

# Application Form

## Plumbing Licence

**Drainage, Gasfitting, Irrigation (non-agricultural), Mechanical Services, Roofing (Stormwater), Sanitary and Water Supply Work**

### How to apply

#### Step 1

**Please provide:**

- Industry qualifications
- Experience
- Photo ID and declarations
- Payment authorisation

#### Step 2

**The BPC will:**

- Review your application
- Assess your knowledge and experience
- May invite you to attend relevant exam(s)
- Make a decision on your application
- Notify you of your outcome

### How to submit your application

**Please complete, sign and submit your application.**

**By mail:**

Building and Plumbing Commission  
GPO Box 536 Melbourne VIC 3001

**By email:**

[plumbingreg@bpc.vic.gov.au](mailto:plumbingreg@bpc.vic.gov.au)

Applications submitted via email should be in .pdf format (all pages in a single document), and not .jpeg, .png or individual pages. Do not send links to private file sharing locations such as Google Drive or Dropbox.

**Or in person at the BPC:**

Building and Plumbing Commission  
Level 19, 242 Exhibition Street Melbourne VIC 3000



## Part A: About You (the applicant)

**Title:\***

Mr     Mrs     Ms     Miss     Other

\* Information you must supply

First name\*

Middle name

Surname\*

Date of birth\*

### Your contact details

Email\*

Mobile number\*

Home telephone number

### Your residential address (must not be a post office box)

Street no. and name\*

Suburb\*

State\*

Postcode\*

### Your postal address (if different from residential address)

Street no. and name

Suburb

State

Postcode

### Any current registrations

Are you currently registered or licensed in a BPC plumbing class?

Yes     No

If Yes, enter your plumbing practitioner ID number:

If No, please visit [BPC's website](#) for steps on how to apply for registration.

### Classes you are applying for

Drainage work

Mechanical Services work

Sanitary work

Gasfitting work

Roofing (stormwater) work

Water Supply work

Irrigation (non-agricultural) work



## Part B: Education

For each qualification that you hold below, please complete and attach **certified photocopies** of:

- The qualification, issued by the University, TAFE, or Registered Training Organisation, and
- Your official record of results stating the units of competency/subjects.

A 'certified photocopy' of an original document is a photocopy that has been verified as being a true photocopy of an original document. Click [here](#) for a list of people who can certify a document for you.

1	Have you successfully completed the following common units?	Institution <i>(TAFE/University/RTO)</i>	Year completed	Copy of results
	Establish legal and risk management requirements of small business			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Read and interpret plans and specifications			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Carry out work-based risk control processes			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Estimate and cost work			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Access and interpret regulatory requirements for the plumbing and services industry			<input type="checkbox"/>

2	If applying for...	Have you successfully completed the following competency units?	Institution <i>(TAFE/University/RTO)</i>	Year completed <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i>	Copy of results
Drainage work		Design and size sanitary drainage systems			<input type="checkbox"/>
		Design and size stormwater drainage systems			<input type="checkbox"/>
		Design and size domestic treatment plant disposal systems			<input type="checkbox"/>
Gasfitting work		Design and size consumer gas installations			<input type="checkbox"/>
Mechanical Services work		Design, size and lay out heating and cooling systems			<input type="checkbox"/>
Roofing (stormwater) work		Design and size roof drainage systems			<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanitary work		Design and size sanitary plumbing systems			<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Supply work		Design and size cold-water services and systems			<input type="checkbox"/>



## Part C: Experience

### Experience requirements

To be licensed in a class of plumbing work, you need the following experience:

- an apprenticeship and two years experience (after your apprenticeship); or
- six years of experience (if you have not completed an apprenticeship) if you are applying for licensing in Gasfitting, Mechanical Services, Roofing (stormwater), Sanitary and Water Supply; or
- four years of experience (if you have not completed an apprenticeship) if you are applying for licensing in Drainage or Irrigation (non-agricultural).

If you need more than one employer or supervisor to confirm your experience and the total years of experience required, please provide additional copies of the employer/supervisor confirmation of experience.

### Employer/Supervisor confirmation of experience

The following sections must be completed by the referee and accompanies the General Plumbing Licence Application Form.

