

CPC32420 Certificate III in Plumbing - General Plumber

DESCRIPTION

This is a trade qualification for plumbers in residential, industrial and commercial workplaces who are responsible for assembling, installing and maintaining water services, sanitary plumbing and sanitary drainage, gas, roofing and mechanical services in both existing and new constructions.

The plumbing industry strongly affirms that training and assessment leading to recognition of skills must be undertaken in a real or closely simulated workplace environment and this qualification requires all units of competency to be delivered and assessed in this context.

Completion of the general construction induction training program specified by the model Code of Practice for Construction Work is required before entering a construction work site. Achievement of [CPCWHS1001](#) *Prepare to work safely in the construction industry* meets this requirement.

This is a licenced occupation. State and territory jurisdictions may have different licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements. Relevant state and territory regulatory authorities should be consulted to confirm those requirements.

This qualification is suitable for an Australian Apprenticeship pathway.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

To gain entry into CPC32420 Certificate III in Plumbing, candidates require:

- Achievement of CPCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry
- To be an Apprentice who has entered a Training Contract with their employer and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network NT.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Casuarina, Alice Springs
Duration*	Full Time 3 Years Block delivery.
Study mode ^^	Face to face and online, simulated workplace, workplace
Dates ^	Start and end dates: January 12, 2026 – December 11, 2026 <i>Apprentices will receive an individualised call-up notification letter.</i>

Attendance	Block delivery – over 3 years Stage 1 - 4 x 2 - week blocks Stage 2 - 3 x 2 - week blocks Stage 3 - 3 x 2 - week blocks Monday - Friday 8.00 am – 4.20 pm
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* Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

^ Course timetable will be provided on application for the course.

^^Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
NT Government Supported*	\$4,231.15
Full Fee	\$18,825.87

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic [eligible](#) students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. For International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students will have 24/7 access to assessments and learning resources on Learnline, CDU's online learning platform. Before you can start using Learnline, you'll need to make sure that your computer has the correct setup. For more details: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/current-students/services/learnline>

Students are issued with learning materials and handouts relevant to each unit during their scheduled block. Students will need to provide, stationery items, tools and PPE at their own expense, details will be provided during their induction with the CDU Apprenticeship Consultant.

Students will need to purchase the following current national standards and codes:

- Cengage Plumbing textbooks
 - Basic Plumbing Skills
 - Water Supply
 - Sanitary & Drainage
 - Gas Services
 - Roof Plumbing
- AS/NZS3500 Plumbing and drainage (Complete set)
- AS/NZS 5601.1 Gas installations - General installations
- AS/NZS 5601.2 Gas Installations - LP Gas installations in caravans and boats for non-propulsive

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to eligibility to apply for a Journeyman license. During Journeyman status, you are able to enrol in CPC40920 Certificate IV Plumbing and Services to gain eligibility for Advanced Tradesman Licence.

Students will need to apply for Provisional gas fitter license when undertaking any live gas fitting work.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Plumber
- Plumber and drainer
- Plumber and gasfitter
- Gasfitter
- Roof plumber
- Mechanical services plumber

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve CPC32420 Certificate III in Plumbing - General Plumber a total of fifty-eight (58) units of competency must be completed comprising forty-three (43) core and fifteen (15) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

CPCCCM2012*	Work safely at heights
CPCPCM2039	Carry out interactive workplace communication
CPCPCM2040*	Read plans, calculate quantities and mark out materials
CPCPCM2041	Work effectively in the plumbing services sector

