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## FACT SHEET 3

# How to obtain a Restricted Split Systems Air Conditioning Refrigerant Handling Licence

To acquire a Restricted Split Systems and Air Conditioning Installation and Decommissioning Licence that allows the holder to install and decommission single-head split systems of less than 18kW, an individual must have obtained one of the following qualifications:

1. A MEM20198 Certificate II in Engineering Production (A/C); or
2. A MEM20105 Certificate II in Engineering; or
3. A UEE20107 Certificate II in Air conditioning Split Systems; or
4. A 40488SA Certificate II in Split Systems A/C.

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 the required qualification from a registered training organisation (RTO) 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.

Once you have the relevant qualification you can apply for a Restricted Split System Refrigerant Handling Licence through the ARC.

A Restricted Split System Air Conditioning 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 of strict liability to handle refrigerant without a Refrigerant Handling Licence.

For more information on the qualifications needed to obtain a Restricted Split System Air Conditioning Installation and Decommissioning Licence visit [www.arctick.org](http://www.arctick.org) or call the Australian Refrigeration Council on 1300 884 483.