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JOB PROFILE

Plumber

Kanalizadór

Construction & building trades · ISCO-08 7126

Plumbers put in, repair and look after the pipes, tanks, taps, toilets and drains that bring clean water into buildings and take waste water away. The national Strategic Development Plan names plumbing among the construction trades taught in vocational training.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**Certificate I–IV** INDMO national certificates
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**Priority** Strategic Development Plan
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia: any job with a job offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$276 / month** Average for all craft & trades workers in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Plan the job: Read drawings and plans; Measure and mark where pipes will run; Choose the right pipes and fittings.

Install: Cut, bend and join plastic and metal pipes; Fit taps, sinks, toilets, showers, water tanks and pumps; Lay drains and connect them to the septic tank or sewer.

Test and repair: Test new pipes for leaks; Find and fix leaks and blocked drains; Replace old or broken parts.

Work safely and with customers: Keep drinking water separate from waste water; Follow health and safety rules; Explain the work to customers.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 7126, Plumbers and pipe fitters.

WHERE YOU WORK

New buildings (With construction companies); Homes and shops (Repairs and new bathrooms); Hotels, schools and hospitals (Maintenance staff); Your own small business (Taking jobs for customers).

You work in many places: under sinks, in trenches, on roofs and in tight spaces. Some jobs are dirty, and some are urgent.

Every new house, school and hotel needs water pipes and drains, and old ones need repairs.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Solving practical problems, Measuring carefully, Using tools, Talking with customers, Basic maths.

You like: Fixing things, Working with your hands, Helping people at home, Different places every day.

You must not mind getting dirty or working in small spaces.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **Certificate I in Plumbing** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate II in Plumbing** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate III in Plumbing** · INDMO national certificate
- **Certificate IV in Plumbing** · INDMO national certificate
- **CNEFP Tibar: Plumbing** · Level III. The centre opened enrolment for 2026.
- **CNFP Becora, Dili** · A 2022 report lists a water installations course. Certificate level to confirm.

Course length and fees: to confirm with INDMO and each centre. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Construction labourer** · Entry job; Certificate I in General Construction
- **Plumber** · Certificate II, then III in Plumbing
- **Lead plumber** · Certificate IV in Plumbing
- **Your own plumbing business** · Startups of Timor helps you start one

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · There is no official programme abroad for this job yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation if you have a job offer.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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