



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

June 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. The June quarter results show strong performance across most licensing categories. A total of 44,246 applications were finalised during the quarter reflecting an increase in demand compared to the last two quarters (December: 37,007 and March: 40,948).

Over the June quarter, processing performance remained stable, with average completion times ranging from six to 28 business days depending on the licence category. Most categories of electrical licensing, 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 within targets.

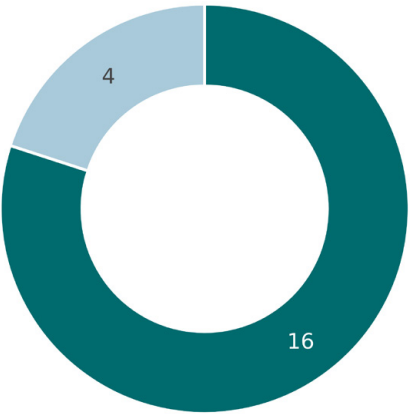
The licensing landscape remains large and diverse, with significant populations across key sectors, including 40,918 electricians, 341,450 high-risk work licence holders and 11,971 owner builder approvals. Substantial property and motor vehicle workforces are also subject to licensing regulation.

Overall, the quarter reflects a licensing system that is operating effectively under sustained demand, with most categories continuing to demonstrate progress towards achieving target processing timeframes.

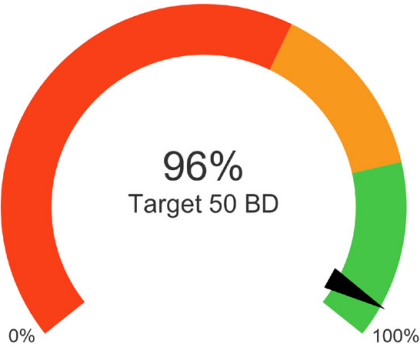
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Registered building contractor and practitioner licence processing times

Average 20 business days (BD) total

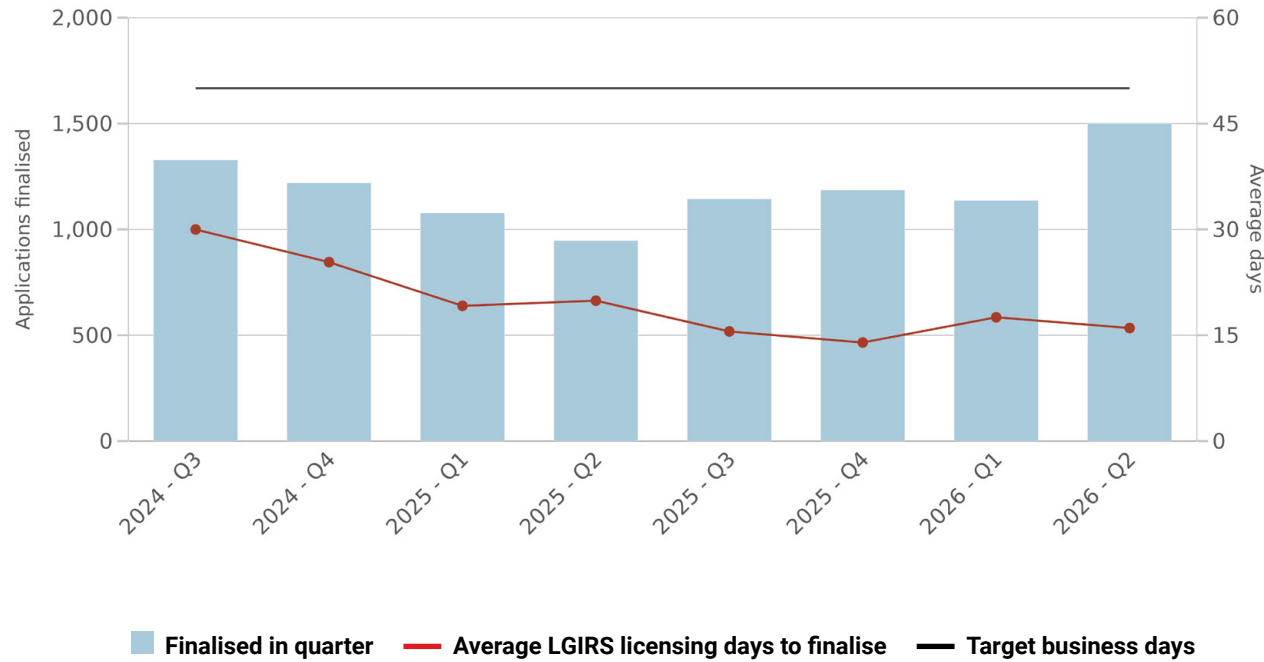


Per cent finalised where LGIRS licensing days within target timeline



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 ■ Applicant
 ■ LGIRS legal / compliance / other

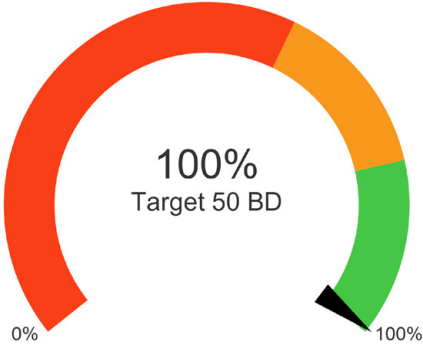
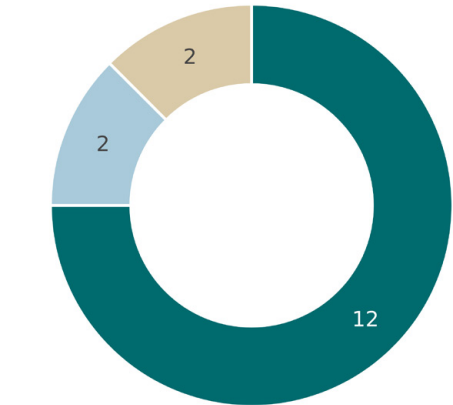
Trends for finalised applications and average business days to finalise



