

# Construction Occupations (Licensing) (Mandatory Qualifications) Declaration 2015 (No 2)

**Notifiable instrument NI2015-135**

made under the

***Construction Occupations (Licensing) Regulation 2004, section 13 (Qualifications for individuals)***

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## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This notifiable instrument is made by the Construction Occupations Registrar under the *Construction Occupations (Licensing) Regulation* section 13(1) and determines the minimum qualifications and experience that an individual must possess in order to obtain a construction occupation licence. It makes the following changes to the previous declaration dated 16 January 2015:

### Gas Appliance Worker

On 30 March 2015 Gas Appliance Workers will be a new licensable occupation under the *Construction Occupations (Licensing) Act 2004* as per the *Gas Safety Amendment Act 2014*. This amendment Act transfers Gas Appliance Workers from being an accredited individual under the *Gas Safety Act 2000* to a licensable occupation. As identified above, the Construction Occupations Registrar can determine the necessary qualifications that an individual must possess to be issued with a licence. The qualifications declared by the Construction Occupations Registrar are similar to the ones currently required under the Gas Appliance Worker Accreditation Code but have been updated to reflect the current course names.

### Electrician

All the Restricted Electrician Licences have been amended to incorporate a course in locate and rectify faults in electrical appliances. This course must be undertaken at a Registered Training Organisation. There is no change to the restricted licence and permit in relation to a Type B Gas Appliance worker as they are already required to complete the competency of *Locate and Rectify Faults in Low Voltage Appliances*.

Further, the restricted electrician licence and permit relating to Gas Appliance Workers have been renamed in light of the above reference changes to Gas Appliance Worker licensing.