



Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) Occupational Licensing Performance Report

March quarter 2026

The effective administration of occupational licences is key to achieving a diversified economy and delivering the Western Australian Government's objective of becoming a global leader in investment attraction, industry facilitation and regulation. March quarter results show strong performance across most licensing categories. A total of 40,948 applications were finalised during the quarter, reflecting a slight increase in demand compared to the last two quarters (September: 38,165 and December: 37,007).

Over the March quarter, processing performance remained stable, with average completion times ranging from eight to 31 business days depending on the licence category. Electrical, plumbing, gas and motor vehicle licensing continued to deliver fast turnaround times. More complex assessments such as building surveying and owner builder approvals, while requiring longer timeframes, were delivered well within targets.

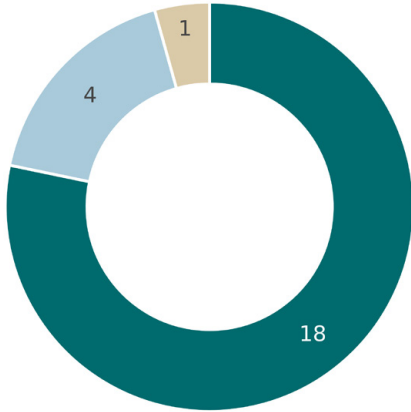
The licensing landscape remains large and diverse, with significant populations across key sectors, including 40,379 electricians, 336,404 high-risk work licence holders and 11,292 owner builder approvals. Substantial property and motor vehicle workforces are also subject to licensing regulation.

Overall, the quarter reflects a licensing system that is performing well and operating effectively under sustained demand, with most categories tracking close to target timelines and maintaining consistent throughput.

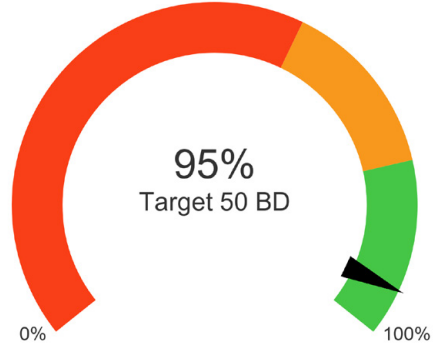
LGIRS was formed on 1 July 2025. Prior to this date the activities reported in this report were undertaken by the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.

Registered building contractor and practitioner licence processing times

Average 23 business days (BD) total

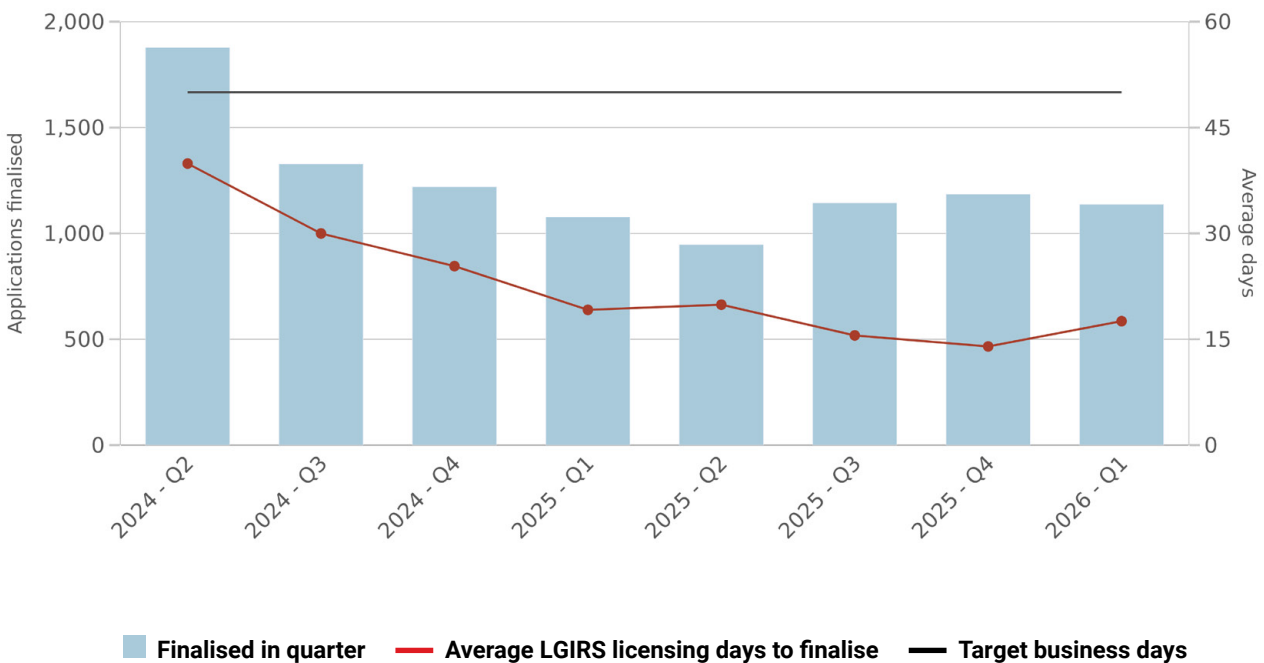


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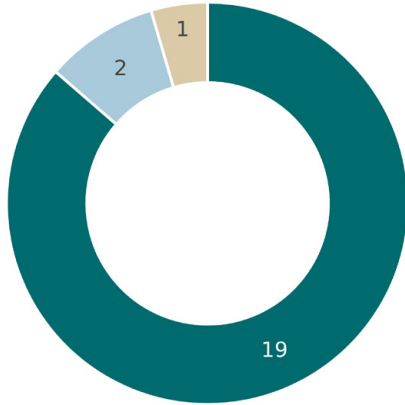
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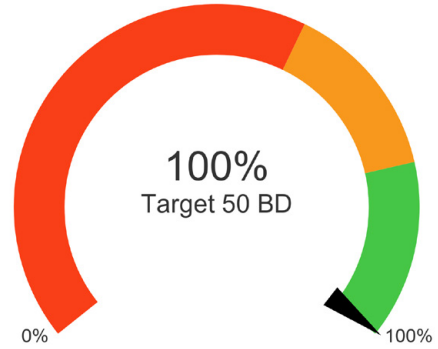


