



FACT SHEET

Eligibility for a Western Australian trade certificate

A trade certificate may be issued by the Western Australian Department of Training and Workforce Development (the Department) to an individual who has achieved an apprenticeship qualification if the individual has:

- completed the qualification via a training contract registered in Western Australia;
- met the Department's trade skills recognition (TSR) requirements; or
- completed a qualification that is recognised within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) in an Australian state or territory other than WA. The qualification must be equivalent to a qualification on the [Classification of prescribed vocational education and training qualifications in WA](#) with the title of apprentice, and must have been achieved through an employment-based training arrangement.

The following diagram illustrates the three pathways of obtaining a trade certificate in WA.



When a trade certificate will not be issued

The Department is not able to issue a trade certificate to an individual who:

- is an apprentice yet to complete their training contract;
- has completed the qualification through institutional training only;
- is an international student; or
- has achieved an apprenticeship qualification through RPL using an RTO that is not approved by the Department as a TSR provider.

Licensing requirements

Some trade areas have licensing requirements which individuals are required to meet in order to work in particular occupations. Licensing requirements are in addition to the AQF qualification and trade certificate. Individuals should seek information from the relevant licensing body on the requirements they need to meet for those occupations.