair, maintenance or disconnection of a backflow prevention device. Includes certification.</p>	<p>Installation, alteration, repair, maintenance or disconnection of a non-testable backflow prevention device is exempt from licensing requirements.</p>
<p>Restricted Advanced Plumber – Limited to fire protection work</p>	<p>Installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of water-based fire protection systems that are connected directly or indirectly to a public water supply. Includes, sprinklers, hydrants, boosters, pumps etc.</p> <p>Includes certification of work and providing technical direction.</p>	
<p>Restricted Plumber – While employed under a contract of training, limited to fire protection work under supervision of an appropriately registered plumbing worker</p>	<p>Installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of water-based fire protection systems that are connected directly or indirectly to a public water supply while under a contract of training and under supervision of a registered plumbing worker who is qualified to supervise apprentices. Includes, sprinklers, hydrants, boosters, pumps etc.,</p>	

<p>Limited to routine testing and inspecting of fire hose reels, repair of hose reel components downstream of the gate valve and the 6 monthly or more frequent testing and inspecting of other fire suppression systems specified by AS1851</p>	<p>Inspecting or testing a fire protection service consisting of water pipes and firefighting equipment (such as sprinklers, hoses and hydrants) that are connected to the mains water supply. It includes all testing of fire hose reels but does not include annual or greater testing, eg 3 yearly testing of fire sprinkler systems or hydrants. It does not include installation or repair work other than the repair or replacement of fire hose reel components that are downstream of the gate valve.</p>	
<p>Limited to routine test/inspect of fire hose reels up to yearly testing, repair of hose reel components downstream of the gate valve & test/inspect of hydrant systems & booster assemblies up to 6 monthly testing excluding activities related to a fire pumpset</p>	<p>Inspecting or testing of fire hose reels, hydrant valves and booster assemblies connected to the mains water supply, as specified by AS1851. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six monthly and annual testing of fire hose reels • the repair or replacement of fire hose reel components that are downstream of the gate valve • inspection of hydrant valves and booster assemblies up to six-monthly testing <p>It does not include installation or repair work, other than repair/replacement of hose reel components downstream of the gate valve.</p> <p>It does not include inspection or testing of pump sets.</p>	
<p>Limited to routine testing and inspecting of fire protection equipment under the direct supervision of a person registered to perform this work without supervision.</p>	<p>Inspecting or testing a fire protection service consisting of water pipes and firefighting equipment (such as sprinklers, hoses and hydrants) that are connected to the mains water supply. The work must be performed under the direct supervision (within sight and/or hearing) of a person holding a plumbing worker's registration authorising them to perform the work without supervision.</p> <p>It does not include installation or repair work.</p>	

Limited to draining work; and must work under the direct supervision of an appropriately registered plumbing worker	All draining work while under the direct supervision (sight and sound) of a person registered to perform draining work without supervision or direction.	
Plumber – Limited to draining work under the direction of an appropriately registered plumbing worker	All draining work while under the general direction of a person registered to perform draining work without supervision or direction.	
Restricted Advanced Plumber – Limited to draining work	All draining work. Includes certification of work and providing technical direction.	
Restricted Advanced Plumber – Limited to irrigation work	Installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of irrigation pipes and equipment from the last isolation valve for the system. Includes certification of work and providing technical direction	
Plumber – Limited to irrigation work under the direction of an appropriately registered plumbing worker	Installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of irrigation pipes and equipment from the last isolation valve for the system while under the general direction of a person registered to perform irrigation work without supervision or direction.	
Permitted to install, commission, & test backflow prevention devices limited to fire protection systems only	Installation, alteration, repair, maintenance or disconnection of a backflow prevention device used for a fire protection system. Includes certification.	

<p>Cold water plumbing associated with evaporative air conditioning units with a water supply inlet no greater than 15mm nominal diameter connected to a water supply pipe not greater than 20mm nominal diameter</p>	<p>Installation, alteration, repair, maintenance or disconnection of cold water pipes to evaporative air-conditioning units with a water supply inlet no greater than 15mm nominal diameter connected to a water supply pipe not greater than 20mm nominal diameter.</p> <p>Includes certification.</p>	
<p>Restricted Plumber – While employed under a contract of training, limited to any plumbing work under the supervision of an appropriately registered plumbing worker. Does not include the installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of fire sprinklers</p>	<p>All plumbing work other than the installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of fire sprinkler systems, while under a contract of training and under supervision of a registered plumbing worker who is qualified to supervise apprentices. Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water plumbing • Sanitary plumbing • Draining work • Backflow protection 	

<p>Any plumbing work; and must work under supervision of an appropriately registered plumbing worker. Does not include the installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of fire sprinklers</p>	<p>All plumbing work other than the installation, alteration, repair or maintenance of fire sprinkler systems, while under supervision of a registered plumbing worker who is registered to perform work without supervision or direction . Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water plumbing • Sanitary plumbing • Draining work • Backflow protection 	
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Note

- The categories above can apply to plumbing contractors' licences and workers registrations.
- A workers' registration is required for a person to physically perform plumbing work.
- A contractors' licence is required to contract (including subcontract) for the work.
- A contractors' licence does not allow a person to physically perform the work – the contractor must also hold a workers registration or engage a person with a workers registration to perform the work.
- There are other categories that are no longer issued or are not commonly issued.
- Some types of plumbing work are exempt under Regulation 4 of the Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Electricians Regulations 2010.