Information supplied by the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association.



PLEASE BE AWARE

The Australian Refrigeration Council Ltd (ARC) under the Australian Government Dept of The Environment, Water, Heritage and The Arts issue Two (2) Licences that permit individuals to undertake work with Air Conditioning Equipment. However, There are considerable differences between the two licences and what the holder of each of these licences can and cannot do.

Licence 1 - Full Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (RAC) Licence.

Refrigeration Trade Persons

The holder of a full "RAC" Licence is qualified and licenced to:

- CAN Work with any Refrigeration and Air Conditioning System, Split or otherwise, of any cooling capacity or size other than Automotive.
- CAN Undertake all aspects of installation, Service, Repair, Maintenance or Decommissioning of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems of any Size or Manufacture.

Licence 2 - Restricted Heat pump installation and decommissioning Licence. (SPLIT) Licence. Electricians / Plumbers / Builders / Etc

The holder of a "Split" Licence Is Not Qualified and is Not Permitted by law to:

- CAN NOT Carry out any service, repair or maintenance of any kind to any Refrigeration or Air Conditioning System. (Split System or Other.)
- CAN NOT Work with any split System Air Conditioner of more than 18 Kw Cooling Capacity.
- CAN NOT Work with any Refrigeration Equipment.
- CAN NOT Install Multi Head Split System Air Conditioners.

The Holder of a "Split" Licence can only undertake restricted Heat pump installation and Decommissioning of:

- A) A single head split system Air Conditioner of less than 18 kw.
- B) A 2-part water heat pump of less than 18 kw.
- C) A 2-part Swimming Pool heat pump of less than 18 kw.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE GETTING THE CORRECT TRADESPERSON FOR THE WORK YOU REQUIRE AND ARE PAYING FOR.

With reference: Australian Government Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995