Registered painting contractor and practitioner licence processing times

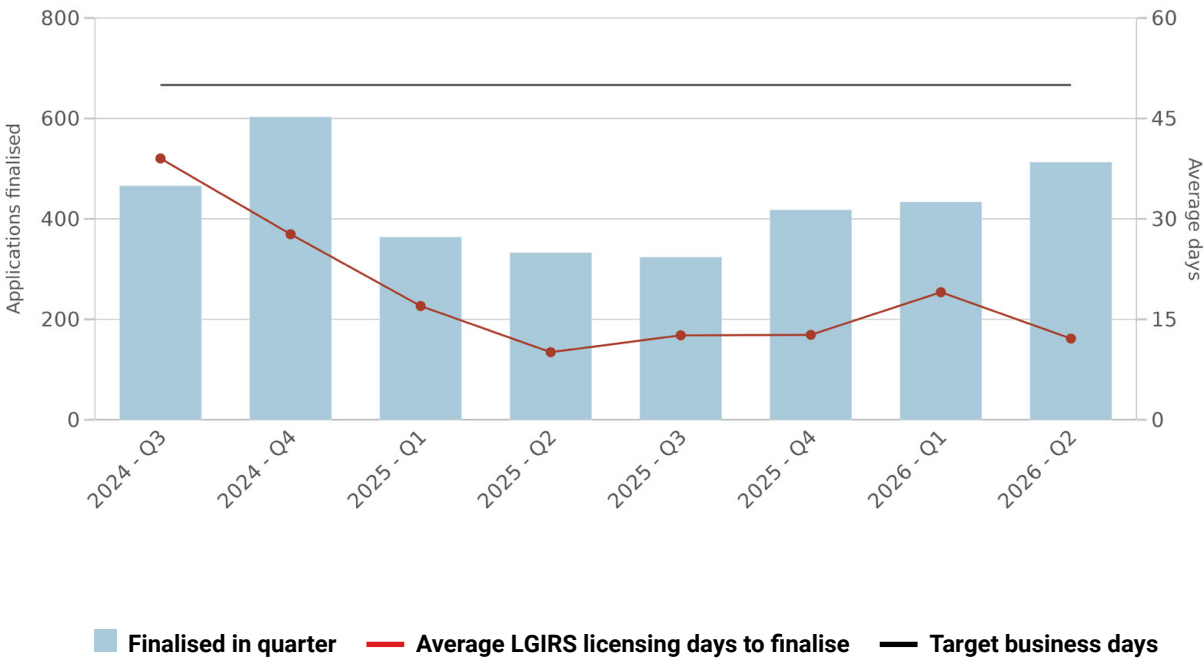
Average 16 business days total

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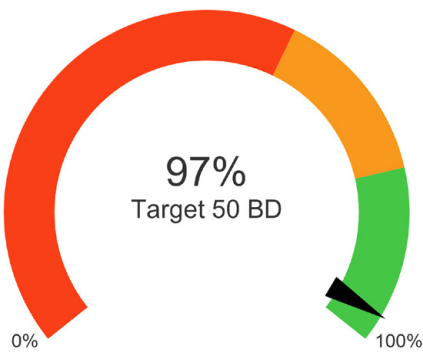
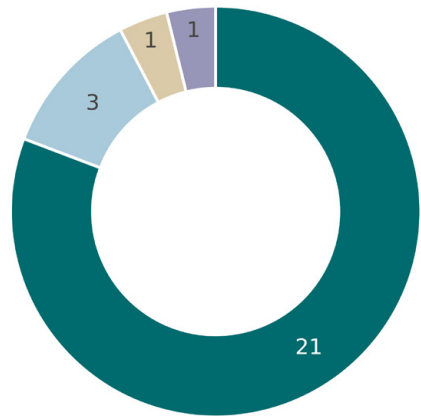
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Building surveying contractor and practitioner licence processing times

