

Apprenticeship Office – 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 apprenticeship arrangement.

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

Pathway 1 😽

I have achieved my qualification via a WA apprenticeship training contract

- The Department will issue you a trade certificate on completion of the training contract.
- · No application is required.

Pathway 2 😽



- You may wish to undergo a recognition of prior learning (RPL) process with an RTO that is approved by the Department as a TSR provider.
- If you are found eligible to be issued an AQF qualification classified in WA as an apprenticeship, the RTO can apply to the Department for a trade certificate to be issued to you under the TSR guidelines.
- For further information, refer
 to the <u>Applying for a Western</u>
 <u>Australian trade certificate via</u>
 trade skills recognition fact sheet.

Pathway 3 💝

other than WA



- If your AQF qualification was achieved via an apprenticeship pathway and is in a trade that is recognised in WA as an apprenticeship qualification, you may apply to the Department for a trade certificate.
- For further information, refer to the <u>Applying for a Western</u> <u>Australian trade certificate by interstate tradespeople fact</u> <u>sheet.</u>







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Licensing requirements

Some trade areas have licensing requirements which individuals are required to meet 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 specific occupation requirements.

* Further eligibility details can be found in the WA Apprenticeships and traineeships policy.