

Qld Fire Licensing

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Fire Safety Compliance



About Us



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- Fire Detection and Alarm System
 - Emergency Exit Lighting
 - Passive Fire Protection Stream
 - Portable Stream
 - Fire Safety Advisor
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- The Service Trades College – 9 years



Fire Licensing Introductions

Webinar Content

- Fire License Evolution
- Qld Fire Legislations
- Fire License Streams
- Fire License Classes

- Fire License Types
- Fire Unlicensed work
- Fire QBCC License Check
- Fire Matters Services

Fire Licensing Introductions

Childers Backpackers Fire - June 2000

15 People Died

Arson

Escape routes were compromised

The Fire Alarm system was out of service

No Exit & Emergency Lighting system

No Service Records

- Key Changes

- Review recommended Mandatory Fire Licensing
- Budget Accommodation Act



Qld Licensing

Qld Fire Protection Industry Board - 1999

- Voluntary Licensing
- Industry Technical Support

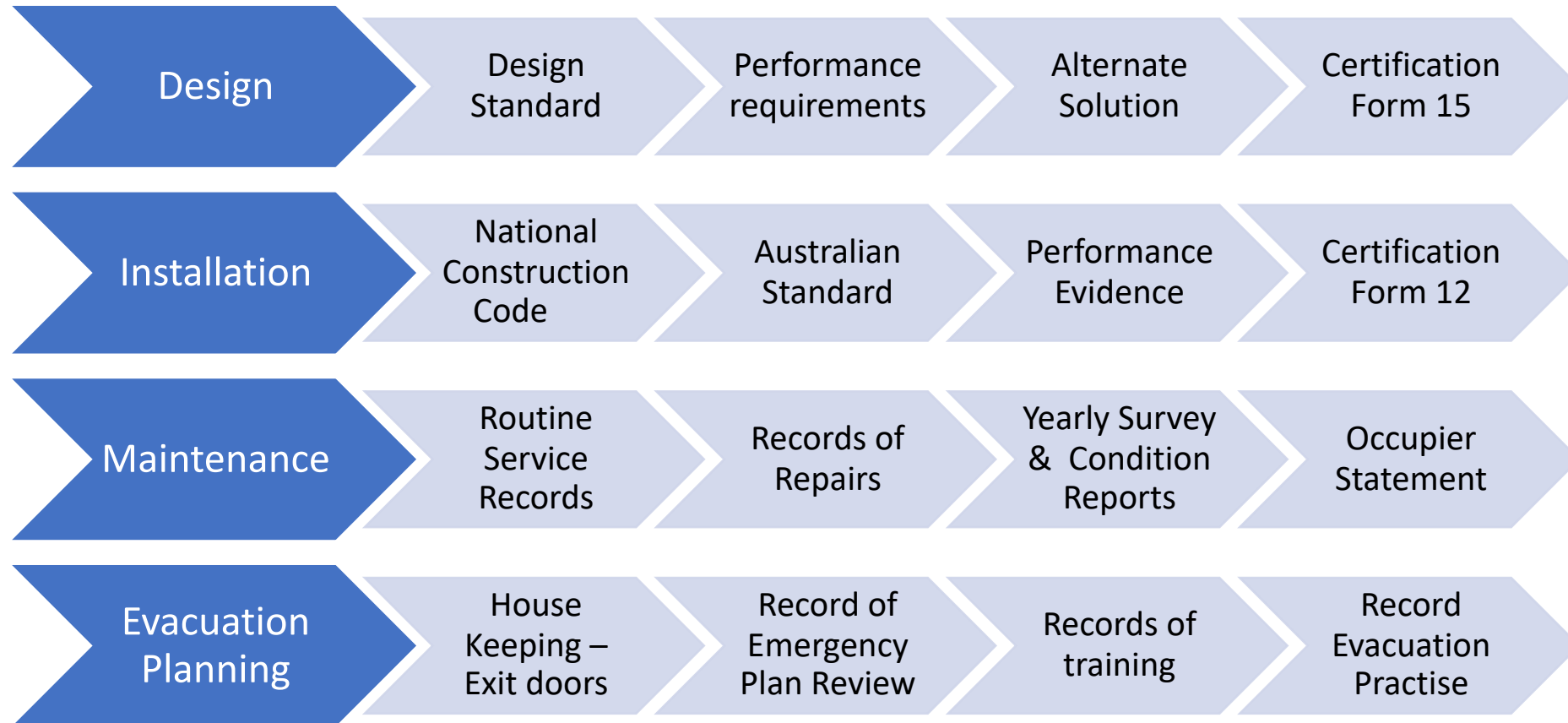


Mandatory Fire Licensing Licensing – January 2011

- Every Fire Practitioner must be (BSA) license



Prescribed Documents



Prescribed Documents are set out in legislation and must include the required information
Proper Documentation saves money

Qld Legislation

Who is responsible for confirming that a person or company is appropriately Licensed?

Division 3 **Obligations of occupiers / Body Corporate**

54 Maintenance of prescribed fire safety installations

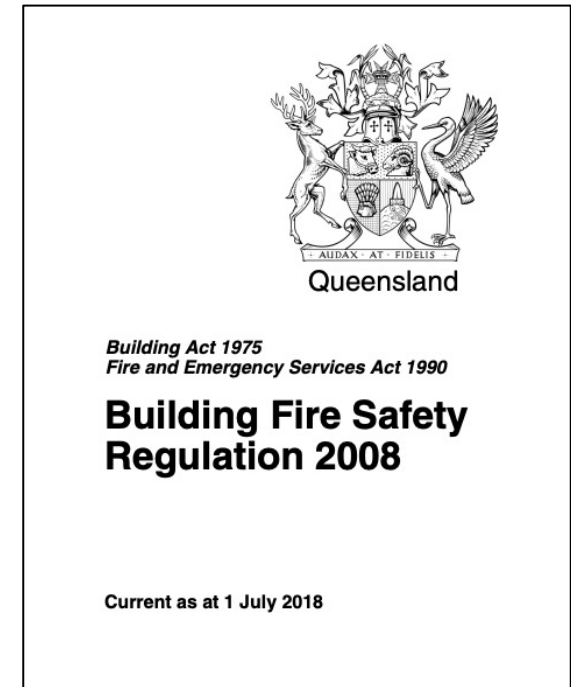
- (1) The occupier of a building **must** ensure that maintenance of each prescribed fire safety installation for the building is carried out by an appropriately qualified person.

Maximum penalty—30 penalty units.

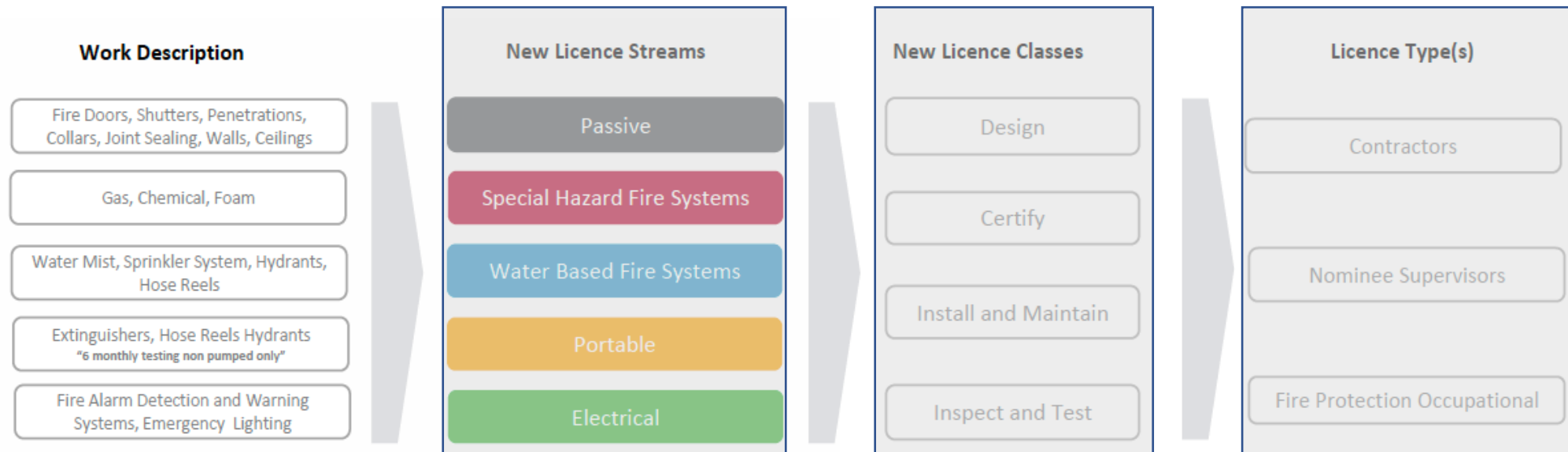
This applies to a Building Occupier / Body Corporate / Building Owner / Strata Management Company

