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Four licensed trades move to OSAP

From 27 March 2018, if you are seeking a skills assessment in one of the following licensed occupations: **Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic**, **Electrician (General)**, **Electrician (Special Class)** and **Plumber (General)**, you must have your skills assessed by a registered training organisation approved by Trades Recognition Australia (TRA-approved RTO) under the Offshore Skills Assessment Program (OSAP). You will no longer be eligible for assessment under the TRA Migration Skills Assessment Program.

Successful OSAP applicants receive an outcome letter for migration and an Offshore Technical Skills Records (OTSR) to meet state and territory licensing requirements.

TRA-approved RTOs offering skills assessment services for the licensed trades can be found through the [RTO Finder](#) on the TRA website.

If there is no assessment centre in your country of residence, you are required to travel to the nearest TRA-approved RTO assessment centre in your geographic region for a skills assessment. You should ensure the assessment centre you choose offers skills assessments in your nominated occupation before starting a skills assessment process.



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RTO Finder

This tool is for use with the TSS Skills Assessment Program and Offshore Skills Assessment Program. It provides:

- ◆ contact details for RTOs who are approved to conduct skills assessments for the listed occupation.
- ◆ a list of countries and Special Administrative Regions (SARs) where the skills assessments are available.

For program eligibility requirements, applicants are advised to check program [guidelines](#) and [TRA Pathfinder](#) before using RTO Finder.

Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic [342111]

The TRA-approved RTOs, countries and SARs where assessments are conducted, are listed below.

VETASSESS

VETASSESS Website

Email: tradeassess@vetassess.com.au

Phone: +61 3 9655 4801

Australia, Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom

Victoria University

Victoria University Website

Email: 457skillsassess@vu.edu.au

Phone: +61 3 9919 7365

Australia, United Kingdom

Automotive Electrician [321111]

Baker [351111]

Bricklayer [331111]

Cabinetmaker [394111]

[Carpenter \[331212\]](#)

[Carpenter and Joiner \[331211\]](#)

[Chef \[351311\]](#)

[Cook \[351411\]](#)

[Diesel Motor Mechanic \[321212\]](#)

[Electrician \(General\) \[341111\]](#)

The TRA-approved RTOs, countries and SARs where assessments are conducted, are listed below.

Future Skills International

[Future Skills International Website](#)

Email: info@futureskillsinternational.com.au

Phone: 1300 817 545 (inside Australia)
+61 7 3848 2298 (outside Australia)
Australia, Ireland, United Kingdom

VETASSESS

[VETASSESS Website](#)

Email: tradeassess@vetassess.com.au

Phone: +61 3 9655 4801
Australia, India, Ireland, Philippines, South Africa, United Kingdom

Victoria University

[Victoria University Website](#)

Email: 457skillsassess@vu.edu.au

Phone: +61 3 9919 7365
Australia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Macau SAR, Philippines, United Kingdom, Vietnam

For further information on Electrician (General) requirements, please [click here](#).

[Electrician \(Special Class\) \[341112\]](#)

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Future Skills International

[Future Skills International Website](#)

Email: info@futureskillsinternational.com.au

Phone: 1300 817 545 (inside Australia)
+61 7 3848 2298 (outside Australia)
Australia, Ireland, United Kingdom

VETASSESS

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Email: tradeassess@vetassess.com.au

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Australia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Macau SAR, Philippines, United Kingdom, Vietnam

For further information on Electrician (Special Class) requirements, please [click here](#).

[Electronic Equipment Trades Worker \[342313\]](#)

[Fitter \(General\) \[323211\]](#)

[Fitter and Turner \[323212\]](#)

[Fitter - Welder \[323213\]](#)

[Hairdresser \[391111\]](#)

[Joiner \[331213\]](#)

[Metal Fabricator \[322311\]](#)

[Metal Fitters and Machinists \(not elsewhere classified\) \[323299\]](#)

[Metal Machinist \(First Class\) \[323214\]](#)

[Motor Mechanic \[321211\]](#)

[Panelbeater \[324111\]](#)

[Pastrycook \[351112\]](#)

[Plumber \(General\) \[334111\]](#)

For information on Plumber (General) requirements in Australia please [click here](#).

[Pressure Welder \[322312\]](#)

[Sheetmetal Trades Worker \[322211\]](#)

[Toolmaker \[323412\]](#)

[Vehicle Painter \[324311\]](#)

[Welder \(First Class\) \[322313\]](#)



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Migrant Plumbers

If you are applying for a skills assessment under the **Offshore Skills Assessment Program (OSAP)** in the licensed occupation of Plumber (General), you will be required to apply for a skills assessment through a TRA-approved registered training organisation (RTO). If successful, you will be issued an **Offshore Technical Skills Record (OTSR)**.

