

POOL SAFETY BARRIER GUIDE

Queensland Regulations

CHECKLIST



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SWIMMING POOL REGISTER

How to?

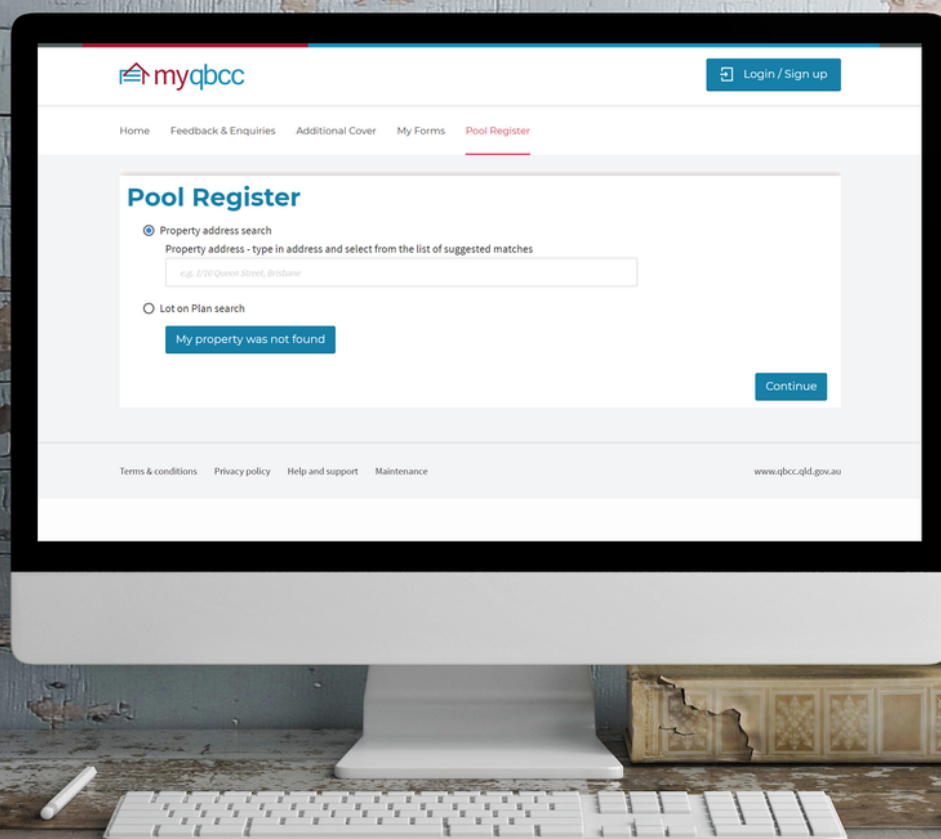
1. Go to <https://my.qbcc.qld.gov.au/s/pool-register>.
2. 'Search Property' by address or lot number.
3. Select 'Your Address'.
4. Select 'Register Pool'.
5. Enter your details and press '**Submit**'.

Fines

'On-the-Spot' fine of **\$235.60** or a **maximum** court penalty of **\$2356** for not registering your pool or spa.

Pool is Registered

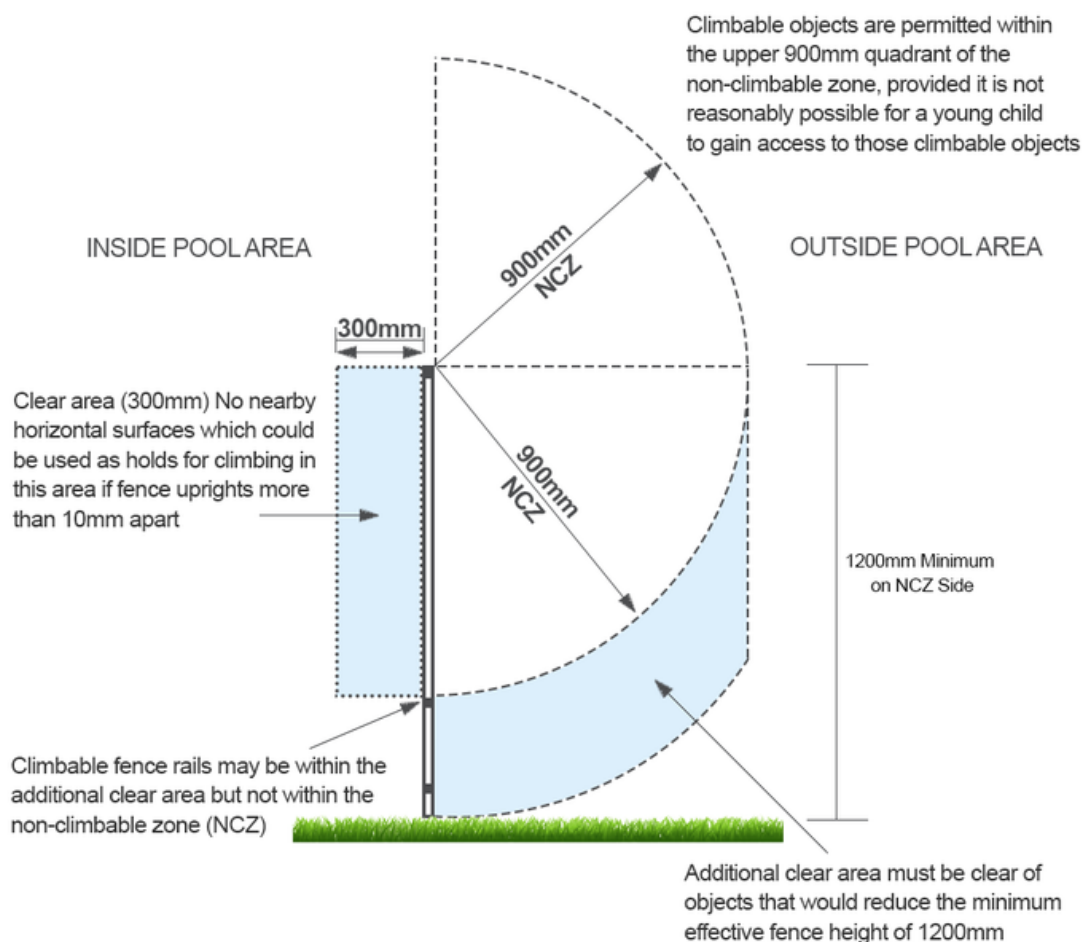
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No