It is necessary that you ensure that your service provider has the technical experience to:

- Inspect and test
- Install and maintain
- Certify that the fire safety installation are compliant each year.



Fire Licensing Overview - 2021



Portable Stream

Scope of works:

- Extinguisher
- Fire Hose Reel
- Fire Hydrant

License Class:

- Install and Maintain
- Certify

Key Changes

- Unpumped Fire Hose Reel – only
- Unpumped Hydrant systems – 6 monthly only
- Service contractor may no longer be able to conduct the scope work
- Annual and five yearly testing must be performed by a licensed Plumber / sprinkler fitter

Ensure your contractor is appropriately licensed



Passive Stream

Scope of works:

- Fire Doors
- Fire Shutters
- Service Penetration
- Fire Rated Walls and Ceilings
- Fire Rated Joint Sealing
- Fire Dampers

License Classes:

- Certify
 - Install & Maintain Fire Doors and Shutters
 - Install & Maintain: Fire and Smoke Walls and and Fire rated Ceilings
 - Install & Maintain: Fire Collars / Penetration / Fire-Joint Ceiling
- Inspect & Test

Key Changes

- New Install & Maintain: Fire and Smoke Walls and and Fire rated Ceilings
- New Install & Maintain: Fire Collars / Penetration / Fire-Joint Ceiling
- Builders require upskilling by May 2025
- Existing License classes are continued for existing holders
- Classes that became continuing classes of licence cannot be issued or restored after 1 May 2021



Electrical Stream

Scope of Works:

- Fire Detection & Warning System
- Emergency Lighting

License Classes:

- New Design – Fire Detection & Warning System
- Install and Maintain – Fire Detection & Warning System
 - Includes Inspect & Test
- Inspect & Test Emergency Lighting
- Certify

Key Changes

- Electricians now require to be QBCC licensed to install maintain unless supervised
- Battery operated smoke alarms (class 2 buildings only) no longer fire protection work
- Certify - **upskilling required - May 2025 to include install and maintain**
- Electrician must upskill to inspect and test or certify emergency lighting



Water - Based Stream

Scope of works:

- Sprinkler System
- Hydrant System
- Water Mist
- Fire Pumps
- Hose Reels

License Classes

- Design
- Install and maintain
- Certify

Key Changes

- New license classes no upskilling required
- Some licenses classes to continue but no longer available

Plumbers must hold endorsements:

- Restricted to domestic & Residential System
- Restricted to Commercial & Industrial System



Special Hazards

Scope of works:

- Gaseous Systems
- Foam Systems
- Chemical System

License Classes

- Install and maintain
- Certify

Key Changes

- Certify – **upskilling required by May 2023**
- Install and Maintain – **upskilling required by May 2025**



NEW - Design License Classes

Design – License

Electrical Stream I Water-Based Stream

- Hydraulic Engineers
- Sprinkler System Designers
- Fire Engineers
- Electrical Engineers
- Structural Engineers

New Designs or System Alteration

Document applicable: Form 15



Occupational Fire License Classes

Install and Maintain

Ready for use - restore to original operation, alter

Documentation

- Records of Repairs and Maintenance
- Records of Inspect & Test
- Issue Statement about installation compliance

Inspect & Test

Inspect and test - repair or replace

Documentation

- prepare a maintenance record
 - Logbook / Summary Records



Certify License Class

Certify – New Definition

Certify—in relation to fire protection—means:

- prepare a **certificate** stating that, after carrying out an annual **survey** of the premises, it is considered no changes have affected the equipment that would cause it not to meet any of its design requirements
- prepare one or more **certificates** relating to either or both of the following matters:
 - the installation of the equipment
 - whether the equipment meets its design requirements.

