

SOLAR AND HEAT PUMP HOT WATER HEATER ENDORSEMENT

Background

From 1 January 2011, plumbers and provisional plumbers need a solar and heat pump (SHP) endorsement on their licence to install, replace, test, repair and maintain SHP hot water heaters.

The installation of SHP heaters is categorised as 'notifiable work' in the Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003. When an SHP heater is installed, the licensee must lodge a Form 4 – Notifiable work to the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) within 10 business days of completing the work.

Current requirements

To obtain the mandatory SHP endorsement, a licensee must successfully complete a course approved by QBCC. This course provides a more comprehensive overview than the competency currently included in the Certificate III Plumbing apprenticeship. Completing this course will ensure that licensees who are installing SHP heaters have the skills and knowledge required to perform this work.

This course takes 2 to 3 days to complete and is offered by the following registered training organisations:

- **Careers Australia Institute of Technology**
Phone: 1300 887 696
- **Joint Industry Skills Training**
Phone: (07) 3255 5698
- **Master Plumbers' Association of Queensland**
Phone: (07) 3273 0800
- **SkillsTech Australia**
Phone: 1800 654 447
- **Gold Coast Institute of TAFE**
Phone (07) 5581 8200

Through the Recognition of Prior Learning assessment, applicants may be granted partial or full accreditation without having to undertake formal study. Please contact your preferred registered training organisation for more information.

After successfully completing an accredited course, the registered training organisation will send a statement of attainment to the applicant. The applicant must then forward the following to QBCC:

- Statement of attainment
- Form 21 – Application for a licence, with the applicable fees
- Existing PIC or QBCC licence or 2 passport-sized photographs.

Issuing a licence endorsement

When QBCC receives a certificate of completion or a statement of attainment, an SHP endorsement will be added to the applicant's licence.

If obtained through the non-accredited course, the reprinted licence with the SHP endorsement will be sent to the licensee, along with the certificate of completion and a receipt for payment of fees.

Need more information

Call QBCC on 139 333, check out our website at www.qbcc.qld.gov.au or visit your local QBCC office.