

The Brisbane Homeowner's Aircon Buyer's Guide

Straight-up advice from a local licensed team — no sales fluff.

1. Buying aircon in Brisbane? Read this first.

Brisbane's humidity and long summers mean the wrong system costs you comfort *and* money for years. This guide walks you through choosing the right type, the right size, and a fair price — so you can buy with confidence, whoever you go with.

2. Split vs Ducted vs Multi-head — what suits your home

- **Wall-mounted split** — best value for a single room or open living area. Quick to install, cheap to run.
- **Multi-head split** — one outdoor unit runs 2–5 indoor heads. Great for a few rooms without going full ducted.
- **Ducted** — whole-home comfort, hidden in the ceiling and zoned so you only cool the rooms you use. The premium option.

3. What size do you actually need?

Too small and it never keeps up; too big and it short-cycles, runs up your bill and struggles with humidity. As a rough Brisbane guide:

- Bedroom (up to ~20m²): **2.5–3.5kW**
- Standard living area (20–40m²): **5–7kW**
- Large open-plan (40–60m²): **7–9kW**

West-facing rooms, high ceilings and big windows all push this up — which is why we do a proper heat-load calculation on site rather than guess.

4. Brands worth your money

Stick with proven brands that have solid Australian warranty and parts support — **Daikin, Mitsubishi Electric, Fujitsu, Panasonic**. We recommend and install **Daikin** as our go-to for reliability in our climate. Avoid unknown online-only brands — the warranty runs out fast and parts become a nightmare.

5. What it costs in Brisbane *(indicative — get a fixed quote)*

Split system supply + install: small ~\$1,500–\$2,200 · medium ~\$2,200–\$3,500 · large ~\$3,000–\$4,500

Multi-head systems: ~\$5,000–\$9,000+ depending on number of heads

Ducted (whole home): ~\$11,000–\$20,000+ depending on size and zoning

Long pipe runs, difficult access, high walls or a switchboard upgrade can add to this — a proper quote nails it down.

6. Six questions to ask ANY installer before you sign

1. Are you a **licensed electrician** *and* **ARClick certified**? (Legally required — many aren't.)
2. Is the quote **fixed and in writing**, including all materials?
3. What's the **warranty** — on both the unit and your workmanship?
4. Will you do a proper **heat-load / sizing calc**, or just guess?
5. Do you handle any **switchboard / electrical upgrades** that are needed?
6. Can you show **recent local reviews**?

7. Why licensed + ARClick matters

Air conditioning is electrical *and* refrigerant work — both regulated. An unlicensed install can void your warranty, fail your insurance, and be dangerous. ITS is fully licensed (Electrical Contractor Licence 89947, QBCC 15326021) and ARClick certified — every job done right and to code.

Ready for a fixed quote?

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