Offshore Technical Skills Record (OTSR) Holders - Plumbing

How to obtain a full qualification

Once you have an OTSR, you can apply for a provisional licence or registration by contacting the state or territory plumbing regulator where you are planning to reside.

Once in Australia, OTSR holders with a provisional licence or registration are required by most state and territory regulators to undertake Australian minimum context gap training and to work under the supervision of a fully licenced plumber for a period of up to 12 months in Australia. On successful completion, you will be eligible to apply for your Australian qualification – typically a Certificate III in Plumbing.

What is the Process?

Step 1. Apply for a provisional licence or registration

Contact the plumbing regulator in the state or territory where you are planning to reside. The full list is available from the Migrant Plumbing Page on the Trades Recognition Australia website. It is very important to discuss with the plumbing regulator the accepted process for completing any Australian minimum context gap training required to meet licensing requirements.

Step 2. Apply for work in Australia

Look up relevant jobs online (www.jobsearch.gov.au) or contact Australian employer associations and unions.

Step 3. Obtain further experience and complete Australian minimum context gap training

i. Undertake gap training: Australian minimum context gap training is designed to address specific knowledge and skills you need to work in the plumbing industry in Australia. The regulator in the state or territory where you are planning to reside, will outline the necessary training required to obtain your qualification. The regulator will also advise you of Australian RTOs that can deliver Australian minimum context gap training.

ii. Record a period (up to 12 months) of supervised employment experience in Australia: The plumbing regulator in the state or territory where you are planning to reside, will also outline how to record evidence of your 12 months’ employment under supervision.

Step 4. Apply for full qualification

The Australian RTO that delivered the gap training can award you a Certificate III in Plumbing once you have completed gap training and supervised employment experience.

Further Information

Please contact Trades Recognition Australia at: TRAOutsourcedPrograms@education.gov.au