If two or more **certificates** are prepared for an item or system of fire protection equipment: the certificates need not be prepared by the same person.

- **Certificate**—includes a statement and record, however it is called.
- **Survey**—means a visual inspection of fire protection equipment to identify if the equipment has been altered, damaged or compromised.

Certify License Classes

Certify

- **Form 12 – Certify install Compliance at the time of built**
 - Certificate of Installation Compliance
 - **Certify – Annual Maintenance**
 - Annual Survey – AS1851
 - Annual Condition Report – AS1851
 - Occupier Statement – Qld Regulation
 - When done Commercially
- Prescribed Documents **must** be signed by a person holding the Certify Class
- A Service Contractor without certify licenes can not complete these tasks



Changes to Certify licenses

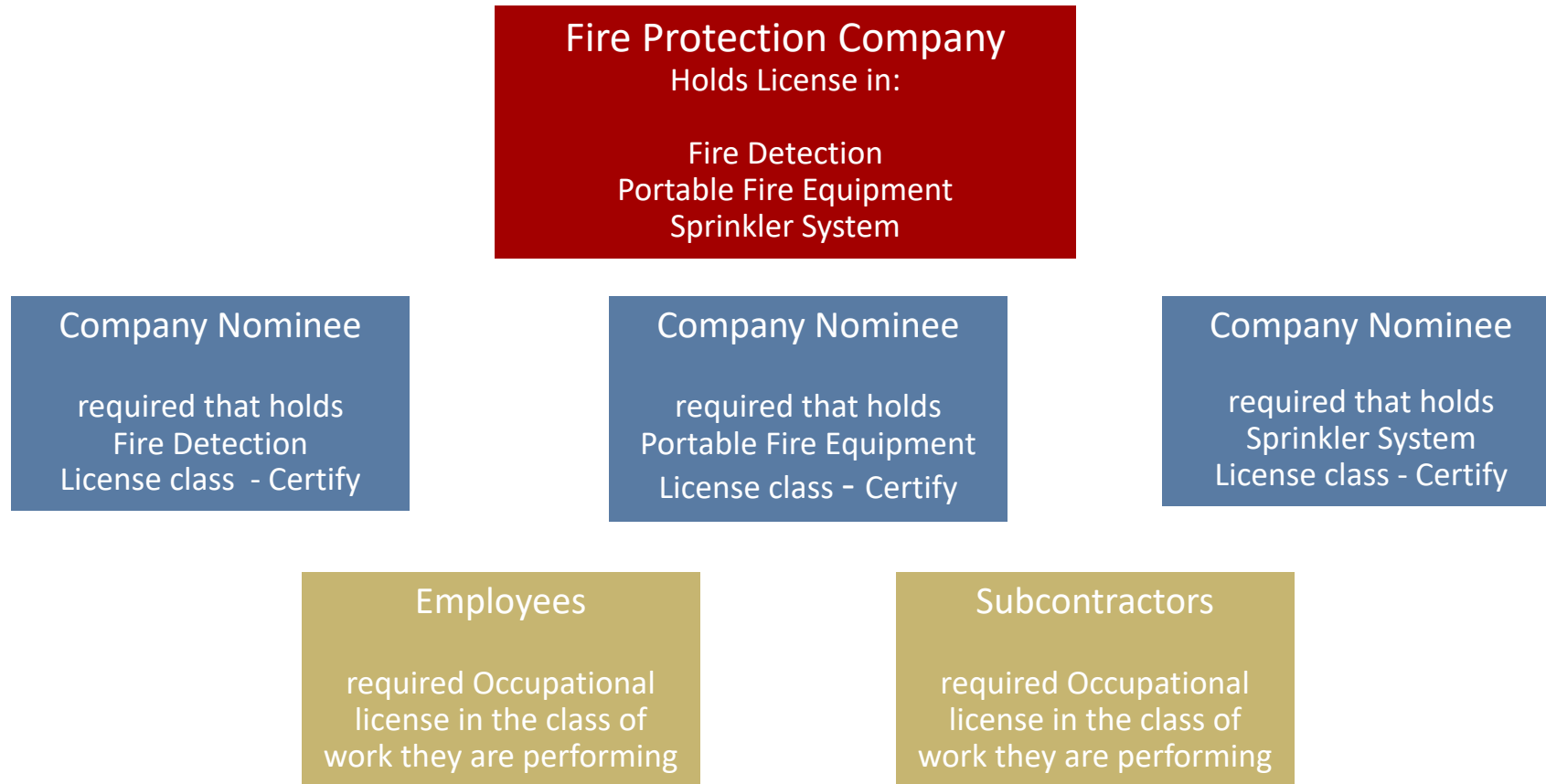
- Inspection and test work has been removed from the relevant scopes
- **Some Contractors and technicians may need to upskill**