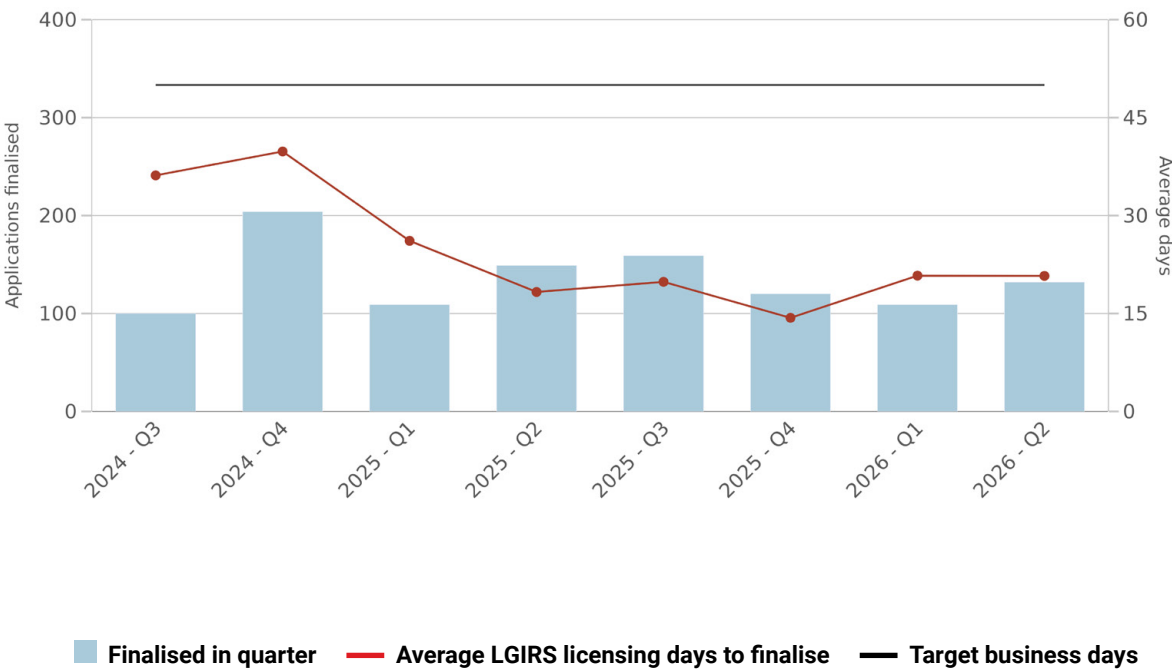
Average 26 business days total

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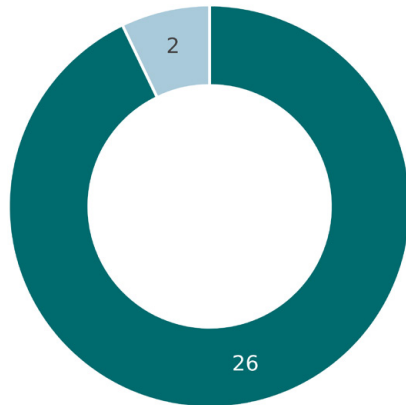
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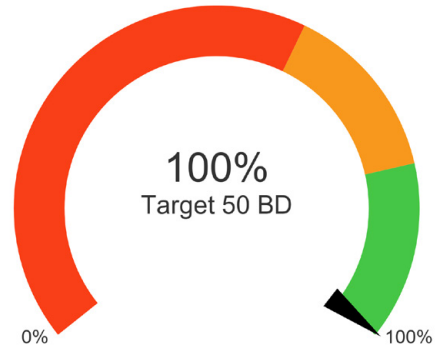
Owner builder licence processing times

Average **28** business days total

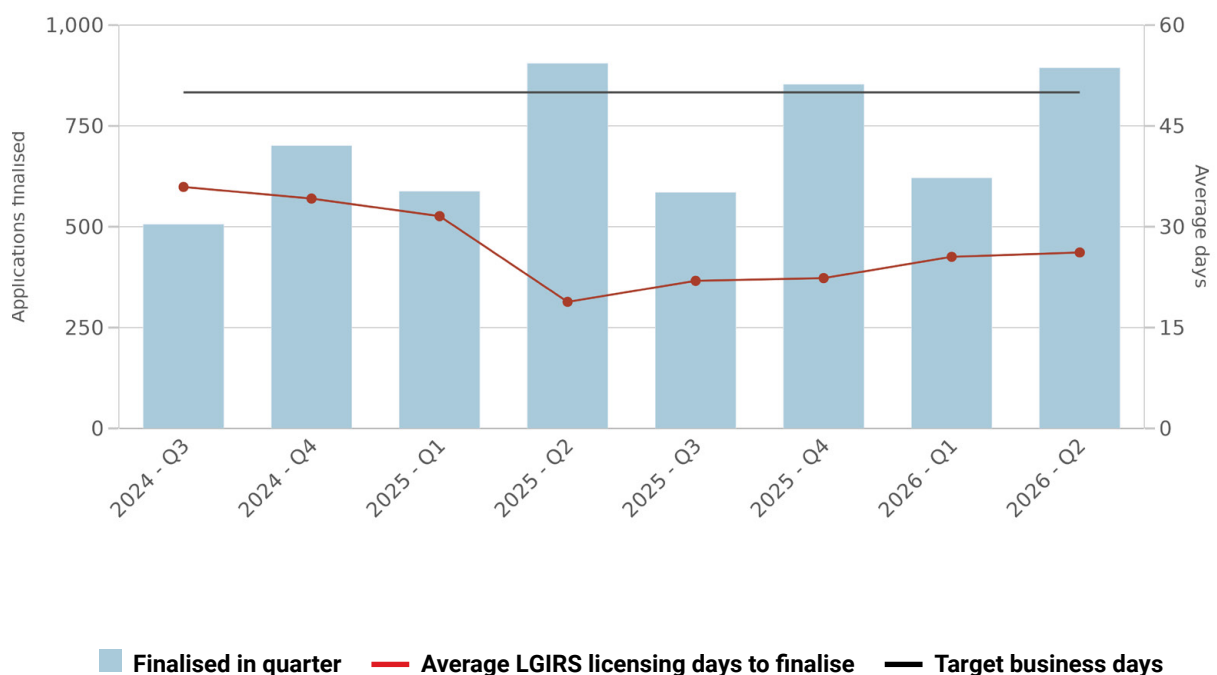


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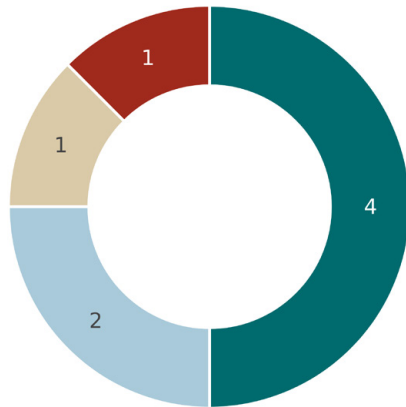


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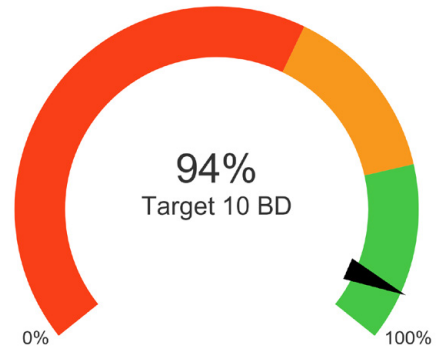