Applicants seeking a skills assessment for **migration purposes only** (excluding applicants for subclass 485 or TSS visas) for the occupation of Plumber (General) who do **NOT** hold a passport from a nominated country, are eligible to apply for an assessment under the **TRA Migration Skills Assessment (MSA) Program**.

An OTSR holder is also issued a migration outcome letter to apply for migration with the Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs).

An OTSR holder is eligible to apply for a provisional licence, registration or certificate with Australian State and Territory licensing authorities. This will allow you to work as a Plumber (General) under supervision while completing the Australian context gap training.

IMPORTANT: Each State and Territory has different requirements in relation to Australian context gap training for the licensed occupation of Plumber (General). For more information on Australian context gap training in the State or Territory in which you are planning to work please click on the relevant links below .

[Australian Capital Territory](#)

Overseas applicants, who have completed the **OTSR** from a TRA Approved registered training organisation (RTO), will need to contact the Construction Occupations Registrar of the ACT Government who that is responsible for issuing plumbing licences in the Australian Capital Territory. The Construction Occupations Registrar is a part of Access Canberra.

For more specific information about plumbing licences in the Australian Capital Territory, please [contact](#) Access Canberra on **+61 2 6207 8096**.

[Northern Territory](#)

Overseas applicants, who have completed the **OTSR** from a TRA-approved registered training organisation (RTO), are eligible for **Conditional Journeyman Registration** for a

period of 12 months. **Conditional Journeyman Registration is not transferrable to any other State or Territory.**

While holding conditional registration you must attend a RTO in the Northern Territory to complete identified Australian context gap training to obtain the Certificate III in Plumbing. You will also need to be employed by, and work under the supervision of an Advanced Tradesman licence holder to gain practical experience in the Australian context for 12 months. At the end of the 12 months, you can apply for full Journeyman Registration.

The [Northern Territory Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board](#) is responsible for issuing plumbing licences and registration in the Northern Territory. For detailed information on overseas trained applicants please also visit [Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board - Policies](#)

For more specific information about Plumbers and Drainers licences in the Northern Territory please [contact](#) the Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board on **(08) 8936 4083** or pdlb@nt.gov.au

For more information on the Certificate III in Plumbing and Australian context Gap Training (cost/time) please contact the following Northern Territory RTOs:

Charles Darwin University

Name: Ray Simpson

T: +61 8 8946 7679 (outside Australia) – (08) 8946 7679 (within Australia)

E: fdc@cdu.edu.au with copy to ray.simpson@cdu.edu.au

W: [Charles Darwin University](#)

Gordon Institute of TAFE

Name: Peter Rintel

T: +61 409 186 583 (outside Australia) – 0409 186 583 (within Australia)

E: printel@gordontafe.edu.au

W: [Gordon Institute of TAFE](#)

[New South Wales](#)

Overseas applicants, who have completed the **OTSR** from a TRA-approved registered training organisation (RTO), are eligible to be issued a **Provisional Tradesperson Certificate** for a period of 36 months.

The Holder of a **Provisional Tradesperson Certificate** must work under the supervision of a holder of the Endorsed Contractor Licence or Qualified Supervisor's Certificate in Plumbing. You will also need to be enrolled in an approved training course to complete Australian context gap training before being issued the Certificate III in Plumbing and the full Tradesperson Certificate.

New South Wales has the following three (3) types of licence/certificate for plumbing, drainage and gasfitting:

- ◆ Tradesperson Certificate, which allows the holder to work as an employee under general supervision
- ◆ Qualified Supervisor Certificate, which allows the holder to work as an employee, or supervise the work
- ◆ Endorsed Contractor Licence, which is for a sole trader who can contract for work and undertake or supervise the work.

NSW Fair Trading is responsible for issuing plumbing licences and certificates in New South Wales. For detailed information on overseas trained applicants please also visit [NSW Fair Trading - Overseas Applicants](#).

For more specific information about plumbers and drainers licences/certificates in New South Wales, please [contact](#) NSW Fair Trading on **13 32 20** (within Australia) or **+61 2 9895 0111** for overseas callers.

For information on Certificate III in Plumbing and Australian context gap training (cost/time) please contact the following New South Wales RTOs:

TAFE NSW
T: 131 601
W: [TAFE NSW](#)

Master Plumbers Association (MPA Training)
T: 1800 424 181
E: info@masterplumbers.com.au
W: [Master Plumbers Association](#)

[Queensland](#)

Overseas applicants must be assessed and approved by the **Complex Licensing Panel** before they can proceed to **evidential profiling** with an authorised provider. **Please note:** if the applicant is **unsuccessful** they may be required to undergo a **four (4) year apprenticeship** to gain the necessary skills and qualifications to gain a plumbers or drainage licence in Queensland.

