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Dear Mr Limburg

I refer to your letter to the Minister for Fair Trading concerning the licensing of refrigeration and airconditioning mechanics. The Minister has asked me to reply to you.

In New South Wales it is a requirement that a person who seeks to install any type of airconditioning unit including a domestic split system must hold a full refrigeration and air conditioning licence. There has been no change to the licensing requirements for this work.

A person who is fully qualified, as is necessary for a New South Wales licence, is also eligible for a full Federal refrigeration and air conditioning licence which would enable them to handle any refrigerant for any work in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry, other than the automotive industry. Inspectors from the Office of Fair Trading periodically carry out investigative campaigns to ascertain if appropriately licensed persons are performing all refrigeration and airconditioning work.

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Lyn Baker
Commissioner for Fair Trading

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