To be a referee you should be **licensed in the classes of plumbing work** the applicant has applied for. You must have directly supervised the applicant carrying out the work listed in the reference.

Use this form to tell us about plumbing work that the applicant carried out under your supervision.

BPC uses the referee report to help determine whether an applicant meets the experience requirement to be licensed in these classes. We may contact you to confirm the information you provide.

### Details of referee

First name	Surname
Date of birth	Contact number
Plumbing practitioner number	Supervisory capacity <input type="checkbox"/> Employer <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor
Are you a licensed plumber?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### Details of referees employer

Name of company	Name of employer (if this is not you)		
ABN/ACN	Contact number		
Street no. and name	Suburb	State	Postcode



## Applicant details (for whom you are providing this report)

First name

Surname

## Information about the applicants work

Licence class(es) you are confirming experience of	Start date (mm/yy)	End date (mm/yy)	Number of days worked per week
<i>Example - Drainage work</i>	05/18	07/22	full time, 3 days
Drainage work			
Gasfitting work			
Irrigation (non-agricultural) work			
Mechanical Services work			
Roofing (stormwater) work			
Sanitary work			
Water Supply work			

## Remember

The information provided in this form must be true and correct. It is an offence under section 246 of the *Building Act 1993* to give false or misleading information in relation to an application for licence. This offence carries a maximum penalty of 60 penalty units.

By signing this, I declare that the information contained in this form is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the BPC may make enquiries to verify any of the information I have given on this form, and I consent for the information provided in this form to be shared with any third party for that purpose.

Referee first name

Referee surname

Referee signature\*

Date of Signature

\*We may contact you to confirm the information you provide including verifying a digital signature.



## Part D: Criminal History Check via Online Provider

To support your application, we require you to undertake a criminal history check via our online provider. Once we receive this application we will send you an email, containing a secure link to enable you to complete the criminal history check application quickly and efficiently.

## Part E: Declaration

	Yes	No
1. Have you been convicted of any offence involving fraud, dishonesty, drug trafficking or violence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Have you been convicted of an offence under any law regulating plumbing work or specialised plumbing work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you had your authorisation to carry out plumbing work or specialised plumbing work suspended or cancelled for any reason other than failure to renew that authorisation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are you or have you ever been an insolvent under administration (i.e., undischarged, bankrupt, or a person who has entered into an arrangement/ agreement under the Bankruptcy Act 1966 or the equivalent in another jurisdiction)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Have you ever been convicted of an offence against:		
a) the Fair Trading Act 1985?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) the Fair Trading Act 1999?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) the Trade Practices Act 1974?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) the Australian Consumer Law (Victoria)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cwlth)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are you currently disqualified from acting as a licensed or registered plumber (or equivalent occupation that is regulated)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, please provide details here:

What were the offences or breaches?



When did the event occur?

In which State or Territory did the event occur?

What were the circumstances of the event?

What penalty did you receive?

What have you done to prevent the event from occurring again?

*If you require more room, please attach an additional page under the heading 'Personal Probity'.*



## Part F: Photo Requirements

You are required to provide a photo and supporting identification if your last photo was provided to us more than three years ago.

If your application is granted, we will issue you with an identification card showing your name, your photograph and the classes of plumbing work you are authorised to perform.

If you are submitting your application via email, please attach a photo with your application. If you are submitting your application via post or in person, please follow the instructions below.

- Print your name on the back
- Affix photo in the space below with double sided tape
- Do not place any tape or staples on the front of the photo

### The photo must be:

- In colour
- Less than six months old
- 4.5–5cm in height and 3.5–4cm in width without a border
- Good quality gloss prints on photo paper

### In the photo, you must:

- Be in sharp focus
- Have a plain, light-coloured background
- Be uniformly lit (no shadows or reflections)
- Look directly at the camera
- Not have hair or garments covering your face
- Have a neutral expression (not laughing, smiling or frowning)



## Verify Your Identity

You are required to verify your identity as part of your application process. To do this, you will need to provide two identity documents from the appropriate categories (see Evidence of Identity Documents below).

