

## WELCOME TO IRRIGATION AUSTRALIA'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

If you're currently working on an irrigation system and you're responsible for the efficient and sustainable use of irrigation water, then you may be eligible to become a Certified Irrigation Operator. The certification grants you a point of difference in the market and a Certified Irrigation Operator is highly regarded by customers to provide a service that meets or exceeds the average industry standards.

### INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

To apply you'll need to be actively working in the irrigation industry, plus have three years relevant experience in assisting with the operation and maintenance of irrigation systems.

### SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

To become certified you'll need to prove you can meet the requirements of five (5) of the following eight (8) competency units.

1. **AHCIRG303** Measure irrigation delivery system performance
2. **AHCIRG306** Troubleshoot irrigation systems
3. **AHCIRG308** Monitor soils under irrigation
4. **AHCIRG327** Implement an irrigation schedule
5. **AHCIRG332** Operate pressurised irrigation systems
6. **AHCIRG333** Maintain pressurised irrigation systems
7. **AHCWRK405** Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
8. **AHCINF304** Install and terminate extra low voltage wiring systems

Other Statements of Attainment that have similar skills and knowledge will be considered

To prove these competencies you have to get a Statement of Attainment for each of your nominated competencies from a relevant Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Irrigation Australia operates its own RTO - Irrigation Training Australia. To search for RTOs, go to [www.training.gov.au](http://www.training.gov.au)

### THESE SKILLS MAY BE GAINED THROUGH:

- Face-to-face: course work is usually conducted in a classroom situation
- Distance learning: done by correspondence, online, phone or any method that is not classroom-based.
- On-the-job training: training conducted in the workplace
- RPL – recognition of prior learning: both formal and informal learning is assessed toward a qualification.

### ONGOING COMMITMENT TO BEST PRACTICE

Once you become a Certified Irrigation Operator you'll need to keep your skills and knowledge current by participating in a range of irrigation-related activities. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Points will be earned for each type of activity and at the end of two years, provided sufficient points have been earned, you can apply for renewal of your certificate.

### TO APPLY

Once you have Statements of Attainment or an academic transcript covering the relevant competencies from an RTO, fill out the IAL certification application form (available from the IAL website) with your work history and attach "sighted" copies of your documents and return to IAL with the certification fee. Sighted copies are those that are verified by a JP as an accurate copy of the original. Please do not send your originals.

### CERTIFICATION FEES

Fees for attaining certification, and for the biennial renewal, are available from the Irrigation Australia website [www.irrigationaustralia.com.au/certification/certification](http://www.irrigationaustralia.com.au/certification/certification)



PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNTS FOR IAL MEMBERS.