Plumbing licence processing times

Average 8 business days total

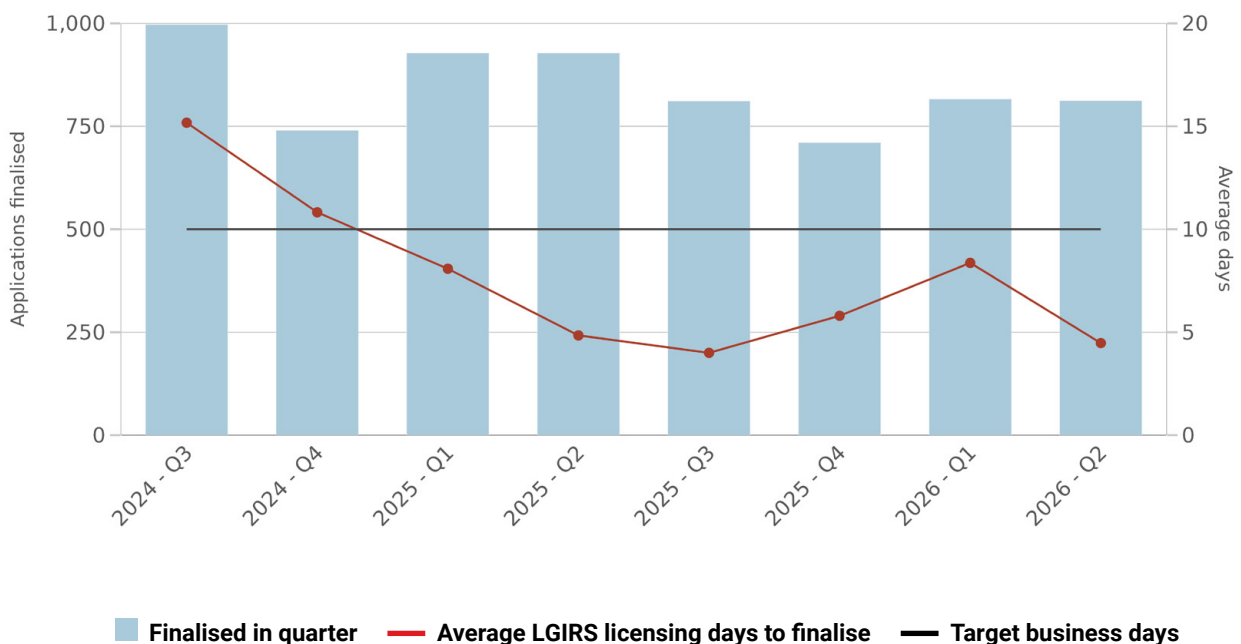


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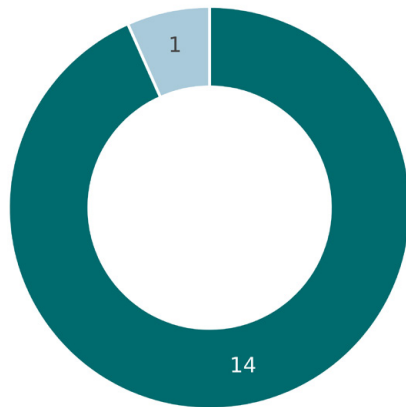
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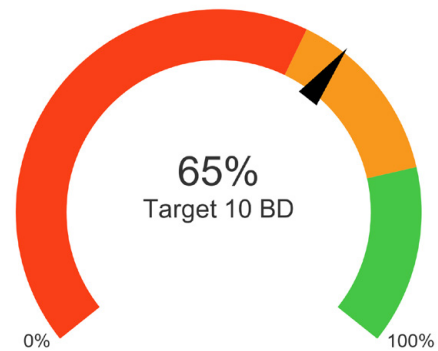
Electrical licence processing times

Average **15** business days total

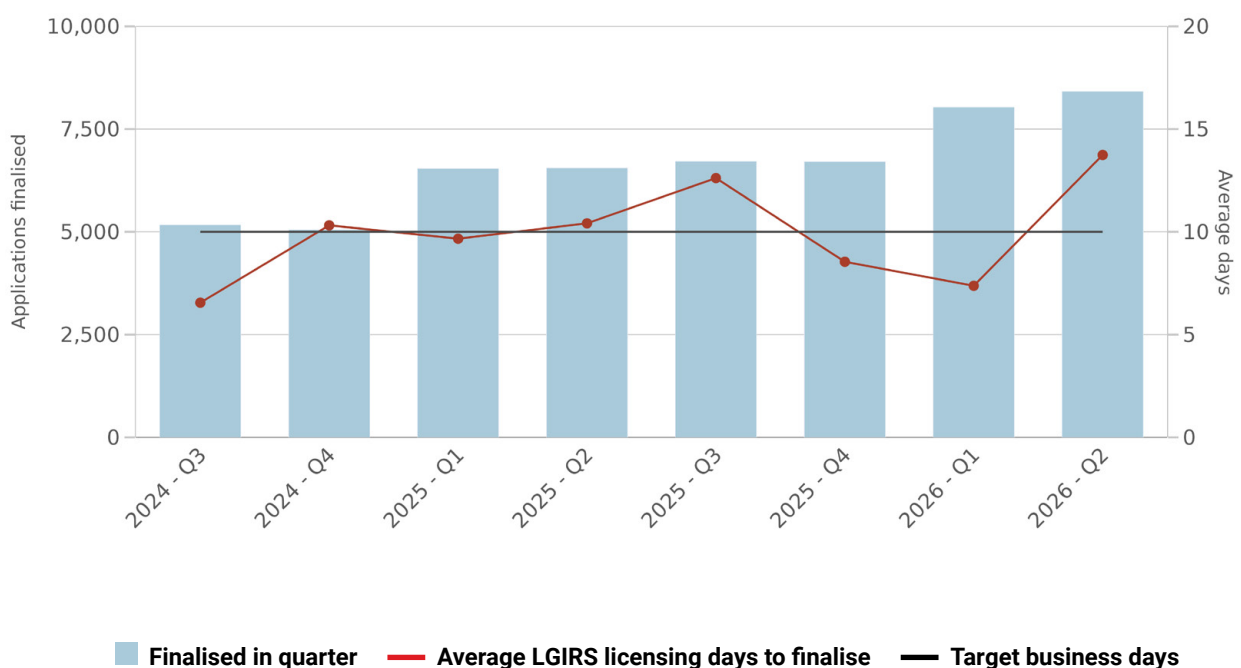


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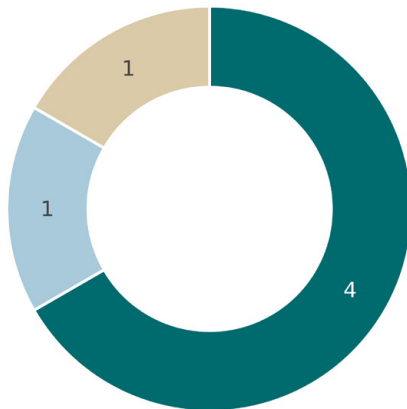


