



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Environment,  
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## Refrigerant handling licence information brochure

This brochure provides the information you will need to complete the application form for a Refrigeration Handling Licence.



The table enclosed lists the licences available and the qualifications required in order to obtain them.

If you believe that you already have the relevant training and experience, but don't hold the required qualification, you may not need to do any further training.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Recognition of Current Competency (RCC) is a process for recognising that you have gained skills, knowledge and experience from other courses, academic education, work experience and training on the job.

To use RPL or RCC to obtain a licence, you need to obtain the required qualification from a registered training organisation (RTO). In order to do so you must enrol in the relevant course and, having enrolled in the course you may complete it by applying for partial or full RPL/RCC, completing a program of training, or a combination of both. A list of some of the participating RTOs can be found at:

[www.arctick.org/arcyou/training.php](http://www.arctick.org/arcyou/training.php)

People seeking trade recognition can contact one of the following:

Trade Recognition Australia  
**1300 360 992**

The Vocational Training Tribunal NSW  
**(02) 9266 8450**

SA Interim Trade Recognition  
Arrangement in SA  
**1800 673 097**

The Metals Manufacturing and Services  
Industry Training Council Inc in WA  
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The code for the licence you are seeking must be inserted in page 1 of the application form.

Code	Licence Name	Entitlement of Licence	The documentary evidence requirement for each licence
RAC01	<b>Full Refrigeration and Air conditioning Licence.</b> (2 years)	To handle a refrigerant for any work in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry, other than the automotive industry.	Successful completion of an Apprenticeship as a Refrigeration Mechanic e.g. Proficiency Certificate; or Trade Recognition Certificate: Refrigeration Mechanic; or MEM30205 Certificate III in Engineering Mechanical Trade (Refrigeration and Air conditioning); or MEM30298 Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical - Refrigeration and Air conditioning*; or
AAC02	<b>Automotive Air conditioning Licence</b> (2 years)	To handle a refrigerant for any work on air conditioning equipment fitted to the cabin of a motor vehicle.  If evidence of having completed AURT422645A is not supplied, the licence will be issued restricting the holder to work other than Overhaul Air conditioning System Components.	AUR20799 Certificate II in Automotive - Mechanical - Air conditioning*; or  AUR20705 Certificate II in Automotive - Mechanical- Air conditioning*
RSS03	<b>Restricted Split System Air conditioning Installation and Decommissioning Licence</b> (2 years)	To handle a refrigerant for the installation and decommissioning of a single head split system air conditioner of less than 18 kW cooling capacity.	MEM20105 Certificate II in Engineering*; or MEM20198 Certificate II in Engineering Production - Air conditioning*; or UEE20107 Certificate II in Air conditioning Split Systems*; or
RDR04	<b>Restricted Domestic Refrigeration and Air conditioning Appliance Licence.</b> (2 Years)	To handle a refrigerant for any work on domestic refrigeration or air conditioning equipment.	MEM20105 Certificate II in Engineering*; or MEM20198 Certificate II in Engineering Production (Refrigeration)*; or UEE21807 Certificate II in Appliance Servicing-Refrigerants; or UTE20504 Certificate II in Electrotechnology Servicing (Appliance-Refrigeration)*; or UEE30507 Certificate III in Appliance Servicing*; or
RRR18	<b>Restricted Refrigerant Recoverer Licence</b> (2 years)	To handle a refrigerant while recovering end of life or damaged equipment or prior to recharging with hydrocarbon refrigerant.	Successful completion of the knowledge and practical assessment of the ARC on line Recoverer Program.
RRH19	<b>Restricted Refrigerant Handler Licence</b> (2 years)	To handle a refrigerant while decanting cylinders.	Successful completion of the knowledge and practical assessment of the ARC on line Handler Program.

\* Certificates must include a certified statement of results.

**Please note:** A Trainee Licence is required for persons undertaking training or assessment designed to qualify the person for one or more of the above licences. The application must be accompanied with proof of enrolment, and the licensee must be under the supervision of the holder of a licence that entitles the holder to engage in the work for which the licensee is being trained or assessed.

Code	Licence Name	Entitlement of Licence	The documentary evidence requirement for each licence type
ATL05	<b>Aviation Transitional Licence</b> (1 year)	To handle a refrigerant for any work undertaken on air conditioning equipment on aircraft.	Letter from employer indicating the applicant is able to competently do this work
MTL06	<b>Marine Transitional Licence</b> (1 year)	To handle a refrigerant for any work on refrigeration or Air conditioning on vessels. Note: This does not apply to AMSA certified: Watchkeeper, Marine Engineer 1 & 2.	Letter from employer indicating the applicant is able to competently do this work
TRT07	<b>Transport Refrigeration Transitional Licence</b> (1 year)	To handle a refrigerant for any work on mobile refrigeration systems other than air conditioning. systems in the cabin of a motor vehicle	Letter from employer indicating the applicant is able to competently do this work
RRTL08	<b>Refrigerant Recoverer Transitional Licence</b> (1 Year)	To handle a refrigerant while recovering end of life or damaged equipment or prior to recharging with hydrocarbons.	Letter from employer indicating the applicant is able to competently do this work
RHTL09	<b>Refrigerant Handler Transitional Licence.</b> (1 Year)	To handle a refrigerant while decanting cylinders.	Letter from employer indicating the applicant is able to competently do this work
DITL18	<b>Drinks Industry Transitional Licence.</b> (1 Year)	To service equipment in the drinks industry of the kind that does not include a remote compressor. E.g. drinks fridges, refrigerated vending machines, ice cream chests, frozen carbonated beverage machines and post mix machines.	Letter from employer indicating the applicant is able to competently do this work

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