# What is the Australian Glass and Glazing Associations

# **Master Glazier Program?**

#### (A community of Glass Associations story)

The AGGA Master Glazier program, developed for Glaziers in Australia, provides recognition and a clear career development path for glaziers. It starts with 'Apprentices' and 'Glaziers' and then leads to formal recognition at the level of 'Certified' and 'Master' Glazier status.

As well as the assessment of qualifications and experience the program includes an ongoing continuing professional development (CPD) requirement. Ongoing training and development is recognised as a vital part of the health of the glass industry and an important part of glazier career progression. The Master Glazier program delivers on this with a strong CPD requirement offering a broad range of skills and knowledge activities.



The Master and Certified Glazier status is awarded to the individual. Anyone achieving the status can promote themselves on their business cards and in any method that is obviously referring to themselves as being the Master or Certified Glazier.

The issue of a sole trader is dealt with under the same promotional rule. As the sole trader is also the business they can advertise on vehicles and websites the fact that they are a Master or Certified Glazier without having to specifically name themselves. This means that a company employing multiple Master or Certified Glazier's can advertise the individuals by name but they cannot advertise the company as a Master or Certified company. Company promotion is dealt with under the AGGA Accredited Company program.

### **Program updates**

Master Glazier is open to all AGGA members, and non-members, who are qualified Glaziers and have been working as a glazier for more than 2 years to achieve Certified Glazier status or more than 10 years for Master Glazier status. If the applicant does not have the required trade qualification they can call AGGA to discuss various Recognition of Prior Learning options available so they can obtain a formal trade qualification. Once the relevant status has been achieved the glazier receives a personalised ID card, uniform cloth badge and award certificate





Barry Wilson Australia's 1<sup>st</sup> Master Glazier and therefore the world's 1<sup>st</sup> Master Glazier!!

#### **Status promotion**

Master and Certified Glaziers will be able to use exclusive logos to promote their personal recognition under the program.





### **Applications process**

The application process for both the Certified and Master Glazier has been designed to capture all relevant evidence while still being easy to complete. The application and review process is managed by AGGA with qualified reviewers assessing each application. AGGA has the final decision on awarding the status and is also responsible for process review and auditing.

#### **Master Glazier hand book**

The Master Glazier Handbook covers the Master Glazier program in detail, mentoring support availability, how to achieve CPD points, a matrix guide and a sample Recognition of Prior Learning program plus much much more!

For your copy of the AGGA Master Glazier skills program download the PDF version at <a href="http://www.agga.org.au/files/SkillsA4">http://www.agga.org.au/files/SkillsA4</a> Final Print 130617.pdf

## **Master Glazier Review process**

The program has been running since 2016 and we have some interesting data. Due to the high take up of the program the review process team is now made up of Master or Certified Glaziers. It is taking about 3 weeks per review. The time is base do reviewer availability to some degree but the quality of application is the major factor. The more detail supplied, with supporting information the quicker the application is being sign off. This is because the AGGA review has not to keep going back to the applicant for information. To date 6 applications have been refused due to either lack of supporting evidence or not meeting guidelines to achieve Master Glazier status.

### **Community of Glass Associations**

AGGA is pleased to share and promote the Master Glazier program with our community of Glass partners from across the world and hosted by Vitrum. For more details on the program or if you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the Community of Glass Association on this website or contact the AGGA National Training Manager directly at either; <a href="mailto:patrick@agga.asn,au">patrick@agga.asn,au</a> or on mobile +61 401 555 656.