CPCPCM2043	Carry out WHS requirements
CPCPCM2045*	Handle and store plumbing materials
CPCPCM2046*	Use plumbing hand and power tools
CPCPCM2047*	Carry out levelling
CPCPCM2048*	Cut and join sheet metal
CPCPCM2054*	Carry out simple concreting and rendering
CPCPCM2055*	Work safely on roofs
CPCPCM3021*	Flash penetrations through roofs and walls
CPCPCM3022*	Weld polymer pipes using fusion method
CPCPCM3023*	Fabricate and install non-ferrous pressure piping
CPCPCM3024	Prepare simple drawings
CPCPCM3025*	Install trench support
CPCPDR2021*	Locate and clear blockages
CPCPDR2025*	Install stormwater and sub-soil drainage systems and drain work site
CPCPDR2026*	Install prefabricated inspection openings and inspection chambers
CPCPDR3021*	Plan layout and install below ground sanitary drainage systems
CPCPDR3023*	Install on-site domestic wastewater treatment plants and disposal systems
CPCPFS3031*	Fabricate and install fire hydrant and hose reel systems
CPCPGS3048*	Install gas pressure control equipment
CPCPGS3049*	Install gas appliance flues
CPCPGS3051*	Purge consumer piping
CPCPGS3053*	Disconnect and reconnect Type A gas appliances
CPCPGS3054*	Calculate and install natural ventilation for Type A gas appliances
CPCPGS3056*	Size and install consumer gas piping systems
CPCPGS3059*	Install LPG storage of aggregate storage capacity up to 500 litres
CPCPGS3061*	Install and commission Type A gas appliances
CPCPSN3011*	Plan the layout of a residential sanitary plumbing system and fabricate and install sanitary stacks
CPCPSN3022*	Install discharge pipes
CPCPWT3020*	Connect and install storage tanks to a domestic water supply
CPCPWT3021*	Set out and install water services
CPCPWT3022*	Install and commission water heating systems and adjust controls and devices
CPCPWT3025*	Install water pumpsets
CPCPWT3026*	Install and fit off sanitary fixtures, water services and adjust water service controls
CPCPWT3027*	Install backflow prevention devices
CPCPRF2023*	Collect and store roof water
CPCPRF3022*	Fabricate and install roof drainage systems
CPCPRF3023*	Fabricate and install external flashings
CPCPRF3024*	Install roof components
HLTAID011	Provide first aid

ELECTIVE UNITS

Group A	
CPCPCM2008*	Erect and dismantle restricted height scaffolding

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CPCPCM2049*	Cut mild steel using oxy-acetylene equipment
CPCPWT3028*	Install property service
CPCPWT3029*	Install water pipe systems
CPCPWT3024*	Install and maintain domestic water treatment equipment
CPCPCM2052*	Weld mild steel using oxy-acetylene equipment
CPCPWT4022*	Commission and maintain backflow prevention devices
CPCCWHS2001	Apply WHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry
Group B	
CPCPGS3052*	Maintain Type A gas appliances
CPCPGS3055*	Install gas sub-meters
CPCPCM2053*	Weld using metal arc welding equipment
TLILIC0005	Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 meters or more)
Group C	
CPCPSN3025*	Install pre-treatment facilities
CPCPSN3026*	Install sewerage pumpsets
RIIWHS202E*	Enter and work in confined spaces

***Pre-requisite units are listed below.**

Unit Code/s:	Pre-requisite unit/ss:
CPCCCM2012, CPCCCM2008	CPCCWHS2001
CPCPCM2045, CPCPCM2046, CPCPCM2047 CPCPCM2048, CPCPCM2054, CPCPCM2055 CPCPCM3021, CPCPCM3022, CPCPCM3023 CPCPCM3024, CPCPCM3025, CPCPDR2021 CPCPDR2025, CPCPDR2026, CPCPDR3023 CPCPGS3048, CPCPGS3051, CPCPGS3053 CPCPGS3054, CPCPGS3056, CPCPGS3059 CPCPSN3011, CPCPSN3022, CPCPWT3022 CPCPWT3025, CPCPWT3026, CPCPRF2023 CPCPCM2049, CPCPWT3028, CPCPWT3024 CPCPCM2052, CPCPGS3055, CPCPCM2053 CPCPSN3025, CPCPSN3026 CPCPRF3022 CPCPRF3023, CPCPRF3024, CPCPGS3049 CPCPFS3031, CPCPWT3020, CPCPWT3021 CPCPWT3027, CPCPWT3029, CPCPCM2040 CPCPDR3021, CPCPCM2040, CPCPDR3021 CPCPGS3061, CPCPGS3052, CPCPWT4022	CPCPCM2043
CPCPRF3022, CPCPRF3023, CPCPRF3024	CPCPCM2055
CPCPGS3049	CPCPCM3021
CPCPFS3031, CPCPWT3020, CPCPWT3021 CPCPWT3027, CPCPWT3029	CPCPCM3023
CPCPCM2040, CPCPDR3021	CPCPCM3024
CPCPGS3061, CPCPGS3052	CPCPGS3054
CPCPWT4022	CPCPWT3027

WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

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