

**Question on Notice  
No. 235  
Asked on 1 April 2014**

MRS SCOTT asked the Minister for Housing and Public Works (MR MANDER)-

**QUESTION:**

How many plumber's licences, drainer's licences and restricted licences are currently issued in Queensland, listed separately for each category?

**ANSWER:**

As at 15 April 2014, there were 15 306 plumber's and drainer's licensees in Queensland.

These licensees hold a total of 29 333 open, provisional and restricted licences.

The following shows the distribution of these licences:

- 11 982 open plumber licences
- 11 596 open drainer licences
- 2 189 provisional plumber licences
- 2 104 provisional drainer licences
- 1 462 restricted licences.

Open licence holders can undertake work without any supervision, whereby provisional licence holders must be supervised by the holder of an open licence.

As at 15 April 2014, 1 462 restricted licences were issued. The following identifies the quantity of restricted licences issued by category—

- 54 water plumber—electrical
- 41 water plumber—gas
- 153 water plumber—irrigation
- 509 water plumber—fire protection (hydrants and hose reels)
- 518 water plumber—fire protection (commercial and industrial)
- 6 water plumber—fire protection (domestic and residential)
- 2 water plumber—water and sanitary
- 179 drainer—on-site sewerage facility.

A restricted licence allows a person to undertake limited plumbing and drainage work without holding a full open licence. For example electricians can obtain a water plumber – electrical licence which allows them to do all of the work necessary to replace a hot water system. This provides a one stop service that saves homeowners time and money.