Fire Protection Accreditation Scheme (FPAS)

A voluntary accreditation scheme for the fire protection industry

INDIVIDUAL ACCREDITATION

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for individual accreditation on an application form available on FPA Australia’s website at www.fpaa.com.au/fpas

Send your completed application to:

Accreditation Manager
FPA Australia
PO Box 1049
Box Hill VIC 3128

FPA Australia will evaluate your application and notify you in writing.

Further information, resource materials and downloads are available from FPA Australia’s website at www.fpaa.com.au/fpas

Downloads available include:

• FPAS Information Guide
• Individual Accreditation Fact Sheet
• Individual Accreditation Application Form

For more information contact:
fpas@fpaa.com.au or 1300 731 922.

The benefits of the scheme for fire protection technicians include:
- identified by industry as competent technicians
- recognised nationally for skills, knowledge and competencies
- increased employability options and national portability of recognised skills
- enhanced individual career path planning
- increased professionalism.

CATEGORIES AND LEVELS
There are ten (10) categories of work activities in the ‘inspect and test’ class. A fire protection technician can be accredited to carry out work in any of the ten (10) categories below at either R or C Level.

Routine Level (R) or Complex Level (C) assessment is based on the skills and knowledge required to work within a category.

R = Routine Level accreditation for activities conducted up to and including six (6) monthly, as described in AS 1851-2012.

C = Complex Level accreditation includes those activities for Routine Level (R), and other activities conducted annually as described in AS 1851-2012.

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INDIVIDUAL ACCREDITATION
There are three (3) pathways into the Scheme for individuals in the ‘inspect and test’ class of accreditation:

- Qualified
- Experienced (transitional)
- Trainee (transitional)

Experienced and Trainee pathways provide transitional arrangements for individuals and allows twenty-four (24) monthly for the required units of competency to be obtained for Qualified Accreditation.

QUALIFIED ACCREDITATION
Refers to an individual who holds an approved Certificate II or higher qualification that provides an acceptable standard of workforce skills required in the fire protection industry plus the required units of competency for a specific category of work activities.

ENTRY PREREQUISITE
Certificare II or higher in a nationally recognised qualification in fire protection or other related trade that has a reasonable degree of mechanical and/or electrical aptitude.

CONDITION
- Holds the required unit(s) of competency in at least one (1) of the ten (10) categories of ‘inspect and test’ work.