Registered painting contractor and practitioner licence processing times

Average 22 business days total

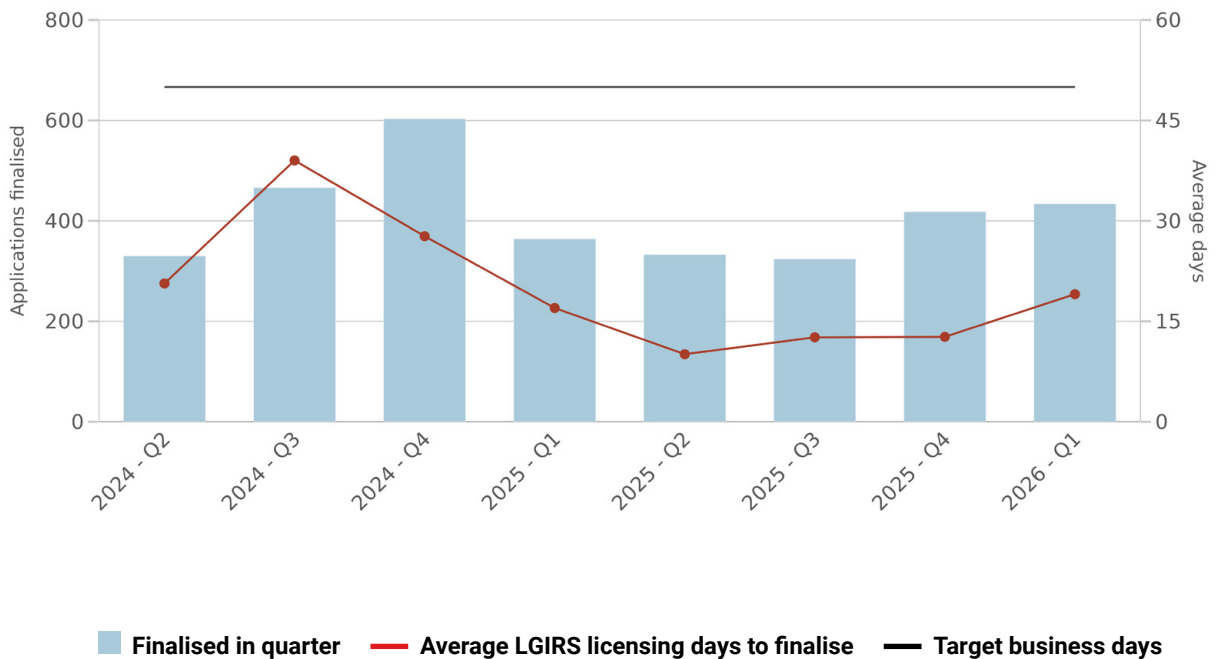


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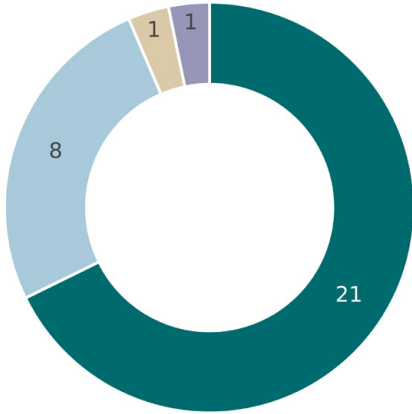
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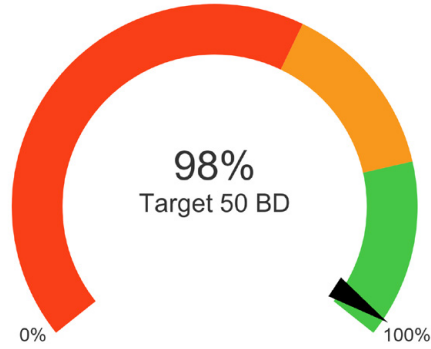


