

From the 30th November 2015, there will be only one pool safety standard in Queensland, which applies to homes with new or existing pools as well as short and long-term accommodation premises.

If you are in doubt as to whether your pool complies with the standard, then we recommend that you engage a pool safety inspector to visit your home. Pool owners can search for a licensed pool safety inspector by area, name, business name or licence number on the QBCC website.



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# Pool safety and compliance

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# When do I need to comply?

Pool owners have until 30 November 2015 to comply with the pool safety standards, or earlier if your property is sold or leased.

# What types of pools need to comply?

Swimming pools, spas and some portable (blow-up) pools.

A swimming pool is an above or below ground structure principally used for swimming or bathing. If your portable pool or spa can hold more than 300 millimetres of water, has a volume of more than 2000 litres or has a filtration system, then the laws may apply to you. The pool laws do not apply to fishponds.

# How do I register my pool?

All pools in Queensland must be registered with the QBCC. List your pool on the pool safety register at [qbcc.qld.gov.au](http://qbcc.qld.gov.au).

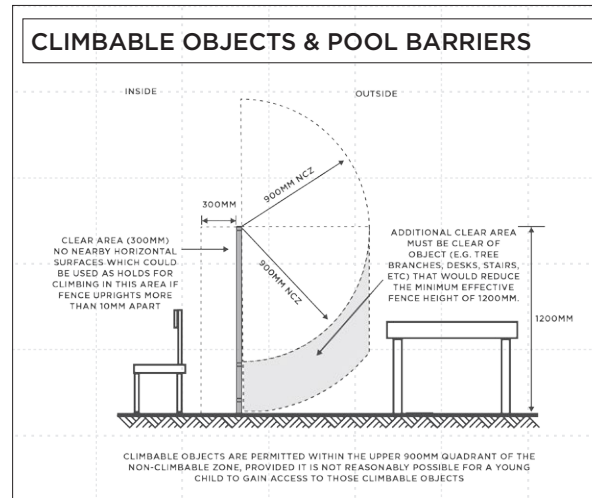
# Does my pool comply?

The standard covers such things as the height and strength of barriers, mandatory non-climbable zones, gates and their latching requirements and preventing direct access from a building into a pool area.

To assist in finding out if your pool meets the current pool safety standard, you can start with the following checklist:

## Fences

- The minimum height from finished ground level to the top of the barrier is 1200mm.
- The maximum allowable gap from finished ground level to the bottom of any barrier is 100mm.
- If your horizontal rails are a minimum of 900mm apart, the gaps in the vertical members must not exceed 100mm.
- If your horizontal rails are less than 900mm apart, the gaps in the vertical rails must not exceed 10mm.
- Climbable objects must be at least 900mm away from the pool barrier on the outside and 300mm on the inside.



## Doors and windows

- There can be no direct access through a door from the house to the pool area.
- Generally, any windows opening onto the pool area must not open more than 100mm or must have a security screen fitted.

## Signage

- A current CPR sign must be displayed. Either attached to the pool fence, or displayed near the pool, so that the sign is easily visible to anyone near the pool.

## Gates

- Pool gates must not open inwards to the pool area and must be self-closing and self-latching from all positions.
- Latches on the gate must be at least 1500mm high from ground level (or if your latch is located on the inside of the gate, it must be a minimum of 150mm below the top of the fence and be covered with a 450mm radius shield).
- Pool gate hinges must be at least 900mm apart or the lower hinge must have a non-climbable (sixty degree) safety cap fixed to prevent climbing.

