

CHANGES TO LICENCE CLASSES FOR: PORTABLE FIRE EQUIPMENT, HOSE REELS AND FIRE HYDRANTS

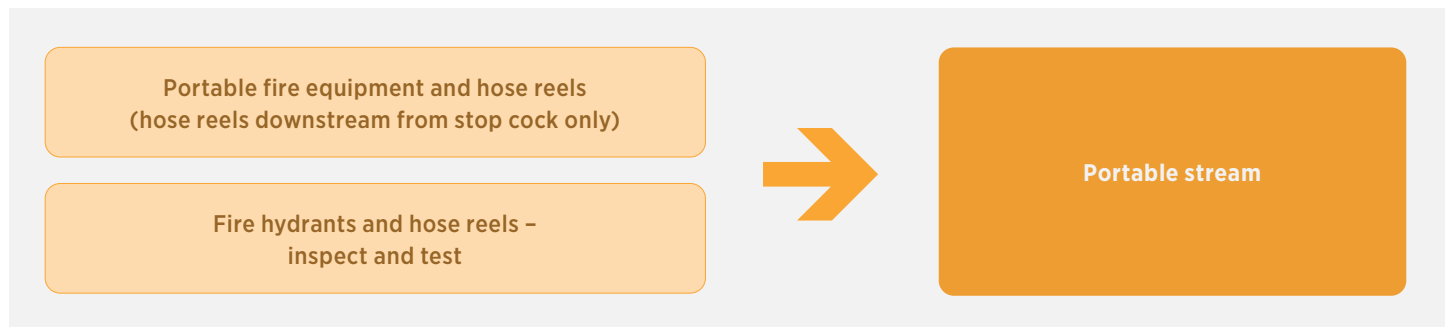
NEW FIRE PROTECTION LICENSING FRAMEWORK – 2021

CHANGES TO FIRE PROTECTION WORK

From 1 May 2021 work associated with fire blankets will no longer be regulated fire protection work.

CHANGES TO EXISTING LICENCE CLASSES

Under the new fire protection licensing framework commencing on 1 May 2021, the following licence classes will transition to the new portable stream:



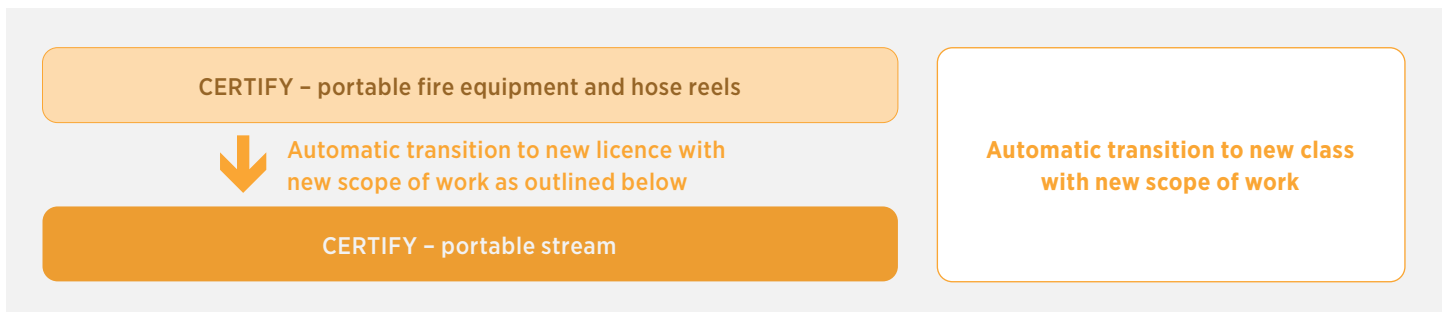
Please also see the [water-based stream web page](#) for transitions for other fire hydrants and hose reel classes.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO EXISTING LICENCES

Existing licence class			New licence class	Change for licensee	Changes to scope of work	Upskill required
Certify	Portable fire equipment and hose reels (hose reels down stream of stop cock only) - certify	→	Portable stream - certify	Automatic transition on 01/5/2021	✓	X
Install and maintain	Portable fire equipment and hose reels (hose reels down stream of stop cock only) - install and maintain	→	Portable stream - install and maintain	Automatic transition on 01/05/2021	✓	X
Inspect and test	Fire hydrants and hose reels - inspect and test	→		Automatic transition on 01/05/2021 (including former licence sope until 01/11/2021)	✓	X

TRANSITIONING TO NEW CLASS – CERTIFY

The 'certify' class for portable fire equipment and hose reels (hose reels down stream of stop cock only) will automatically transition to the new class with a new scope of work.