Building surveying contractor and practitioner licence processing times

Average 31 business days total

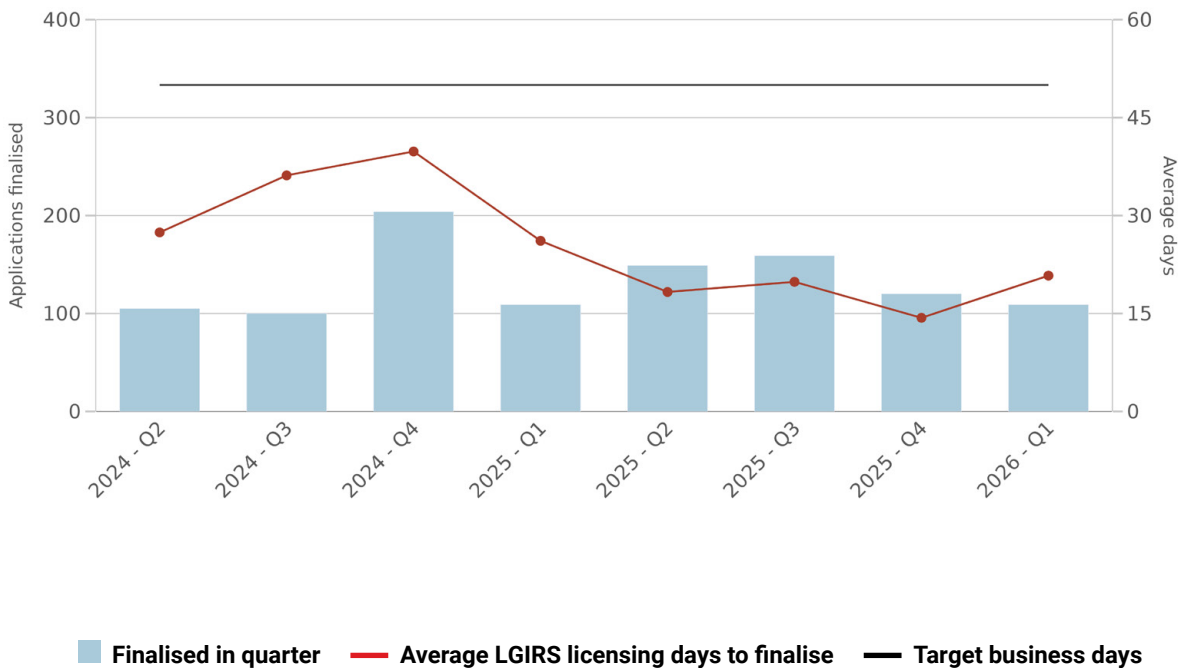


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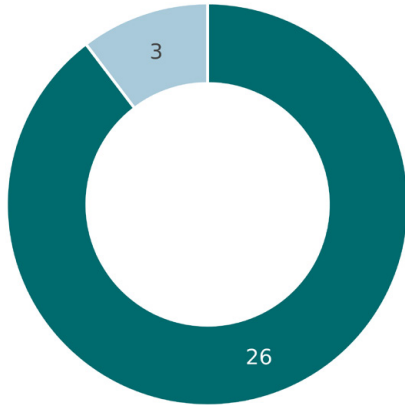
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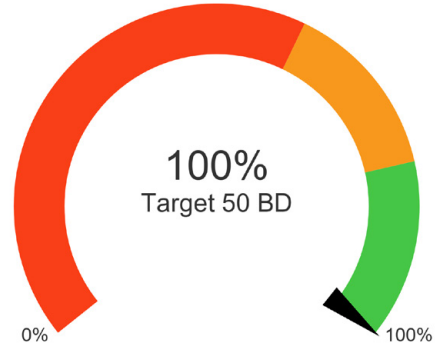


Owner builder licence processing times

Average 29 business days total

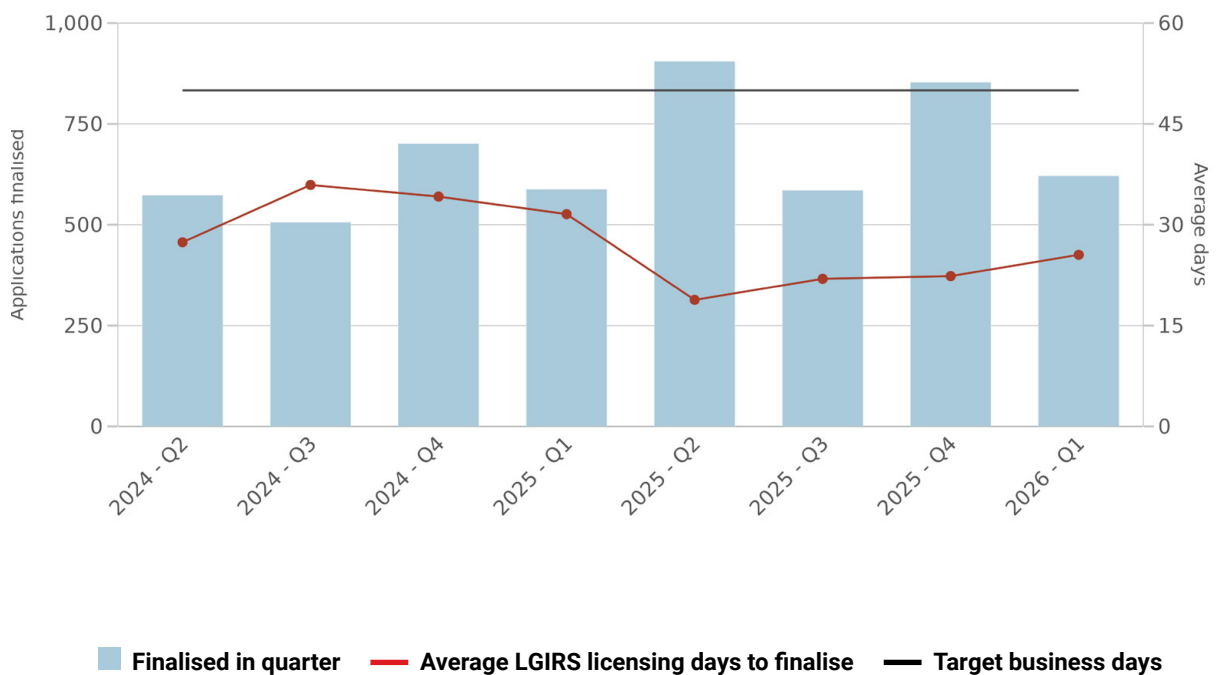


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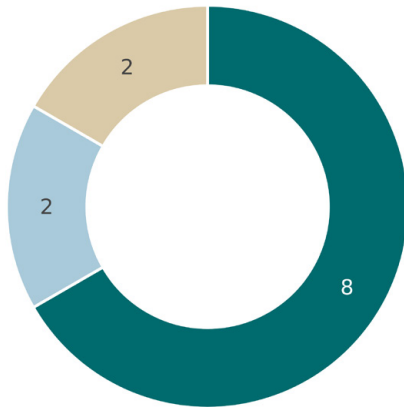
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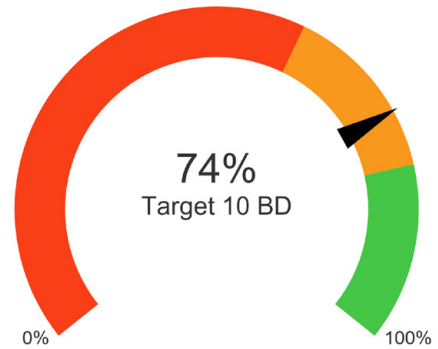