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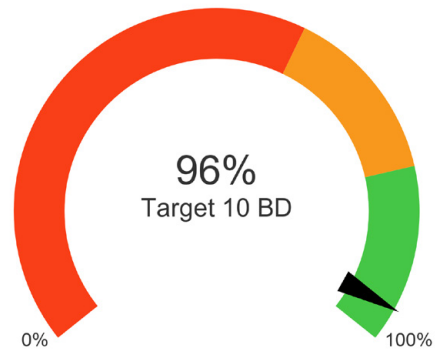


Gas licence processing times

Average 6 business days total

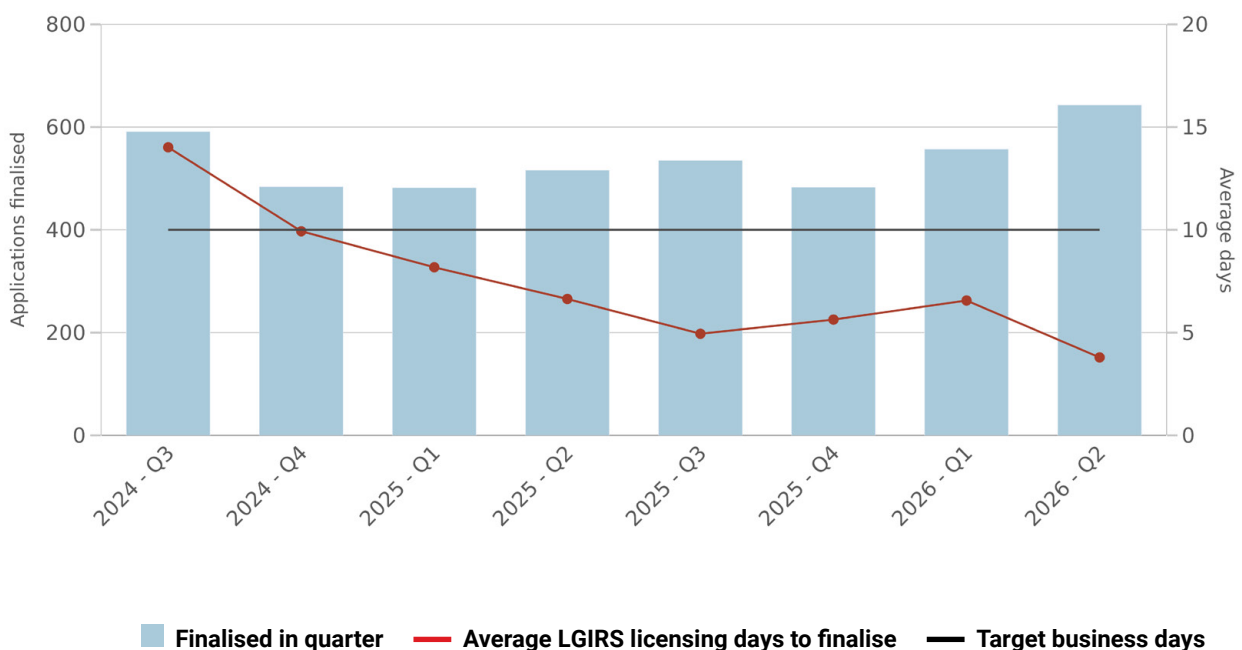


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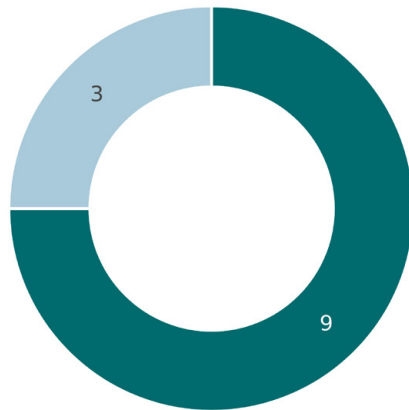
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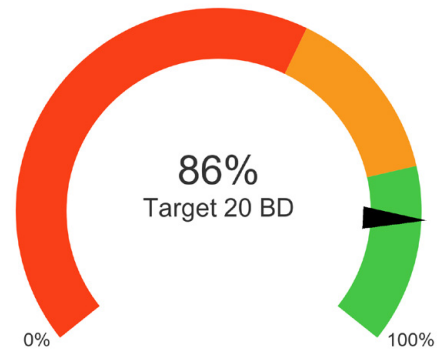
Dangerous goods licence processing times

