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### New professional development opportunities for plumbers Industry wide CPD program up for comment

The Plumbers Licensing Board of Western Australia is considering a plumbing industry trade skills maintenance program designed to improve and preserve quality workmanship within the industry.

The continuing professional development (CPD) program that is to become a mandatory requirement of holding a plumbing licence will elevate the trade to new levels of professionalism, credibility and customer service.

“The Plumbers Licensing Board is committed to ensuring that plumbing work in Western Australia is only carried out by competent and qualified plumbers to protect the health and safety of both people and the environment,” Board Chairman Tom Hall said.

“As part of our strategic approach to achieving the high quality industry that our community deserves, continuing professional development is being introduced to compliment the skills of apprentices and those coming from post trade training, with the aim of providing a firm grounding for skills development and maintenance,” he said.

Plumbers and other industry stakeholders are invited to obtain and comment on the Position Paper that outlines the proposed program. The Paper contains details of the program, responses to frequently asked questions and information on how to make submissions to the Board.

“The Board is confident that this undertaking will raise our industry’s standards as well as improve business practices to safeguard the community’s interest and reliance on plumbing systems,” Mr. Hall said.

To obtain copies of the Position Paper or for further information, telephone 9282 5608 or email [plumbers@docep.wa.gov.au](mailto:plumbers@docep.wa.gov.au).

Written submissions close at 4pm, Friday 2 March 2007.

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