



# Plumbing Newsflash

Plumbing Inspectors

## Fire Protection Industry

### Occupation Licences – Fire Protection

The Plumbers and Drainers Examination and Licensing Board is issuing Plumber's Licences or Restricted Plumber's Licences with the following endorsements:

- Fire Hydrants and Fire Hose Reels
- Fire Sprinkler Systems – Commercial and Industrial
- Fire Sprinkler Systems – Domestic and Residential

If a person has any of the above endorsements they may also install or maintain Fixed Fire Pump Sets.

Licensed Plumbers are automatically entitled to an endorsement for Fire Hydrants and Hose Reels. However, due to the large number of licensed plumbers the Board is either issuing endorsements on request, or at the time of renewal.

### Trade Tests

In order for fire protection workers to obtain an occupational licence they must have the specified qualifications, or undertake a Trade Test that comprises of both a theory and practical component. For people who are required to undertake a Trade Test and live outside of the Brisbane metropolitan area the Board is requesting assistance from plumbing inspectors to assess the 'practical component' of the Trade Test.

The 'practical component' is a successful on-site inspection in accordance with the appropriate standards of a Fire Hydrant (AS2419.1 – 1994); Automatic Fire Sprinkler System (AS2118.1 – 1999) and Fire Hose Reels (AS2441 – 1988) installed by the applicant.

Applicants will contact the local government Plumbing Inspector directly and request them to carry out an inspection. A statutory declaration confirming the outcome of the inspection must be given to the applicant for forwarding to the Board.