NON CLIMBABLE ZONES

Check Your Zones

These requirements apply to all parts of the pool fence. Unless parts of the fence is 1800mm or more in height and is free from climbable objects in the 900mm NCZ (see page 4)



Requirements

	Yes	No
'Fence Height' is 1200mm or more?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Climbable Zones free from footholds & objects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
'Additional Clear area' free from objects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
'Clear area' free from footholds & climbable objects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

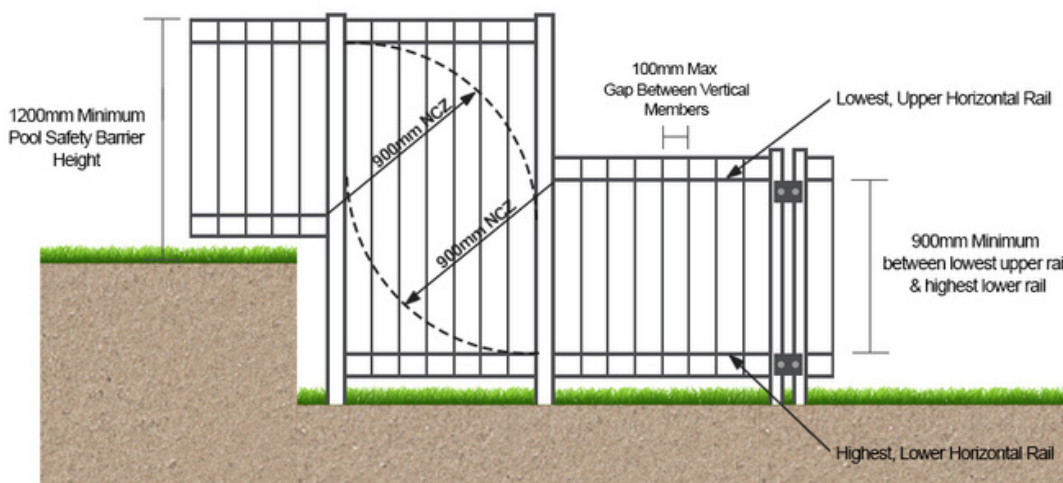
HEIGHTS & GAPS

Minimum Heights

The minimum required height of a pool fence is 1200mm. This is measured from the 'top of the pool fence' to 'finished ground level'.

The maximum gap below the pool fence & any other openings cannot exceed 100mm. The ground must be solid & intact.

A minimum of 900mm between 'upper' & 'lower' horizontal rails is required. This is generally aimed towards aluminum fencing and similar materials, as you know glass fencing traditionally has no rails.



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'Step up' or 'angled' fencing can create new stepping points to its lower counterpart.

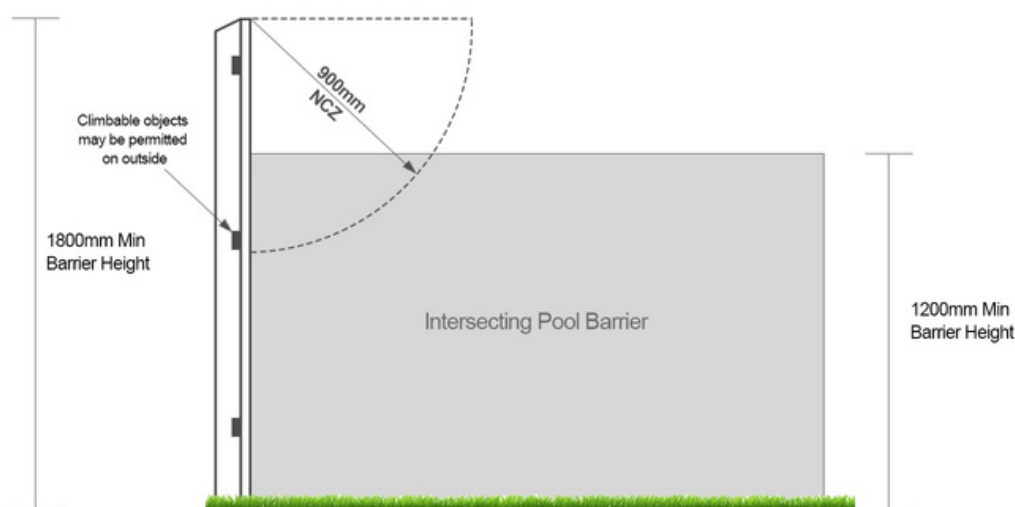
	Yes	No
Fence height is 1200mm or more?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lower rail is 900mm apart or more from upper rail?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gaps under the fence is 100mm or less?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gaps between vertical rails are 100mm or less?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HEIGHTS & GAPS