Plumbing licence processing times

Average 12 business days total

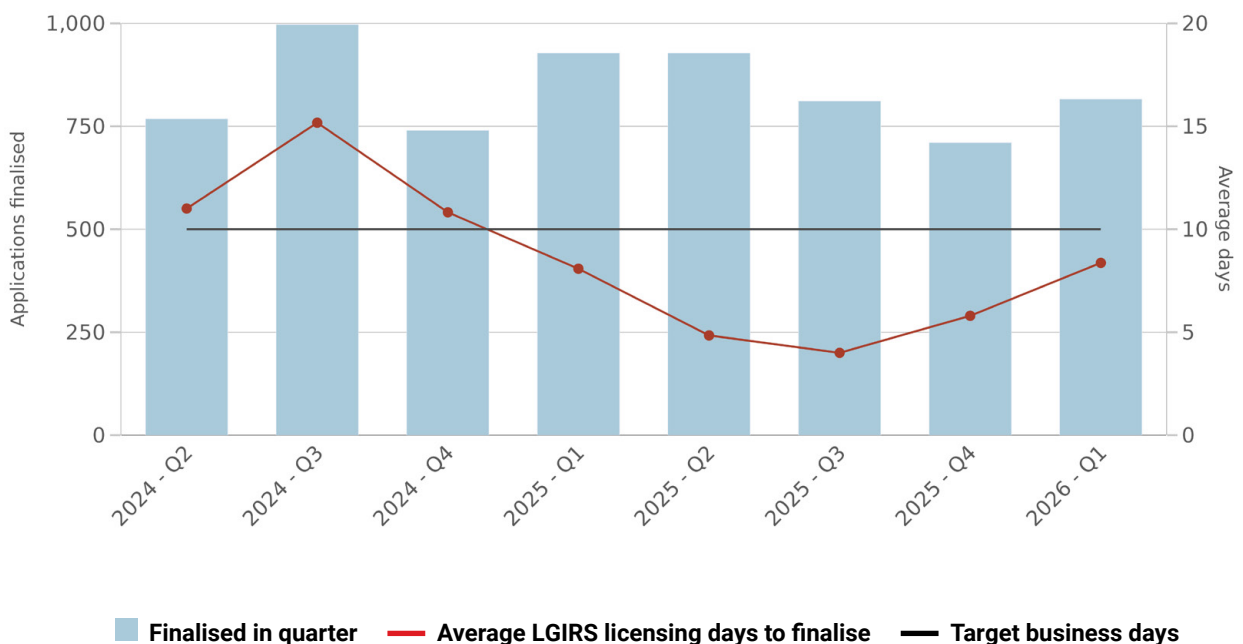


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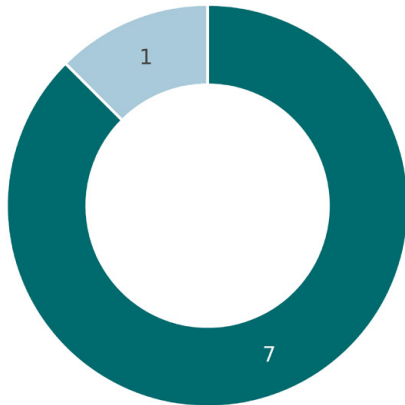
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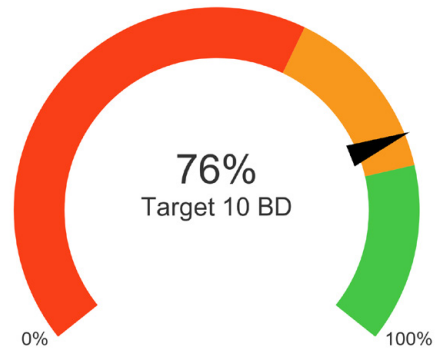


Electrical licence processing times

Average 8 business days total

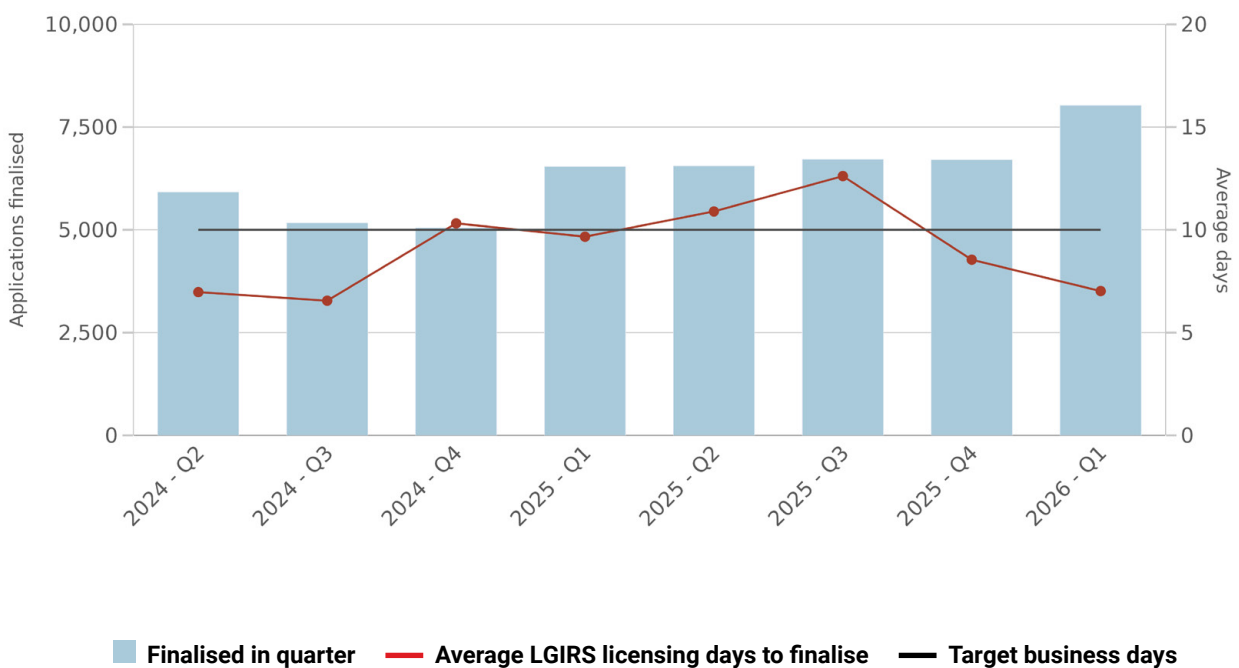


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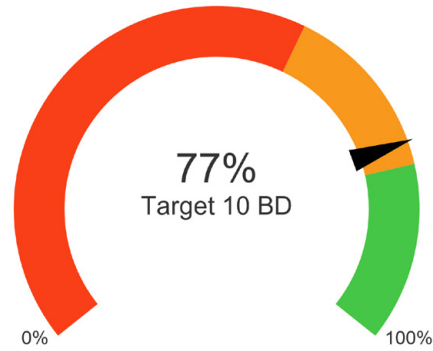
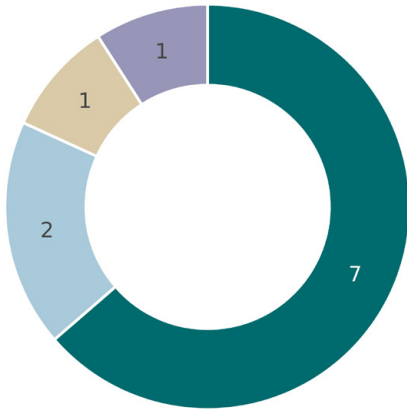
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Gas licence processing times