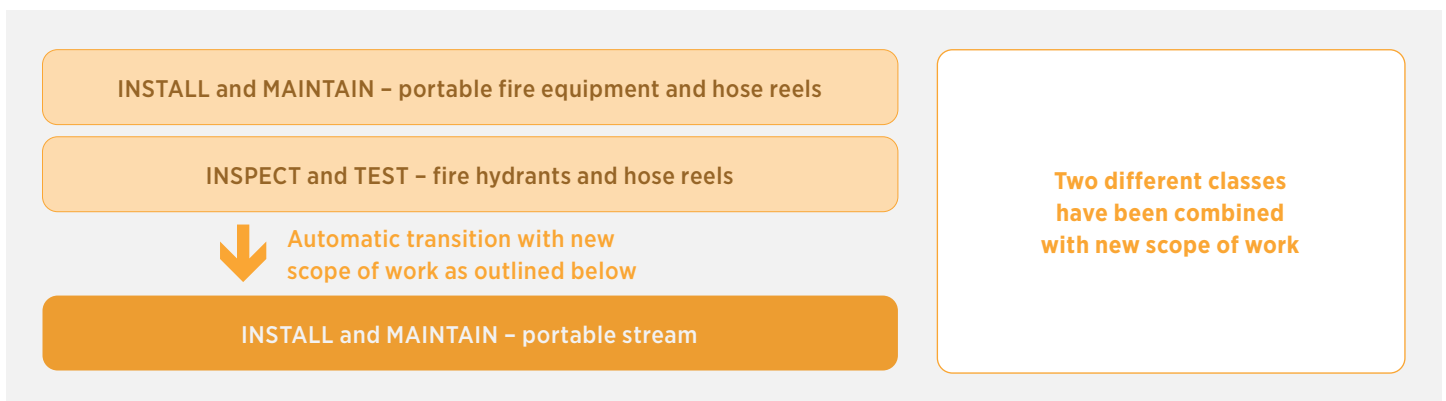
From 1 May 2021 the scopes of work for the new 'certify' classes will not include work to test fire protection equipment. Accordingly, 'certify' licensees seeking to test fire protection equipment must also hold the relevant class for 'inspect and test' work by stream (which for the portable stream is the 'install and maintain' class). In addition, from 1 May 2021, the 'certify' class in the relevant stream must be held to issue a certificate or statement following an inspection. This includes issuing aspect certificates under the *Building Act 1975*, and yearly condition reports. An additional licence class for inspect and test work is required for any test work required to support the issuing of the relevant certificate or statement.

A QBCC licensee holding an 'inspect and test' or 'install and maintain' licence class may be eligible to be assessed as a competent person by a building certifier to provide relevant inspection help (Form 16 – Inspection Certificate) under the *Building Act 1975*. You can complete logbooks or other records of the results of your inspection and testing, but you cannot issue certificates or statements, including a yearly condition report, without the relevant 'certify' licence class.

For more information, see the [changes to certify licence classes web page](#).

TRANSITIONING TO NEW CLASS – INSTALL AND MAINTAIN

The 'inspect and test' class for fire hydrants and hose reels will automatically transition on 1 May 2021 – however it will move to the 'install and maintain' class in the Portables stream. This will result in a change to the existing scope of work as outlined below. To assist in the transition to the new framework, licensees holding the fire hydrants and hose reels - inspect and test class on 30 April 2021 may continue to carry out work under their former scope of work until 31 October 2021.



Changes to scope of work – INSTALL and MAINTAIN – portable fire equipment and hose reels

The new scope of work will include inspecting and testing tasks mentioned in the 6-monthly fire hydrant service schedules under AS 1851 for unpumped fire hydrant systems.

Changes to scope of work – INSPECT and TEST – fire hydrants and hose reels

The scope of work includes:

- Installing and maintaining portable firefighting appliances.
- Maintaining, but not including inspecting and testing, fire hose reel systems downstream of the point of attachment of the fire hose to the drum.
- Inspecting and testing unpumped fire hose reel systems.
- Inspecting and testing unpumped fire hydrant systems, restricted to carrying out the tasks mentioned in the 6-monthly fire hydrant service schedules under AS 1851.
- Inspecting and testing portable firefighting appliances.

Licensees holding the 'fire hydrants and hose reels - inspect and test' class on 30 April 2021, will have a temporarily expanded scope of work which will include their previous scope of work (inspect and test fire hydrants and hose reels) until 31 October 2021. From 1 November 2021 an install and maintain class in the water-based stream will be required for this work.