All identity documents provided to the BPC must be certified photocopies. A certified photocopy is a photocopy of an original document that has been verified as being a true photocopy of an original document. This is completed by an authorised person who can certify documents. People authorised to certify documents can be found [here](#).

To verify your identity, you must provide **certified photocopies** from the following:

- One document from Category A and one document from Category B; or
- two documents from Category A.

### At least one of the identity documents provided must contain your photograph.

If your identity documentation is under different names, you will need to provide one document from the Difference in Name Documentation section.



Identity Documents - please provide:	Tick if document provided
<b>Category A (one document)</b>	
Australian photo driver's licence or learner permit photo card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Australian Passport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overseas Passport (if it has expired by more than two years, it is acceptable if accompanied by a current Australian visa)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full Australian birth certificate issued by a Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Note: Birth extracts and commemorative birth certificates are not accepted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immocard issued by the Department of Home Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Australian Naturalisation or Citizenship Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Victorian marine licence photo card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Victorian firearm licence photo card (Note: Minor and junior permit/licence are not accepted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Category B (one document)</b>	
Medicare card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working with Children's Check card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Australian Proof of Age card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Australian Keypass card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Australian Defence Force photo identity card (excluding civilian staff)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Department of Veterans Affairs card	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pensioner Concession card	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Difference in name documentation</b>	
Marriage certificate issued by a Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of name certificate issued by a Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Australia.	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Part G: Your Signature

It is an offence under section 221V of the *Building Act 1993* to give false or misleading information in relation to an application for registration. This offence carries a maximum penalty of 50 penalty units.

By signing this:

- I declare that the information contained in this application, including attachments, is true and correct.
- I consent to the BPC disclosing any information provided in support of this application, including additional information provided prior to the determination of this application, for the purpose of verifying that information.
- I declare that I have read and understood how the BPC manages my personal information and the **BPCs Privacy Collection notice**, as stipulated on the final page of this document.

Signature

Date of signature



## Part H: Fees

The maximum fee is **\$435.30** and includes:

- **\$66.30** application fee payable upon submission.
- **\$369.00** twelve-month licence fee payable upon approval of your application, less any unused registration fees.

### Payment details

Please select your payment method and complete the details as requested.

Please Note: The BPC does not accept cash.

Money order *Please make cheques and money orders payable to: Building and Plumbing Commission*

Credit Card:

Visa       Mastercard

Name of cardholder

Amount

**\$435.30**

Card number

Card expiry

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Signature of cardholder

Date of signature



## Privacy Collection Notice

### How the BPC uses and discloses your personal information.

The Building and Plumbing Commission (BPC) is collecting your personal information (including any images or photographs and any and all details provided in this form), to process your application. If you do not provide all or any part of the information requested in this form, the BPC may be unable to process and subsequently grant your application.

The BPC may also use such information for the following purposes:

- (a) To enable the BPC to meet its statutory obligations, functions and perform its operational requirements.
- (b) Researching and assessing the merit and impact of proposed regulatory reforms and to assist in the development and delivery of services by the BPC (whether to you personally or a member of the public).
- (c) Law enforcement by the BPC or other regulatory bodies, including prosecutions or disciplinary action against you if required.
- (d) Maintaining disciplinary and licensing and registration registers for building and plumbing practitioners (published on the BPC's website).
- (e) Such other purposes as required by law or authorised under the privacy legislation.

The BPC may also share your personal information with third parties including, but not limited to, different business units within the BPC, the Building Appeals Board, Consumer Affairs Victoria, our insurer, other regulators (both in Victoria and interstate), and the BPC's staff and/or service providers who need to know such information to perform services for the BPC.

The BPC will only disclose your personal information to a third party claiming to act on your behalf (for example, your solicitor or interpreter) with your prior written consent. You can request access to the personal information which the BPC holds about you. If you become aware that personal information the BPC holds about you is not accurate, complete or up to date, you can ask the BPC to correct it.

By providing information to the BPC using this form, you are deemed to have acknowledged and consented to the BPC using and disclosing your personal information as set out in this Statement.

The BPC's full Privacy Policy and information about how to contact the BPC is available at [www.bpc.vic.gov.au/privacy](http://www.bpc.vic.gov.au/privacy).