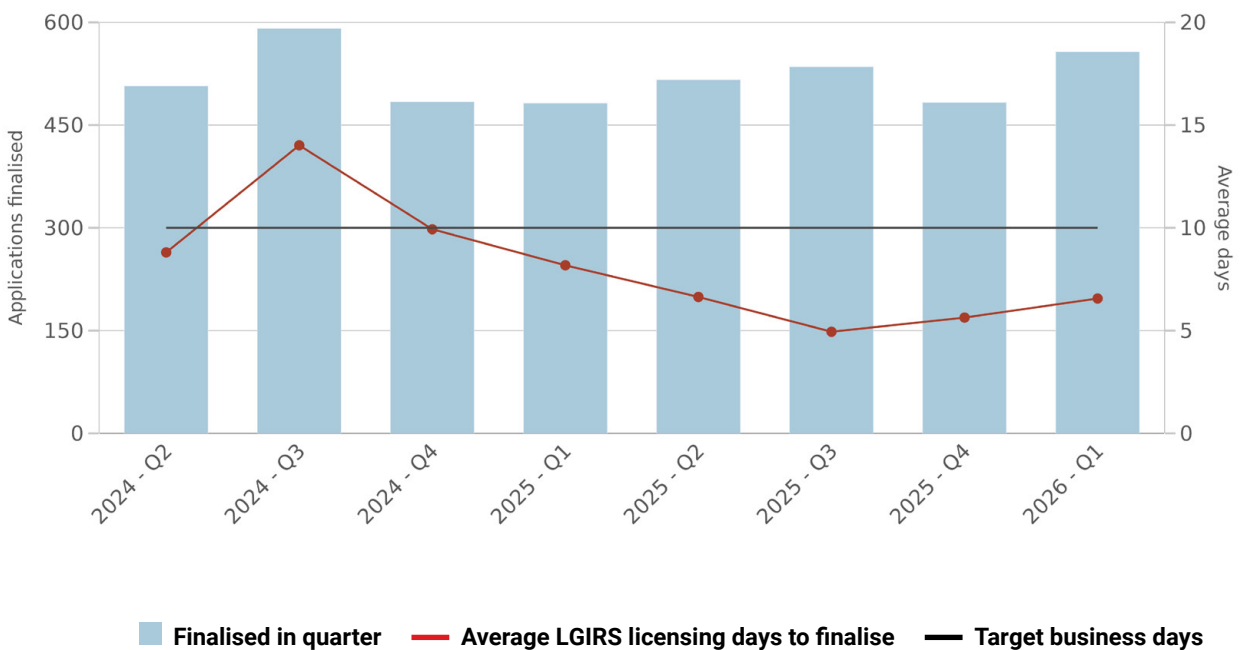
Average **11** business days total

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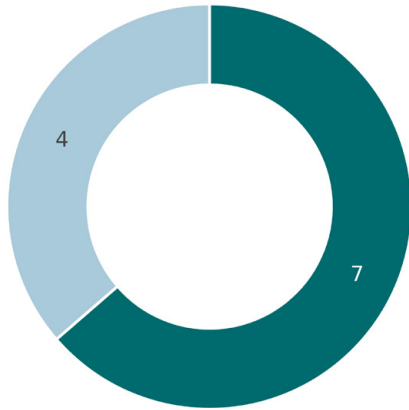
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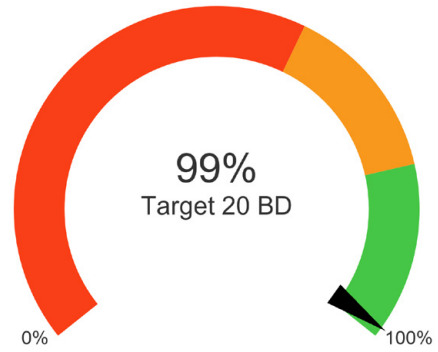


