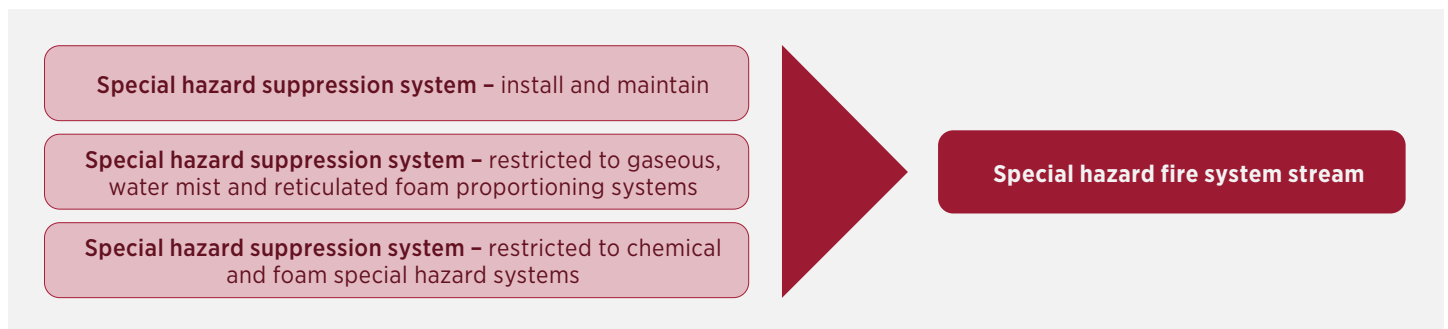


# CHANGES TO LICENCE CLASSES FOR: SPECIAL HAZARD SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS

NEW FIRE PROTECTION LICENSING FRAMEWORK – 2021

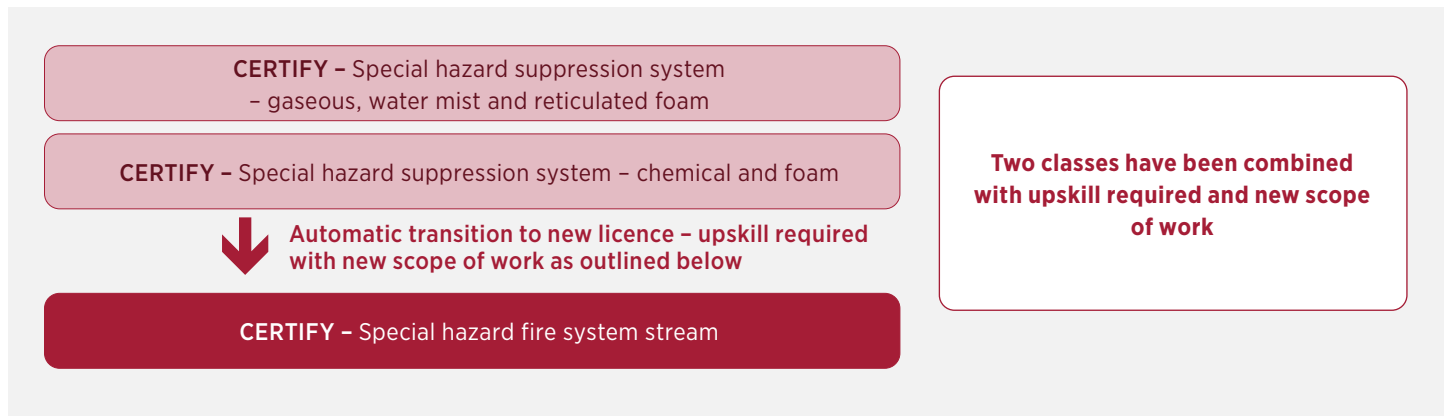
## CHANGES TO EXISTING LICENCE CLASSES

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



## TRANSITIONING TO NEW CLASS – CERTIFY

The two existing 'certify' classes for special hazard suppression systems have been combined in one new 'certify' class in the special hazard fire system stream.



## Changes to scope of work – CERTIFY

The relevant special hazard fire systems included in the scope have been widened to include suppression, extinguishing and inerting systems that use stored pressure, a chemical reaction or compressed gas to discharge or generate an aqueous solution, a chemical agent, a foam solution, a gaseous agent, hypoxic air, or water.

The scope of work does not include certifying, installing or maintaining electrical monitoring systems or electrical controls for a relevant special hazard fire system.

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 may be an '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 certificates following annual surveys. 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 licensed person holding an 'inspect and test' or 'install and maintain' licence class may be eligible (subject to assessment by a building certifier of the person's competency) to be appointed as a competent person to provide inspection help (Form 16 – Inspection Certificate) under the *Building Act 1975*. These licensees can complete logbooks or other records of the results of their inspection and testing, but 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](#).

### Upskilling requirements for current licensees – CERTIFY

An upskilling requirement will apply to current licensees transitioned to the new 'certify' class unless – at 30 April 2021 – the licensee holds both of the following licence classes:

- special hazard suppression system – certify – restricted to gaseous, water mist and reticulated foam proportioning systems AND
- special hazard suppression system – certify – restricted to chemical and foam special hazard systems.

