

CERTIFIED IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR

Welcome to Irrigation Australia's Certification Program

If you're currently working as an irrigation contractor managing the installation process of irrigation systems post design, then you may be eligible to become a Certified Irrigation Contractor. While you may also do designs, this certification does not cover design skills. As a project contractor you'll have responsibility for how irrigation systems are installed and maintained, while seeking to understand client needs. You will use best practise in the Installation and use of irrigation systems, and you'll understand the regulations in regards to water access and use. This certification grants you a point of difference in the market and a Certified Irrigation Contractor is highly regarded by customers to provide a service that meets or exceeds the average industry standards.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

To apply for this certification, you'll need to be actively working in the industry, plus have **three (3)** years relevant experience that includes:

- ▶ Installing and operating irrigation systems
- ▶ Maintaining and troubleshooting irrigation systems
- ▶ Sampling and analysing soils
- ▶ Coordinating installation activities
- ▶ Preparing as-constructed drawings
- ▶ Operating equipment such as backhoes, loaders, and graders

ONGOING COMMITMENT TO BEST PRACTICE

Once you become a Certified Irrigation Contractor, 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 **one (1)** year, you must have obtained **five (5)** CPD points and paid the renewal invoice by the due date in order for your certification to remain active.

HOW TO APPLY

Attach sighted copies* of your Statement of Attainment or academic transcript and return to Irrigation Australia 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 originals.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

To become a Certified Irrigation Contractor, you'll need to prove that you can meet **five (5)** of the following **eight (8)** competencies:

1. **AHCIRG402:** Determine hydraulic parameters for an irrigation system
2. **AHCIRG404:** Implement an irrigation-related environmental protection program
3. **AHCIRG415:** Interpret and apply irrigation systems
4. **AHCIRG431:** Supervise irrigation system installation
5. **AHCIRG432:** Supervise irrigation system maintenance
6. **AHCWRK405:** Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
7. **AHCSOL401:** Sample soils and interpret results
8. **PSPPM402B:** Manage simple projects

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

CERTIFICATION FEES

	Application Fee	Renewal Fee
Member	\$345	\$290
Non-Member	\$515	\$440

*Fees subject to change in 2025.