Dangerous goods licence processing times

Average 11 business days total

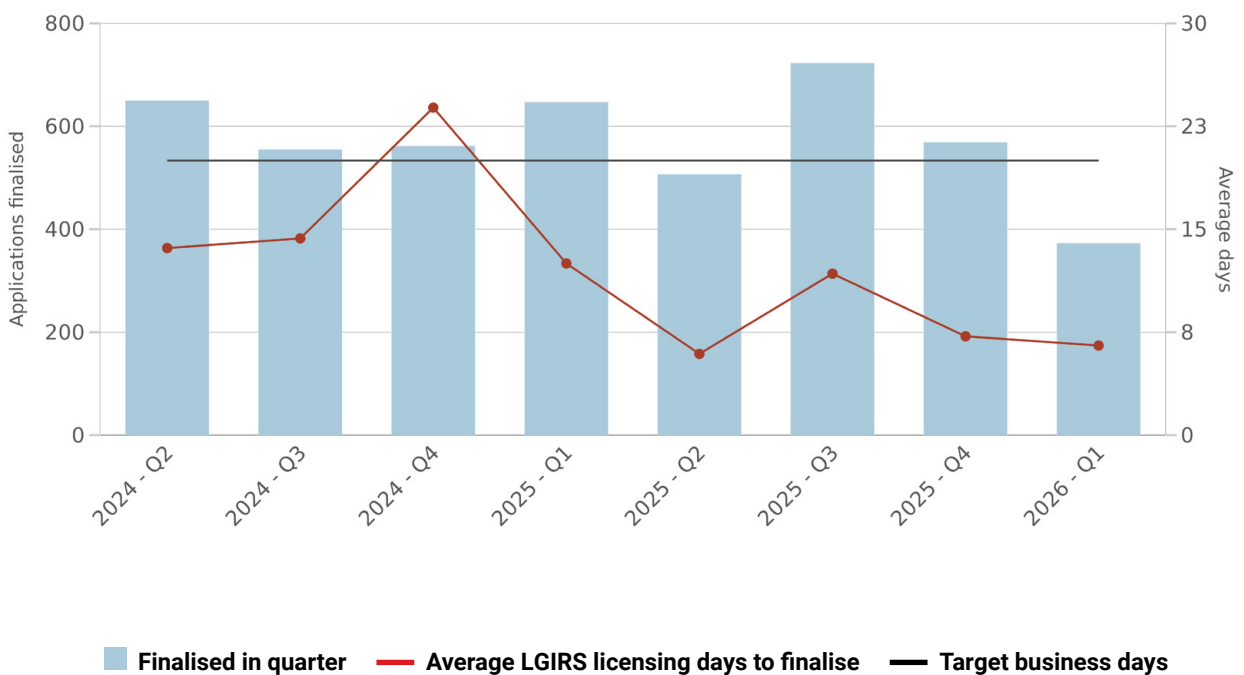


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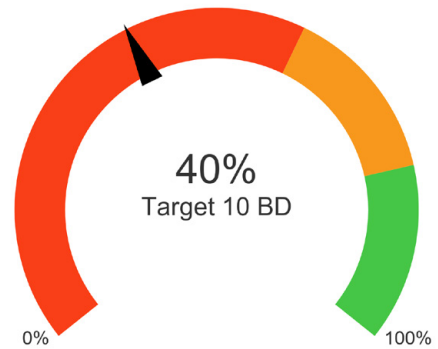


High risk work licence processing times

Average **22** business days total

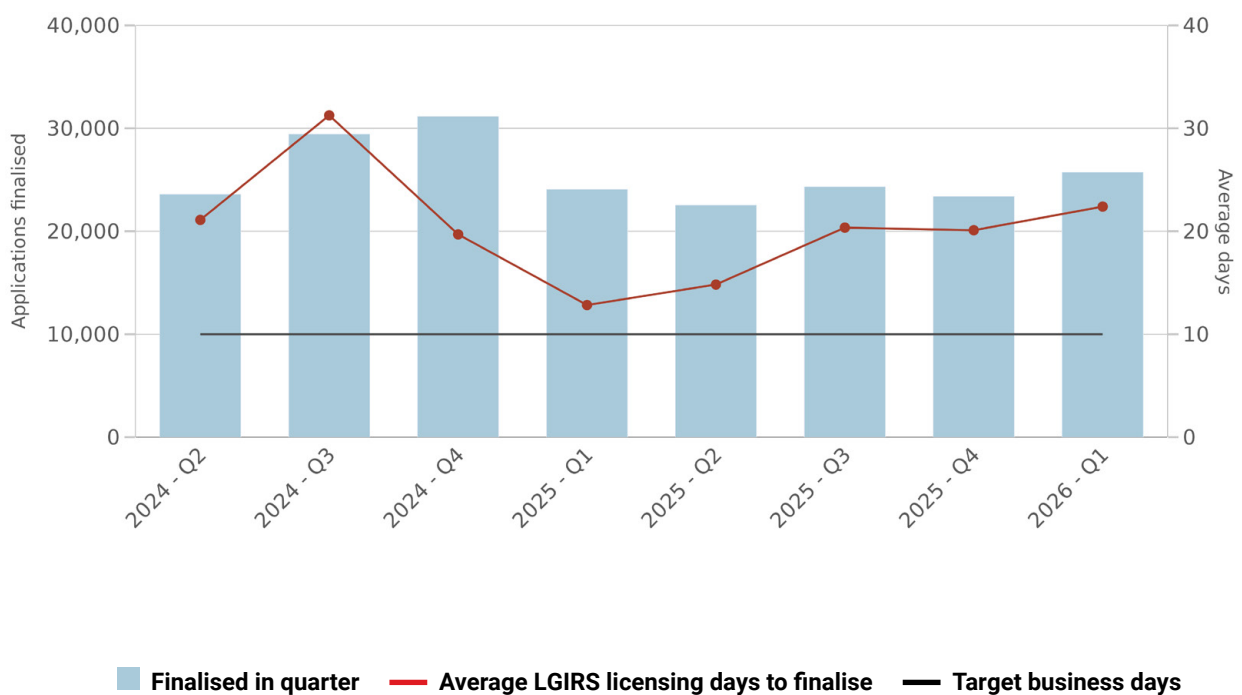


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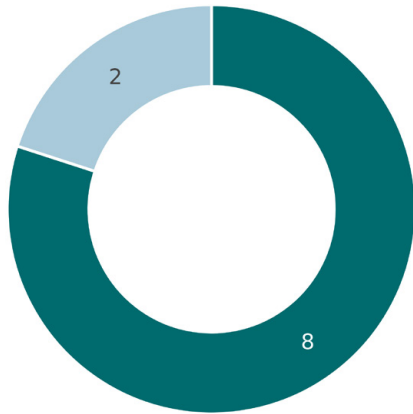
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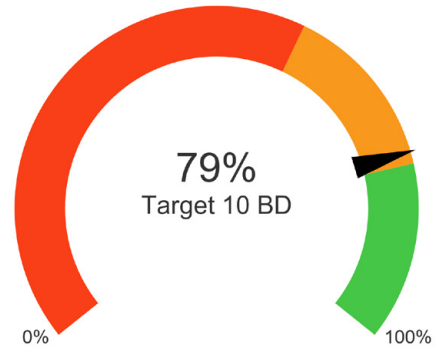