Licensees holding the above combination of licence classes will transition automatically to the new 'certify' licence class with no further action required.

For licensees who only hold one of the two current 'certify' classes the upskilling requirements are as follows:

*Certify - restricted to gaseous, water mist and reticulated foam proportioning systems*

Licensees who do not hold both current 'certify' classes must complete both of the following competency units by **1 May 2023**:

- Certify wet and dry chemical suppression systems (installation) (QLD344HCI11A)\* AND
- Certify wet and dry chemical suppression systems (maintenance) (QLD344HCM14A)\*.

\* Or other qualification as may be prescribed by regulation.

*Certify - restricted to chemical and foam special hazard systems*

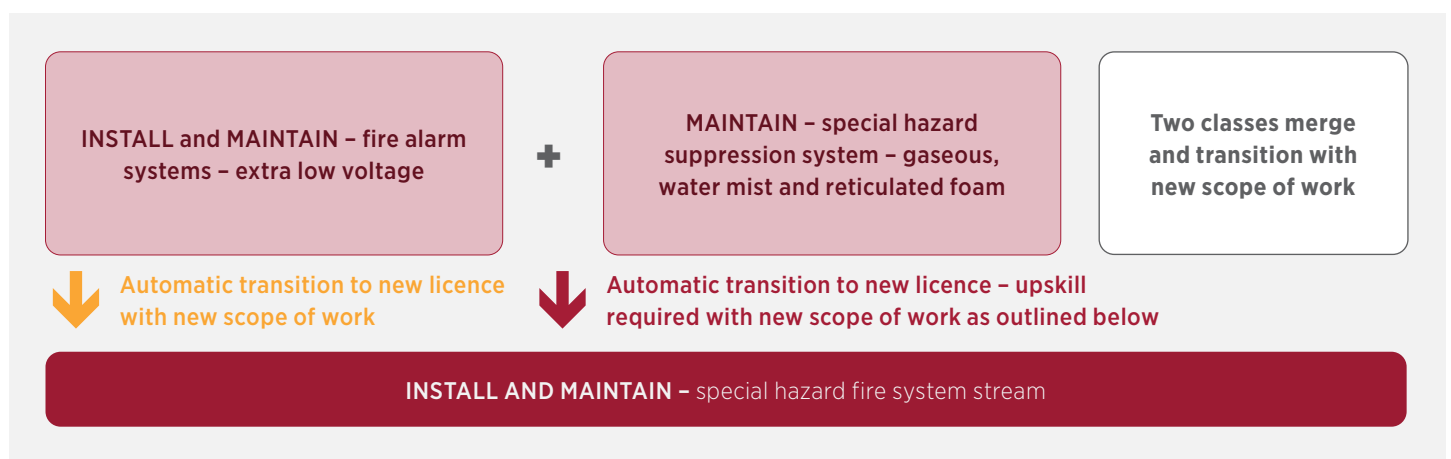
Licensees who do not hold both current 'certify' classes must complete both of the following competency units by **1 May 2023**:

- » Certify gaseous fire suppression systems (installation) (QLD344HGI12A)\* AND
- » Certify gaseous fire suppression systems (maintenance) (QLD344HGM15A)\*

\* Or other qualification as may be prescribed by regulation.

### TRANSITIONING TO NEW CLASS – INSTALL AND MAINTAIN

The existing 'maintain' and 'install and maintain' classes for special hazard suppression systems will transition to the new special hazard fire system stream.



### Changes to scope of work – MAINTAIN – special hazard suppression system – gaseous, water mist and reticulated foam proportioning systems

On 1 May 2021, licensees holding this class will transition to the new 'install and maintain' class. This class is broader as it includes both install and maintain on a broader range of special hazard suppression systems.

## Upskilling requirement – MAINTAIN – special hazard suppression system – gaseous, water mist and reticulated foam proportioning systems

Existing licensees transitioned to the new ‘install and maintain’ class must complete a Certificate III in Fire Protection CPC32813 (or other qualification as may be prescribed by regulation) by **1 May 2025**.

## Holders of existing continuing class ‘fire suppression system – special hazards’

There are no changes to the existing ‘fire suppression systems – special hazards’ continuing class. Licensees may continue to hold and renew this licence class and carry out work within its scope of work.

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO EXISTING LICENCE CLASSES

Existing licence class			New licence class	Change for licensee	Changes to scope of work	Upskill required
Certify	Special hazard suppression systems - certify - restricted to gaseous, water mist and reticulated foam proportioning systems	→	Special hazard fire system stream - certify	Automatic transition	✓	01/05/2023
	Special hazard suppression systems - certify - restricted to chemical and foam special hazard systems	→		Automatic transition	✓	01/05/2023
Install and maintain	Special hazard suppression systems - install and maintain	→	Special hazard fire system stream – install and maintain	Automatic transition	✓	X
Maintain	Special hazard suppression systems - maintain - restricted to gaseous, water mist and reticulated foam proportioning systems	→		Automatic transition	✓	01/05/2025
		→				

Auto transition to new class with upskill required

Auto transition to new class with new scope of work