Average **12** business days total

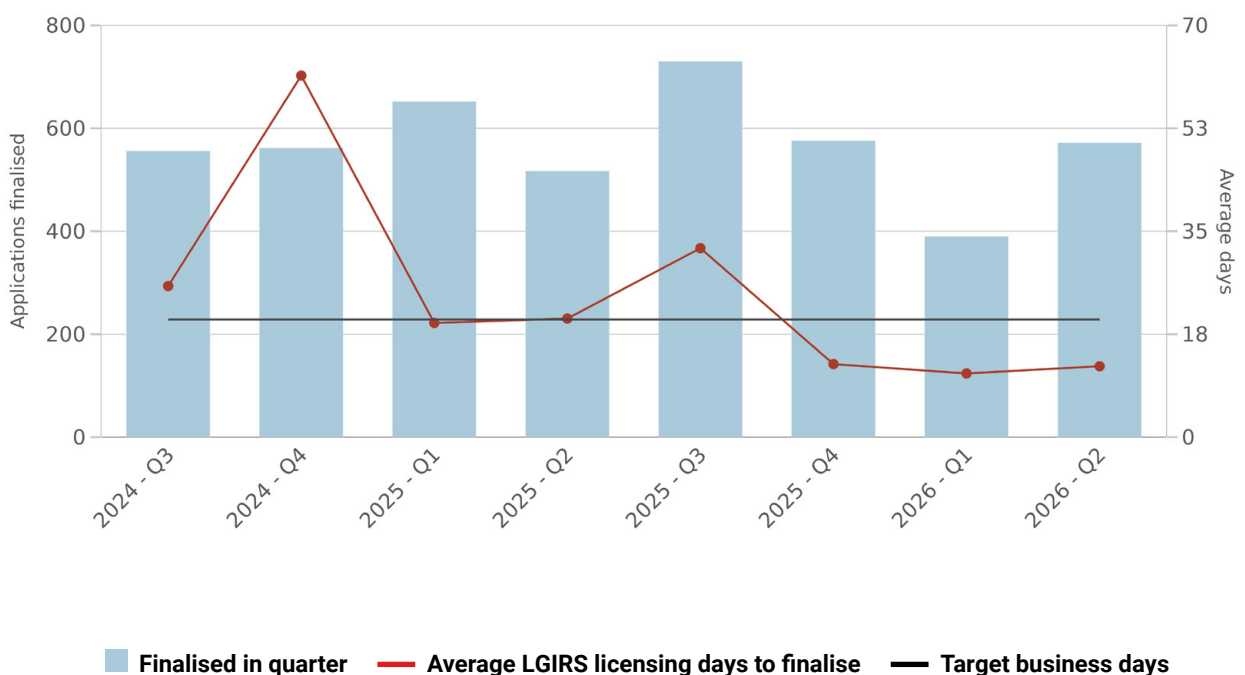


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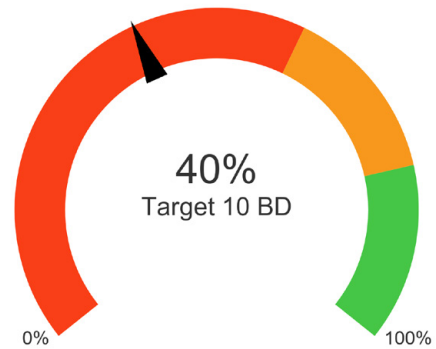


High risk work licence processing times

Average **14** business days total

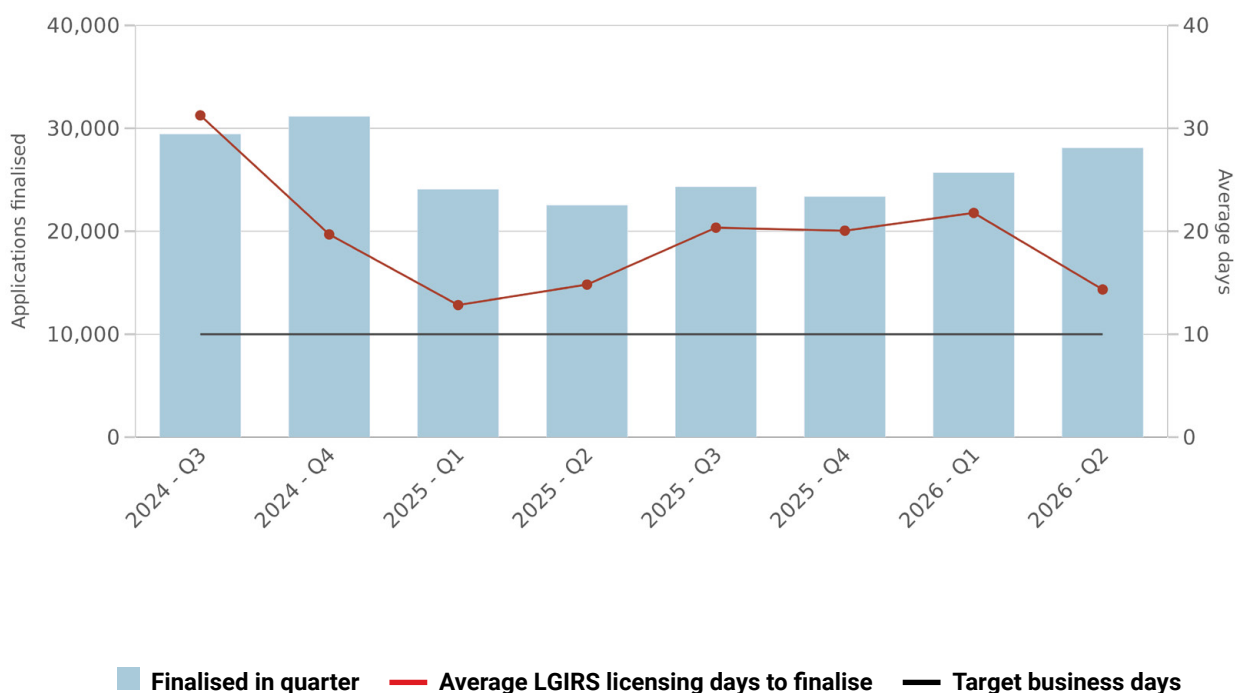


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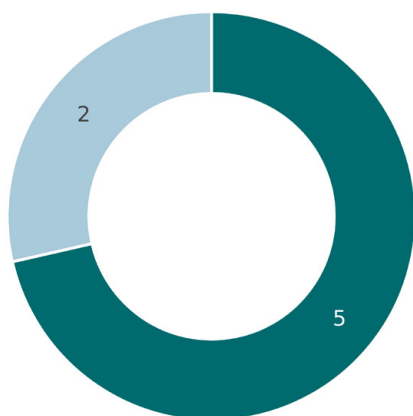
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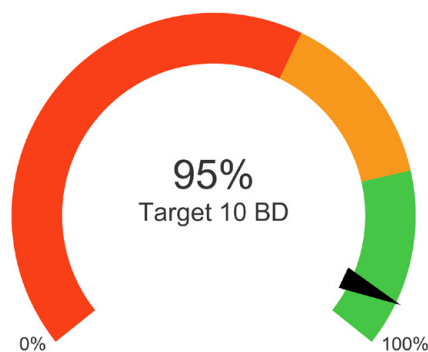
Motor vehicle industries licence processing times