Motor vehicle industries licence processing times

Average 10 business days total

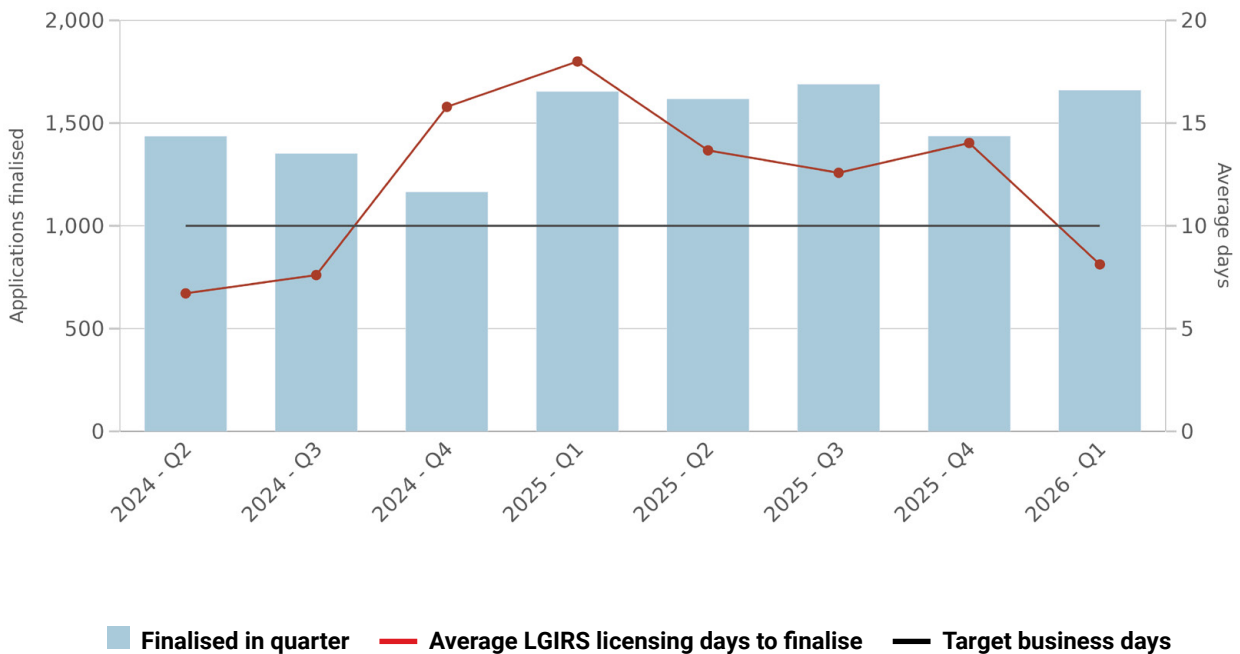


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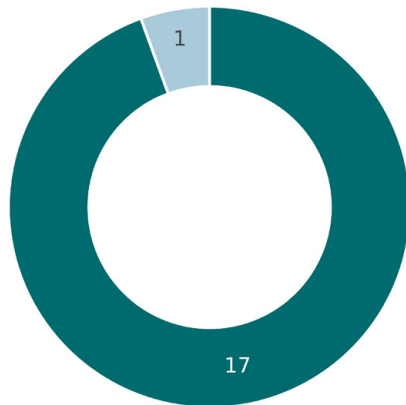
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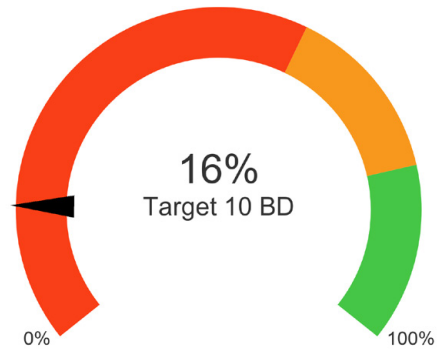


Property industries licence processing times

Average 18 business days total

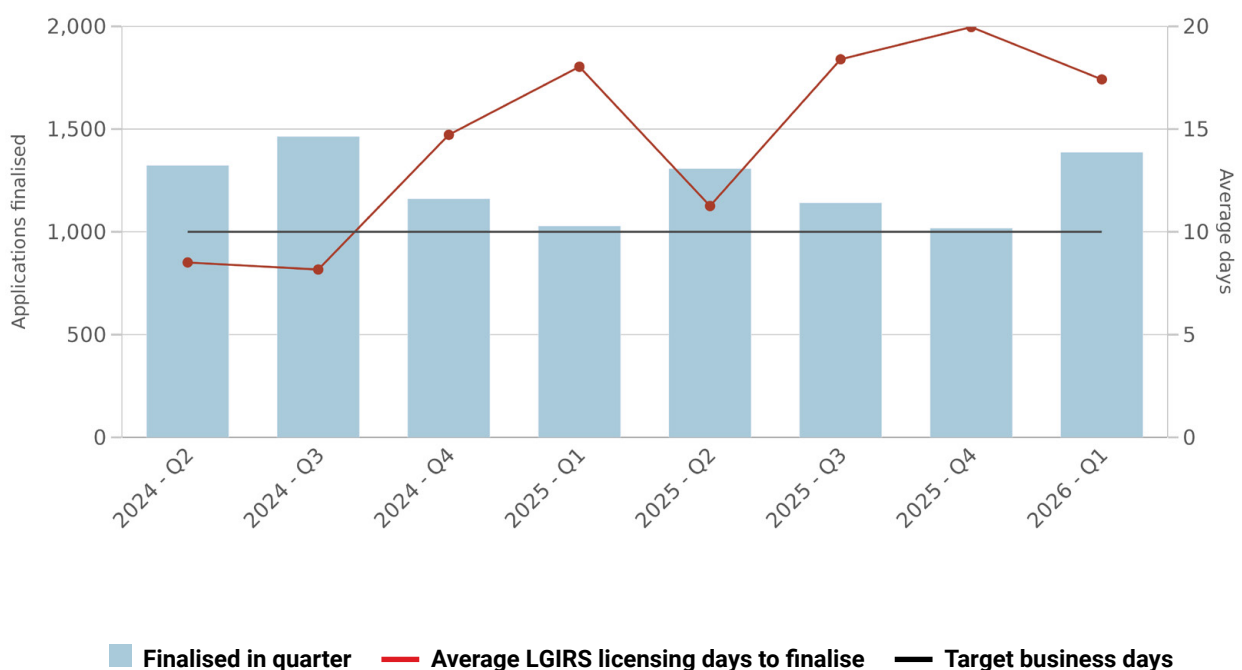


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Licence holders as at 1 March 2026

