

New registration/licence requirements

Restricted classes for routine servicing of fire protection equipment

Amendments introduced to the *Plumbing Regulations 2018* confirmed the routine servicing of fire protection equipment is considered plumbing work and must therefore be carried out by an appropriately qualified plumbing practitioner.



The VBA has approved the introduction of four new restricted classes for the routine servicing of certain fire protection systems as a transition pathway for people carrying out this work who are currently unregistered or unlicensed.

There are four new restricted classes available within the main plumbing class of Fire Protection – two are ongoing restricted classes and two are transitional restricted classes.

Ongoing restricted classes

The following restricted classes will be available on an ongoing basis:

- Fire Protection restricted to the routine servicing of fire hose reels
- Fire Protection restricted to the routine servicing of unpumped hydrants and valves

Transitional restricted classes

The following transitional restricted classes will be available on a temporary basis up until **31 July 2021**:

- Fire Protection restricted to the routine servicing of pumped hydrants and valves

- Fire Protection restricted to the routine servicing of fire sprinkler systems

People who gain registration or a licence in either of the transitional restricted classes will be eligible to work until 31 July 2021. After this time, to continue working in this area they will need to be enrolled in a Certificate III in Fire Protection.

What this means for people who want to continue working in the industry

If you carry out the routine servicing of fire equipment and want to continue to do this work, you need to obtain a restricted registration or licence in the relevant class from the VBA by **31 December 2020**.

After 31 December 2020, unregistered or unlicensed practitioners carrying out this work will be liable to VBA enforcement action.

To find out how to apply and what competencies and experience you need to apply, visit:

www.vba.vic.gov.au/plumbing/registrations-licences/fire-protection-restricted-classes

Smart phones: If you have an iPhone simply point the camera at the QR Code (right) and click on the link that comes up.

Other smart phones may require a QR Scanning App.



Want to know more?

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