It is important to ensure that your Fire Service Provider and service technician are appropriately licensed to issue the required documentation

Fire License Types

Contractor (company)	Contractor (individual)	Nominee supervisor	Site supervisor	Occupational
<p>Must hold certify license class in the equipment maintained or installed</p> <p>Employ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nominee Supervisors - Site Supervisors - Service Technicians 	<p>Can contract directly for building work as an individual (sole trader, partner, trustee)</p> <p>Can personally perform works within their license class</p> <p>Must hold certify license class in the equipment maintained or installed unless contracting to licensed company</p>	<p>Is an employee</p> <p>License:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certify License <p>Can personally perform building work with relevant fire occupational licence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install & Maintain - Inspect & Test 	<p>Is an employee</p> <p>License:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certify License <p>Can personally perform building work with relevant fire occupational licence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install & Maintain - Inspect & Test 	<p>Is an employee</p> <p>License:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install & Maintain - Inspect & Test <p>Personally performs building work</p>

Who needs what license?



Implications of unlicensed Work

Equipment not correctly maintained

- Equipment may not operate as intended
- Service Records incomplete or not existing

Equipment not correctly serviced

- Equipment failure upon demand
- Equipment life cycle shortened

Safety of the occupants compromised

- The occupant's fire safety relies on all fire safety installations to be operating as per the original intend.






Breach of Legislation






- Fines
- Imprisonment

Possibly Insurance void

How do I do a License Check ?

Registers maintained by the QBCC

-  **QBCC licensee register** +
Search the QBCC licensee register to check the history of your bu...
-  **Suspended licences register** +
View the list of QBCC licensees whose licences have been suspende...
-  **Cancelled licences register** +
View the list of QBCC licensees whose licences have been cancell...
-  **Excluded individuals register** +
Check this list before you engage a contractor on your next repai...
-  **Excluded accountants register** +
Use this search to check that your accountant has not been exclud...

-  **Adjudication decision register** +
View the result of Adjudication decisions for payment disputes.
-  **Building certifier register** +
Look up the history of your building certifier in the QBCC licens...
-  **Owner builder register** +
Check the validity of an Owner Builder permit through this search...
-  **Occupational plumber and drainer register** +
Search this register to run a check on your plumber or drainer be...
-  **Notifiable work register** +
Search this register to find out if plumbing notifiable work has ...


<https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/about-us/our-lists-registers>


QBCC License Check

License Status

Is the License Active ?

- Licensed fee not paid
- Suspended
- No proof of upskilling



QBCC licensee register 

Search the QBCC licensee register to check the history of your bu...

QBCC - Search for Licensee

Licence Number:

Particulars

Business Name:

Licence Address:

Trading Name:


MR Category:

ACN:

Licence Search - Main Page

There are currently NO active licence classes on record.

