



Development Services – Swimming Pools

A regulated pool is any pool or spa that is situated on regulated land and is:-

- capable of being filled with water to a depth of 300mm or more; or
- capable of holding 2000 litres or more of water; or
- has a filtration system

Constructing a regulated pool is development work, this includes the pool, the barrier, access ladders and any associated decks and some structures. A building development approval is required for constructing or installing a regulated pool, this is to ensure that the pool is a complying pool. Council can provide the required approval or you can obtain an approval from a private certifier, in either case the approval will need to be in place before work commences.

For existing pools it is State Government legislation that from 1 December 2015 all pool owners need to ensure that their pool is registered and is a complying pool. Your pool can be registered free online at www.qbcc.qld.gov.au.

A complying pool will comply with the Pool Safety Standard which includes the provisions of the Australian Standard AS1926.1:2007 and AS1926.2:2007 and the Queensland Development Code Part MP3.4 Swimming Pool Barriers. Some of the main points from these documents include the following:-

- The pool fence has an effective height of 1200mm
- The gap between the bottom of the fence and the ground is no more than 100mm
- The pool fence has horizontal rails no closer than 900mm apart
- The pool fence has vertical rails no greater than 100mm apart
- There are no climbable objects within 900mm from the outside and 300mm from the inside
- The pool fence is well maintained and fixed securely, with no holes, broken rails or verticals
- There is a current CPR sign that is easily visible to anyone near the pool

- Doors and windows do not provide direct access to the pool area
- The pool gate opens outward, away from the pool
- The gate self-closes and self-latches from all open positions
- Gate latch is to be 1500mm from the ground and 1400mm from the top of the highest low horizontal rail
- If the latch is located on the inside it is to be 150mm below the top of the gate and shielded for 450mm
- The gate hinges are to be at least 900mm apart or hinges are to have a non-climbable cap, if within the non-climbable zone.

The list above is intended as a guide so if you are unsure if your pool complies or for complex barriers it is recommended that you engage a licensed pool safety inspector to conduct a full safety audit. Council does have a licensed Pool Safety Inspector to provide this service or you can find one at www.qbcc.qld.gov.au.

For peace of mind you could get a pool safety inspector to do a formal inspection with a view to getting a certificate. If you choose to get a formal inspection and your pool doesn't comply, you will receive a non-conformity notice in which case you will need to make your pool comply within the statutory timeframes (i.e. 3 months)

A current pool safety certificate is required if you are selling or leasing your property. Most shared pools are to have a current pool safety certificate depending on the tenure and class of the use. i.e. Motels.

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