Average 7 business days total

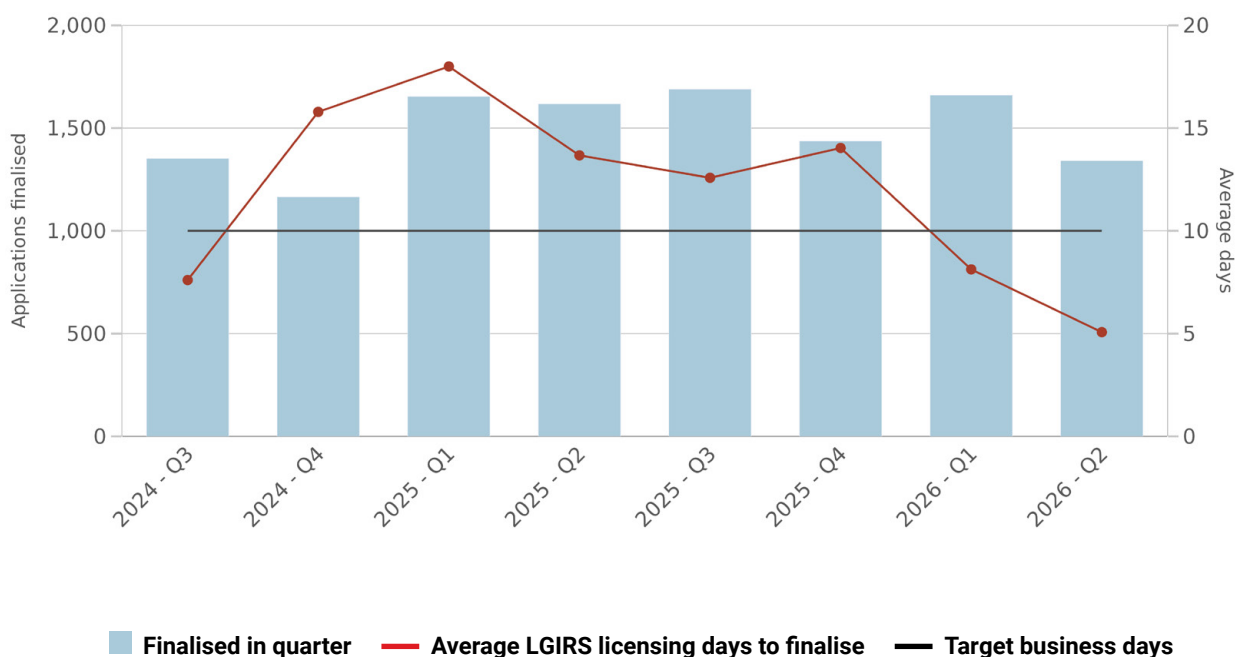


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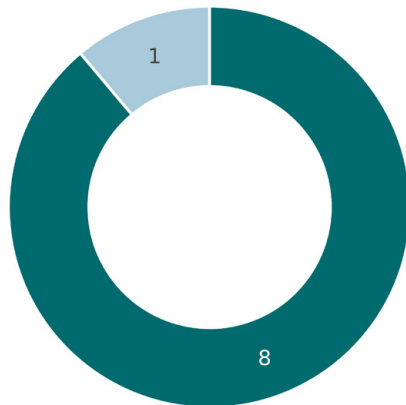


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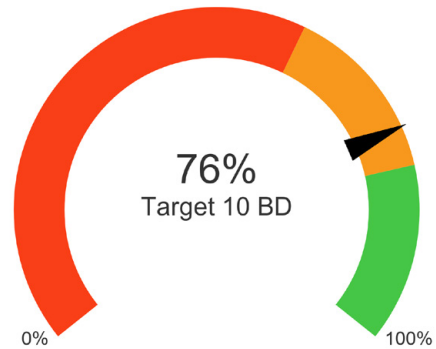
Property industries licence processing times

Average 9 business days total

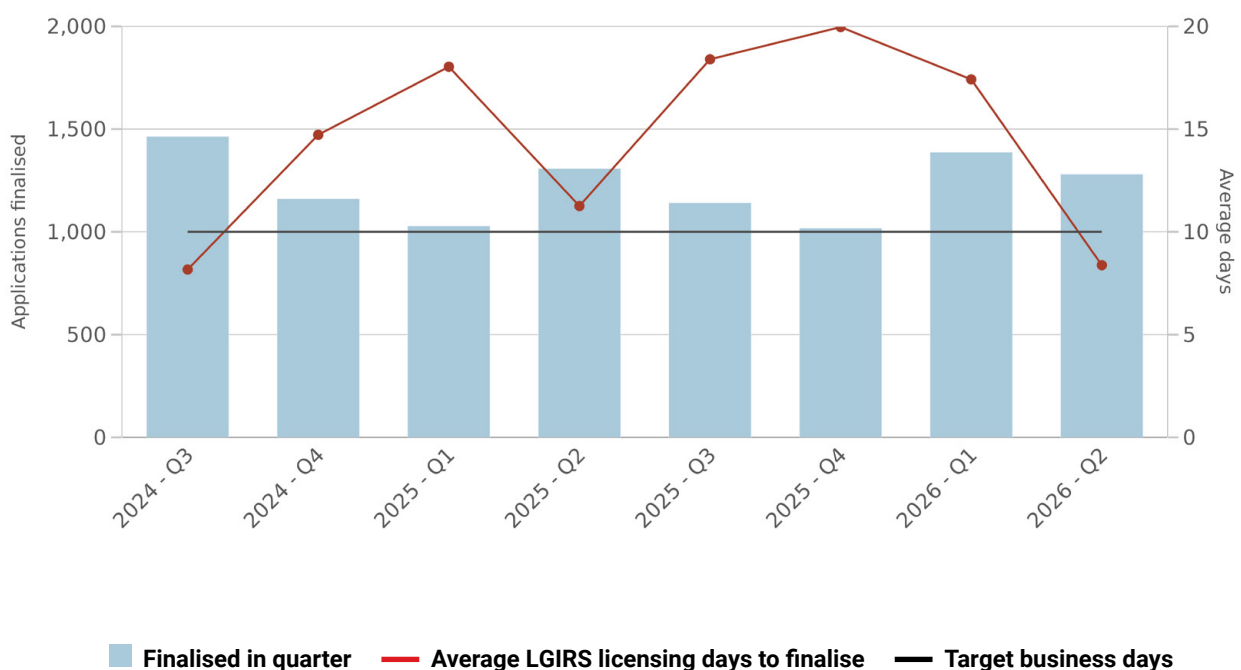


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Licence holders as at 1 June 2026

Registered building contractor and practitioner

• Registered building contractor	6,238
• Registered building practitioner	6,867

Registered painting contractor and practitioner

• Registered painting contractor	2,365
• Registered painting practitioner	2,450

Building surveying contractor and practitioner

• Building surveying contractor	84
• Building surveying practitioner	1,023

Owner builder

• Owner builder approval	11,971
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Plumbing

