

MEDIA RELEASE

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HEADLINE: No shortage of migrant gap training in Western Australia

Despite continued false reports being circulated, there is no shortage of migrant gap training for overseas plumbers coming to Western Australia.

MPA Skills is running the Migrant Gap Training Course (CPC32413 Certificate III in Plumbing) at its Maylands Campus on 28 November 2022 and ran courses earlier this year and throughout the COVID period, even when the state had next to no overseas workers coming in.

MPA Skills also has classes scheduled for 2023 with the dates to be released soon and any plumbers with a provisional license who do not wish to train in November will be placed on a list to be notified as soon as the dates are released.

Furthermore, MPA Skills and [South Metropolitan TAFE](#) have established a regular line of communication to ensure that any plumbers looking for migrant gap training can have their needs met, even if the timing of planned courses are not suitable.

MPA Skills CEO Ben Dahlstrom said that MPA Skills and South Metropolitan TAFE are committed to working together and doing the right thing by the plumbing industry of Western Australia.

“Throughout the pandemic, MPA Skills has worked with various government departments to ensure that anyone needing this training could get it, to the point that we even ran an entire course with one student, at significant cost to us, just so he could get his license and operate in WA,” said Mr Dahlstrom.

“Our partnership with TAFE ensures that anyone needing gap training can find it here in WA now and throughout 2023 if demand increases.

“Furthermore, we are also working with a consortium of industry groups to recruit overseas plumbers to WA if there is the demand from industry. We will also be seeking to add OTSR capacity here in WA in 2023. MPA Skills is proud to be judged on its actions to help the plumbing industry of WA train and employ a skilled workforce,” he added.

Recently, MPA Skills and South Metro TAFE met with the Department of Training and Workforce Development and senior representatives from Building and Energy to discuss their shared capacity to meet demand, if it eventuates, and agreed upon a set of processes fundamentally around improved communication, to ensure no one fell through the cracks.

“We were very pleased with the outcome of the meeting and that it was understood unequivocally that both MPA Skills and South Metro TAFE have the capacity to meet current and future demand,” said Mr Dahlstrom.

“It was pleasing that all senior stakeholders were able to see that the reports of a lack of availability were incorrect and that we were all able to strengthen our processes for the betterment of all in the industry.”

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Note to editors:

MPA Skills is WA’s biggest trainer and employer of plumbing apprentices. MPA Skills is also renowned in the sector for its industry-leading apprentice and advanced training solutions and boasts a network of thousands of plumbing industry specialists. Visit www.mpaskills.com.au to learn more.

Links below on avenues for plumbers to find this training in WA:

<https://plumbing.mpaskills.com.au/migrant-gap-training-courses/>

<https://plumbing.mpaskills.com.au/advanced-training/>

<https://migration.wa.gov.au/services/skills-recognition-pathways/plumber>

https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/atoms/files/a_guide_to_provisional_trade_spersons_licences.pdf

MPA Skills is part of a campaign for early 2023, along with the Motor Trades Association of WA, the Electrical and Communications Association of WA, the Pharmacy Guild of WA, and migration partner Perdaman Group, to undertake a skilled migration recruitment campaign in the United Kingdom and Ireland. The intention is to pre-qualify and select a pool of potential candidates that can then be interviewed by our hosts to fill vacant positions here in WA. Interviews would be conducted via Zoom or Teams. – more information can be found by emailing ben.d@mpaskills.com.au