

# Application Form

## Plumbing Registration (Non-Apprentice)

### Refrigerated Air-conditioning work

## How to apply

### Step 1

**Please provide:**

- Industry qualifications
- Experience & technical reference(s)
- Photo ID and declarations
- Payment authorisation

### Step 2

**The BPC will:**

- Review your application
- Assess your knowledge and experience
- may invite you to attend a 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:

### Any other licences and/or registrations?

Are you currently authorised to perform plumbing work outside of Victoria?

Yes     No

If Yes, complete below:

Registration/Licence Type	State/Territory	Date First Issued	Registration/Licence Number
<i>Example: Plumber - Occupational licence</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>01/01/2019</i>	<i>#####</i>



## 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	Name of qualification	Institution <i>(TAFE, University, RTO)</i>	Year completed	Copy of qualification	Copy of results
	Certificate III in Plumbing			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other relevant qualification (please specify):</i>					
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2	An Electrical Licence issued by Energy Safe Victoria is a requirement for Refrigerated Air-conditioning work	Licence no.	Expiry date	Licence
	Please provide details of your Electrical Licence and attach a certified photocopy			<input type="checkbox"/>

3	Have you successfully completed any of the following safety training?	Institution <i>(TAFE/University/RTO)</i>	Year completed	Copy of results
	Provide first aid (or equivalent)			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Work safely on roofs / Work safely at heights			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Operate elevated work platforms			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Install trench support			<input type="checkbox"/>



4	Do you hold any of the following licences?	Licence no.	Issue date	Licence
	WorkSafe Construction Induction Card (White or Red card)			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Refrigerant Handling Licence issued by the Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC)?			<input type="checkbox"/>

## Part C: Experience

Please use these sections to tell us about your experience in Refrigerated Air-conditioning work. BPC will return your application if it is incomplete or does not have enough detail, or request further information.

### General Knowledge & Skills

		Yes	No
<b>National Construction Code (NCC)</b>			
Do you understand the difference between a Deem-to-satisfy (DTS) and Performance Solution as outlined in the NCC?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reading plans and drawings</b>			
Can you read and interpret:	Site, building, and property plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Refrigerated air-conditioning drawings and plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Australian air-conditioning symbols	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The Plumbing Regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Welding experience</b>			
Do you have welding experience in any of the following:	Oxy-acetylene welding (including silver soldering)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Manual arc welding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Arc welding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Welding polymer pipes using fusion method	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Refrigerated Air-conditioning work

		Yes	No
<b>Knowledge of Australian standards and guidelines</b>			
Can you read, interpret, and apply the information in the following standards and guidelines:	AS/NZS 5149.1:2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AS/NZS 5149.2:2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AS/NZS 5149.3:2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AS/NZS 5149.4:2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	SA HB 276:2004	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Refrigerant Handling Code of Practice 2007	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



		Yes	No
<b>Knowledge of Australian standards and guidelines cont.</b>			
Can you read, interpret, and apply the information in the following standards and guidelines:	AS/NZS ISO 817:2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AS/NZS 1571:2020	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have access to these standards and guidelines?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Years of experience</b>			
How many years of experience do you have carrying out this class of work:	In Victoria under a licensed plumber in this class		
	In another Australian State or Territory		
	Overseas		
	<b>Total years experience</b>		
<b>Area of Experience (AoE) 1 - Installed, commissioned, and decommissioned air-conditioning systems</b>			
Single head split systems		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cassette systems		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ducted split systems		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ducted add-on split systems		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaged ducted systems		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-head split systems		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heating and ventilation chillers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heat pumps		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Area of Experience (AoE) 2 - Tested systems for leaks and undertook appropriate repairs or alterations</b>			
Hydrogen		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pressure testing		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vac down lines		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refrigerant line		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chiller lines		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drainage lines		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Area of Experience (AoE) 3 - Maintained and repaired refrigerated air-conditioning systems and components</b>			
Recover and charge refrigerants		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual servicing of systems in a commercial setting		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled services of systems in a commercial setting		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locate and rectify faults in refrigerated air-conditioning control systems		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Verify functionality and compliance of refrigerated air-conditioning installations		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



	Yes	No
<b>Area of Experience (AoE) 4 - Completed required compliance documentation about handling gases</b>		
Record gas used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Record recovered gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>State any other relevant experience</b>		

### Part D: Technical Referee Report

With your application please submit at least one Technical Referee Report - [download here](#). Your referee should be licensed in Refrigerated Air-conditioning work and have directly supervised you carrying out the work listed above.



## Part E: Employment History

Please provide your plumbing employment history and supervisors' details.

I am not currently employed

### Current employer

Employer/supervisor name Position/title

Dates of employment  
From

### Address of employer

Street no. and name Suburb State Postcode

Employer phone number Plumbing practitioner ID number

### Previous employer

Employer/supervisor name Position/title

Dates of employment  
From To

### Address of employer

Street no. and name Suburb State Postcode

Employer phone number Plumbing practitioner ID number

If you have further employment history, please attach an additional page.

## Part F: 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 G: Declaration**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1.</b> Have you been convicted of any offence involving fraud, dishonesty, drug trafficking or violence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2.</b> Have you been convicted of an offence under any law regulating plumbing work or specialised plumbing work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3.</b> 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"/>
<b>4.</b> 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"/>
<b>5.</b> Have you ever been convicted of an offence against:		
<b>a)</b> the Fair Trading Act 1985?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b)</b> the Fair Trading Act 1999?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>c)</b> the Trade Practices Act 1974?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>d)</b> the Australian Consumer Law (Victoria)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>e)</b> the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cwlth)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6.</b> 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 H: 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 I: 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 J: Fees

The maximum fee is **\$482.60** and includes:

- **\$66.30** application fee payable upon submission.
- **\$416.30** three-year registration fee payable upon approval for your first BPC plumbing registration.

### 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

**\$482.60**

Card number

Card expiry

/

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).