* NOTE: Where QBCC has imposed a condition, details of the condition can be obtained by downloading a licensee's full history.

 QBCC | QUANTAS BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION
CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION

Search - Main Page

Licence No:

Or:

Surname / Company Name:

First Name:

Information was last updated: Sat, 14 May 2016

QBCC License Check

Are there any Disciplinary Records ?

Against the Company or any Individuals

DISCIPLINARY RECORD	
Has the licensee had any of the following:	
QBCC Directions to Rectify Defective Work	NO
QBCC Disciplinary Action	NO
Tribunal Disciplinary Orders	NO
Tribunal Direction Orders	NO
QBCC Initiated Convictions	NO
Infringement Notices Issued	NO
Demerit Points	NO
Exclusions, Disqualifications or Ban	NO

QBCC License Check

Check company and technicians License details

License search

- License Class
- License Grade
- Condition on License

Condition may affect the scope of work

Licence Class	Licence Grade	Condition*	Status
Fire Detection, Alarm and Warning Systems	Trade Contractor Licence	YES	Active
Emergency Lighting	Trade Contractor Licence	YES	Active
Passive Fire Protection - Fire Doors and Shutters	Trade Contractor Licence - Fire Certifier	NO	Active
Fire Hydrants and Hose Reels	Trade Contractor Licence	YES	Active
Portable Fire Equipment and Hose Reels (Hose Reels Downstream of Stopcock Only)	Trade Contractor Licence	YES	Active
Fire Pumps	Trade Contractor Licence	YES	Active
Sprinkler and Suppression Systems (Reticulated Water Based)	Trade Contractor Licence	YES	Active

QBCC License Check

Need Certification ?

License Conditions

- Restriction may limit the scope of works

Start Date	End Date	Type
16 Feb 2015	Current	Restricted to Install and Maintain
Details: Restricted to Install and Maintain		
Start Date	End Date	Type
15 Mar 2010	16 Feb 2015	RIM- Commercial or Industrial Types
Details: Restricted to Install and Maintain - Restricted to Commercial or Industrial Types		

QBCC License Check

Plumber License check?

License Endorsements

- Restriction may limit the scope of works



Occupational plumber and drainer register +

Search this register to run a check on your plumber or drainer be...

LICENCE DETAILS

Licence Number(s)	Licence Status	Licence Description	Licence Expiry	Endorsement(s)	Endorsement Expiry
PD29730	Active	Drainer	01/05/2024	None	
PD29730	Active	Plumber	01/05/2024	Fire Protection (Commercial and Industrial) Fire Protection (Domestic and Residential)	

Fire Management Solution for Body Corporate Buildings

- Meets the legislated requirements for the Body Corporate
- Inspect maintenance record for compliance
- Check escape routes
- Check door hardware compliance
- Check evacuation diagrams compliance
- **Complete Occupier Statement (where required)**
- Emergency Planning
- Notify Residents via Australia Post of upcoming Emergency Training o Conduct Evacuation Training & Exercise
- Complete Attendance Records
- Annual review of Emergency Plan
- Access to Fire Matters online learning (<https://learning.firematters.com.au>)

FROM 380.00 plus GST



Fire Compliance Packages tailored to your Premises

	BASIC	STANDARD	PEACE OF MIND
Third Party Compliance Audit			
Maintenance Record Compliance	✓	✓	✓
Check Escape Routes	✓	✓	✓
Check Door Hardware Compliance	✓	✓	✓
Check Evacuation Diagrams	✓	✓	✓
Complete Occupier Statement	✓	✓	✓
Emergency Planning			
Notify Residents of Planning Session		✓	✓
Conduct Evacuation Exercise		✓	✓
Complete Attendance Record		✓	✓
Complete Evacuation Exercise Debrief		✓	✓
Annual review of Emergency Plan		✓	✓
Online Learning	Optional	✓	✓
Book a fixed time weekdays & after hours			✓
Fire Matters – Online Compliance			
Automated Email Notifications			✓
Generate Statutory Reports and Statements			✓
Asset Management			✓
Contractor Access			✓
Record Storage			✓

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