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FACT SHEET 3

How to obtain a Restricted Heat Pump - Split System- installation and decommissioning licence: 2 years

A Restricted Heat Pump - Split System - installation and decommissioning licence allows the holder to handle a refrigerant for the installation and decommissioning of any of the following:

- A single-head split system air conditioner of less than 18kW;
- A 2-part hot water heat pump of less than 18kW;
- A 2-part swimming pool heat pump of less than 18kW.

To obtain the licence, an individual must have one of the following qualifications:

- MEM20105 Certificate II in Engineering (refer to qualification profile at: www.arctick.org/pdf/QualificationProfile_RSS03.pdf); or
- UEE20111 Certificate II in Split Air conditioning and Heat Pump System; or
- UEE40511 Certificate IV in Electrical – Air conditioning Split System; or
- UEE40510 Certificate IV in Electrical – Air conditioning System; or
- UEE20107 Certificate II in Air conditioning Split System; or
- UEE20106 Certificate II in Air conditioning Split System; or
- 40488SA Certificate II in Split System Air conditioning; or
- CPC32513 Certificate III in Plumbing (Mechanical Services)*; or
- CPC32413 Certificate in Plumbing*.

***Note: Individuals who attain CPC32513 and CPC32413 qualifications will be considered eligible to obtain the RSS03 licence on the condition that each of the following units are completed as part of the qualification/s:**

- CPCPCM2043A Carry out WHS requirements;
- CPCPCM3023A Fabricate and install non-ferrous pressure piping;
- UEENEEJ105A Position, assemble and start up single head split air conditioning and water heating pump systems; and
- UEENEEJ172A Recover, pressure test, evacuate, charge and leak test refrigerants – split systems.

If you believe that you already have the relevant training and experience, but do not 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;
- A combination of both of the above.

A Restricted Heat Pump - split system - installation and decommissioning licence is valid for two years from the date of issue.

Under the Australian Government's Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995 it is an offence to handle refrigerant without a Refrigerant Handling Licence.

For more information on the qualifications needed to obtain a Restricted Heat Pump (split system) installation and decommissioning licence visit www.arctick.org or call the Australian Refrigeration Council on 1300 884 483.