After evidential profiling an applicant will be issued with a provisional licence (with conditions) that may require the applicant to undergo further studies within a 2 year period. Applicants must provide proof of enrolment (minimum of 6 modules) prior to gaining a provisional licence (with conditions). For further information about applying for a plumbing or drainage licence in Queensland please refer to the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) website www.qbcc.qld.gov.au.

[South Australia](#)

Overseas applicants, who have completed the **OTSR** from a TRA-approved registered training organisation (RTO), are eligible to be issued **Restricted Registration**. A **Restricted Registration** holder is required to work under supervision, and should obtain advice and direction from the supervising unrestricted plumbing worker before

commencing any work. On completion of your work, the supervisor must check that the work is implemented correctly before it is in use.

Holder of **Restricted Registration** must attend a RTO in South Australia to complete identified Australian context gap training to be issued an approved qualification. A copy of the qualification along with an academic transcript, will need to be supplied when you apply for a change in condition of your registration with Consumer and Business Services to remove the restriction of working under direct supervision.

[Consumer and Business Services](#) are responsible for issuing plumbing licences and registration in South Australia. For detailed information on overseas trained applicants please also visit [Overseas Qualifications](#).

For more specific information about plumbing licencing and registration in South Australia please [contact](#) the Consumer and Business Services on **131 882 (within Australia)** or **+61 8 8204 8532 (outside Australia)**, or email: occupational@sa.gov.au.

[Tasmania](#)

Overseas applicants, who have completed the **OTSR** from a TRA-approved registered training organisation (RTO), are eligible to be issued a **Provisional Licence** for a period of 12 months. A **Provisional Licence** holder must work under the supervision of a current holder of the Practitioner or Contractor Licence in Plumbing. You will also need to be enrolled in an approved training course to complete Australian context gap training before being issued the Certificate III in Plumbing and the Practitioner Licence.

The Department of Justice is responsible for issuing plumbing licences in Tasmania. For detailed information on overseas trained applicants please also visit [Persons from other Countries](#).

For specific information about plumbing licenses and Australian context gap training in Tasmania please [contact](#) the Department of Justice on **1300 366 322** (within Australia) or **+61 3 6166 4600** for overseas callers, or email: wstinfo@justice.tas.gov.au.

For more information on the Certificate III in Plumbing and Australian context gap training (cost/time) please contact TasTAFE:

TasTAFE

T: 1300 655 307

W: [TasTAFE](#)

[Victoria](#)

Overseas applicants, who have completed the **OTSR** from a TRA-approved registered training organisation (RTO), will need to contact the [Victorian Building Authority](#) who is responsible for issuing plumbing licences and registration in Victoria.

For more specific information about plumbing licences and registration in Victoria, please [contact](#) the Victorian Building Authority on **1300 815 127** or customerservice@vba.vic.gov.au.

Western Australia

Overseas applicants, who have completed the **OTSR** from a TRA-approved registered training organisation (RTO), are eligible to apply for a **Provisional Tradesperson's** licence. The licence is valid for a period of 12 Months.

The holder of a **Provisional Tradesperson's** licence can work under the supervision of a licenced Plumbing Contractor or Tradesperson to gain practical experience in the Australian context. The holder of a **Provisional Tradesperson's** licence must also attend a RTO to complete identified Australian context gap training to qualify for the Certificate III in Plumbing (Migrant Gap Training).

On completion of the Certificate III in Plumbing (Migrant Gap Training), holders of a Provisional Tradesperson's Licence may apply to the [Plumbers Licensing Board](#) (PLB) for a Tradesperson's licence. In Western Australia, a Tradesperson can undertake plumbing work under the general control and supervision of a licence Plumbing Contractor. Further training is required for the holder of a Tradesperson licence to be eligible to apply for a Plumbing Contractor's Licence.

The PLB is responsible for issuing plumbing licences and permits in Western Australia. The Building Commission administers occupational licences for the PLB and is the first point of contact for the PLB. For detailed information on overseas trained applicants please visit the [Provisional Tradesperson's licence](#) page.

For more specific information about plumbing licences and gap training in Western Australia, please [contact](#) the Western Australian Building Commission on **+61 8 6251 1377** or **1300 489 099** email: bcinfo@commerce.wa.gov.au.

The TRA approved RTOs and countries or Special Administrative Regions (SARs) where skills assessments for Plumber (General) are conducted for the **OSAP** are listed below:

◆ **VETASSESS** Website: www.vetassess.com.au Phone **+61 3 9655 4801**

◆ Australia, Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom

◆ **Victoria University** Website: www.vu.edu.au/skilled-migration Phone **+61 3 9919 7365**

◆ Australia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong SAR, Ireland, Macau SAR, Philippines, United Kingdom, Vietnam

Please contact Trades Recognition Australia (TRA) at TRAOutsourcedPrograms@education.gov.au for more specific information about the **OSAP** or

any other information in relation to **Plumbing Skills Assessments** and Australian context gap training.