Registered building contractor and practitioner

• Registered building contractor	5,985
• Registered building practitioner	6,616

Registered painting contractor and practitioner

• Registered painting contractor	2,362
• Registered painting practitioner	2,425

Building surveying contractor and practitioner

• Building surveying contractor	81
• Building surveying practitioner	979

Owner builder

• Owner builder approval	11,292
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Plumbing

• Plumbing contractor	4,116
• Provisional tradesperson's licence	55
• Restricted plumbers permit holders	109
• Tradesperson plumber	4,174

Electrical

• Electrical contractor	6,765
• Electrical worker's permit	296
• Electricians	40,379
• Electrician's training licence holders	6,318
• In-house electrical installing work licence holders	272
• Provisional electrician's licence	305
• Restricted electrical licence holders	4,549
• Restricted logbook request	59

Gas

• Authorisation - gasfitting	154
• Certificate of competency holders gasfitting	221
• Gasfitting permit holders	7,773
• Gasfitting training permit holders	1,275

Dangerous goods

• Dangerous goods driver licence holders	5,908
• Shotfiring licence holders	3,083

High risk work licence

• WorkSafe high risk work licence holders	336,404
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Motor vehicle industries

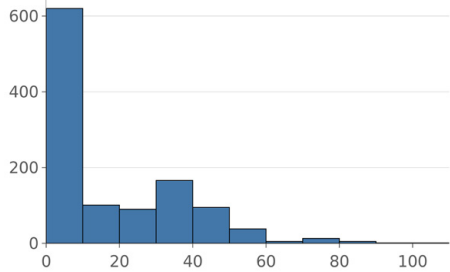
• Motor vehicle auctioneer exemption holders	1
• Motor vehicle car hire exemption holders	104
• Motor vehicle dealers	1,619
• Motor vehicle financier exemption holders	8
• Motor vehicle repair business	5,053
• Motor vehicle repairer	21,521
• Motor vehicle salesperson	1,822
• Motor vehicle yard manager	1,500

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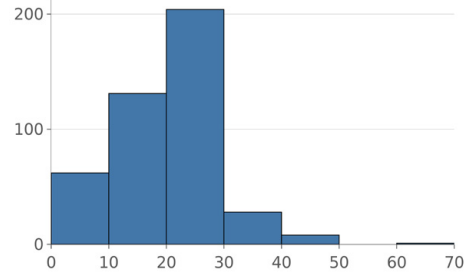
• Business settlement agent licence	25
• Land valuer	864
• Real estate & business agent licence	5,087
• Real estate developer registration	764
• Real estate sales representative registration	7,476
• Real estate settlement agent licence	716

Distribution of business days to finalise applications – 2026 Q1

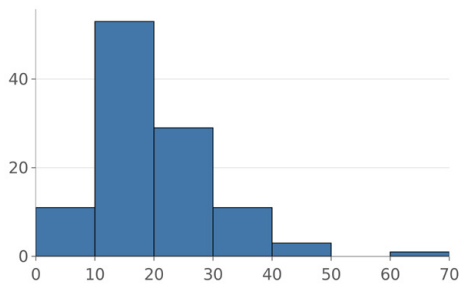
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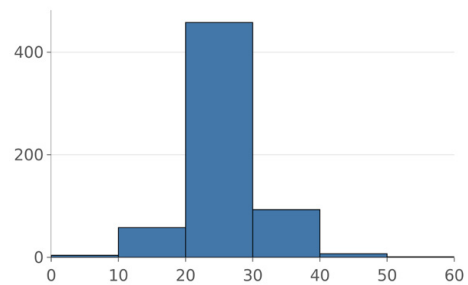
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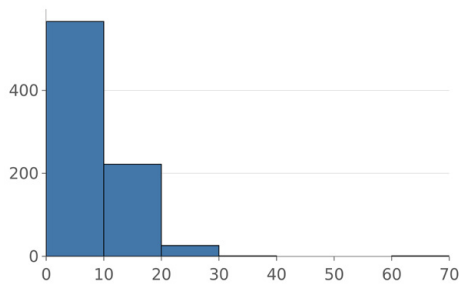
Building surveying contractor and practitioner



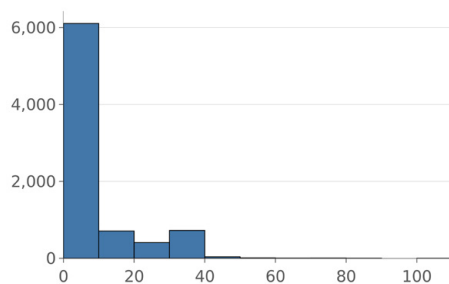
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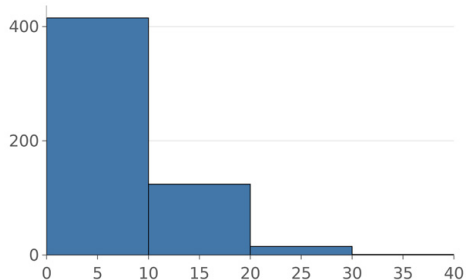
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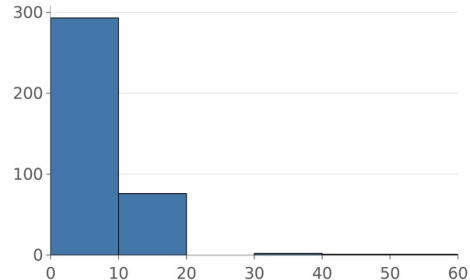
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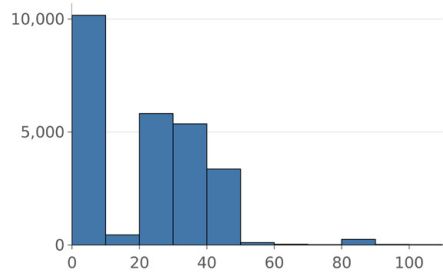
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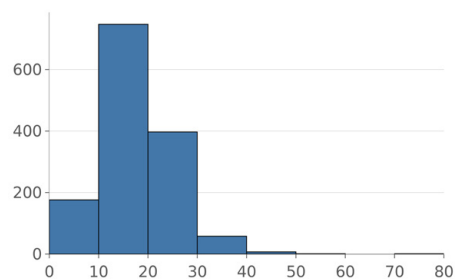
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High risk work licence



Property industries



Motor vehicle industries