• Plumbing contractor	4,175
• Provisional tradesperson's licence	61
• Restricted plumbers permit	111
• Tradesperson plumber	4,253

Electrical

• Electrical contractor	6,909
• Electrical worker's permit	408
• Electrician	40,897
• Electrician's training licence	6,781
• In-house electrical installing work licence	276
• Provisional electrician's licence	223
• Restricted electrical licence	4,584
• Restricted logbook request	52

Gas

• Authorisation - gasfitting	147
• Certificate of competency - gasfitting	221
• Gasfitting permit	7,918
• Gasfitting training permit	1,332

Dangerous goods

• Dangerous goods driver licence	5,963
• Shotfiring licence	3,109

High risk work

• WorkSafe high risk work licence	341,643
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Motor vehicle industries

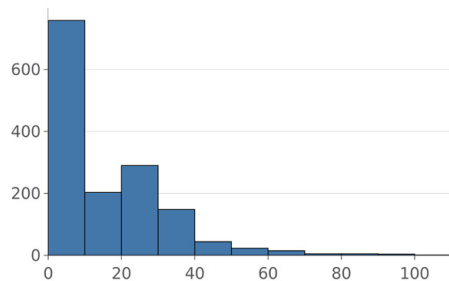
• Motor vehicle auctioneer exemption	1
• Motor vehicle car hire exemption	101
• Motor vehicle dealer	1,640
• Motor vehicle financier exemption	8
• Motor vehicle repair business	5,093
• Motor vehicle repairer	21,797
• Motor vehicle salesperson	1,857
• Motor vehicle yard manager	1,492

Property industries

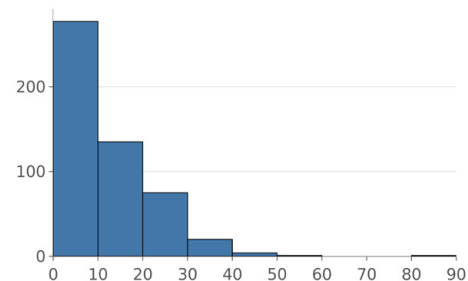
• Business settlement agent licence	24
• Land valuer	864
• Real estate business agent licence	5,112
• Real estate developer registration	771
• Real estate sales representative registration	7,496
• Real estate settlement agent licence	715

Distribution of business days to finalise applications – 2026 Q2

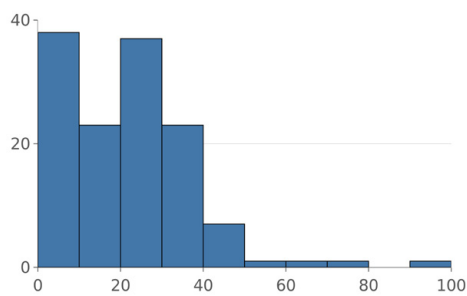
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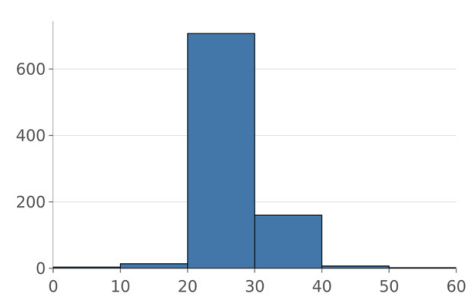
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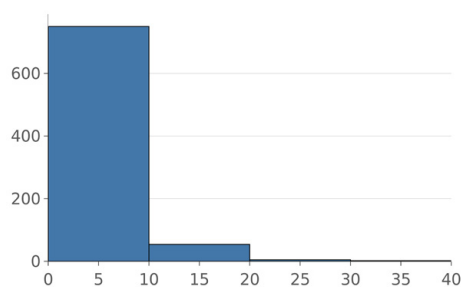
Building surveying contractor and practitioner



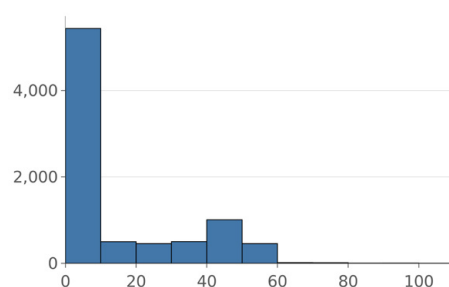
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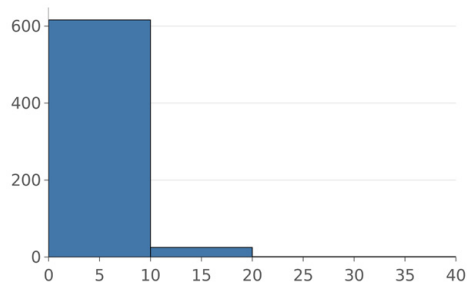
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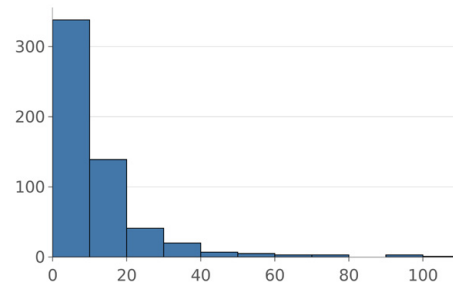
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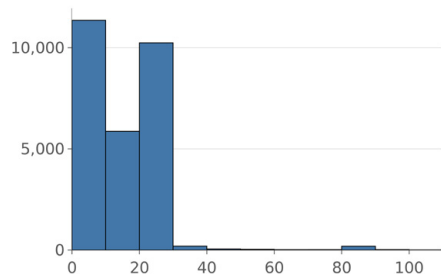
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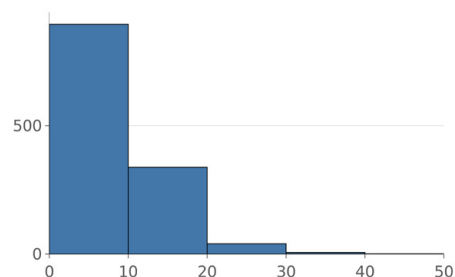
Dangerous goods



High risk work licence



Property industries



Motor vehicle industries