Boundary Heights & Zones

Boundary fences which form part of the pool's safety barrier can be tricky. If your side of the fence is 1800mm in height or more, the Non-climbable zone can be on your side. This means there should be no climbable objects within a 900mm Arc, perpendicular from the top of the fence.

When boundary fences are less than 1800mm in height. The Non-climbable zone must be on the opposite side of the pool area. This usually happens to be on a neighbours side and although the NCZ is not on your property side, it is still the homeowners responsibility to remain compliant.



Your side

Boundary fence height is 1800mm or more?

Yes No

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900mm NCZ from top is free from climbable objects?

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OR

Neighbours side

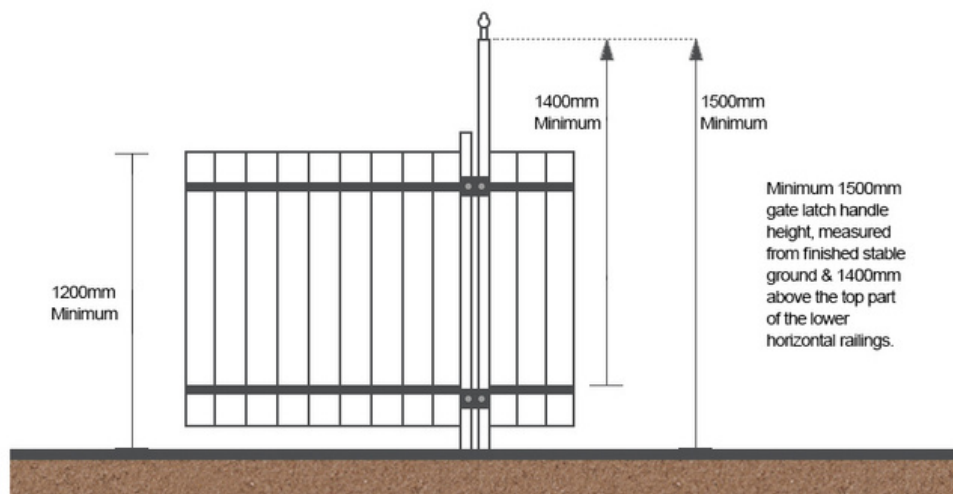
Meets NCZ requirements outlined on page 2?

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GATES & LATCHES

Gate & Latch Requirements

Non self-closing gates & improper latch height's are two of the most common failures when it comes to pool safety inspections. Below are some of the requirements to ensure your gate is compliant.



Gates

	Yes	No
Gate opens away from pool area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gate Self Latches from all positions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gaps under the fence is 100mm or less?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gaps between vertical rails are 100mm or less?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Latch height

Located 1500mm or more from finished ground?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Located at least 1400 from lower horizontal rail?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For Glass Gates

Latch is at least 150mm from the top of the gate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than 10mm gap between the gate & panel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

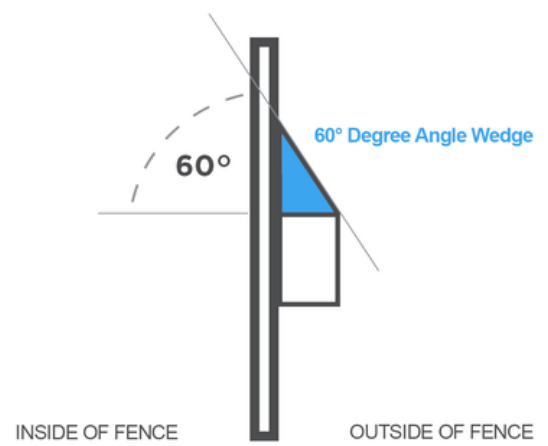
STEPPING POINTS & FOOTHOLDS

Around the Pool Area

Using a 60° wedge or a perspex shrouding to eliminate any stepping points. Here are some common stepping points you might find around your pool area.

- Horizontal Rails
- Hose Brackets
- Outdoor Taps
- Security Mesh Doors
- Window Ledges

BOUNDARY FENCE WEDGE EXAMPLE





No Direct Access

There cannot be any direct access into the pool area from a class 1, 2 ,3 & 4 building.

BUILDING CLASSES

CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

This list provides the definitions of Building Classes as set out in the Building Code of Australia.

Classes of Building		
Class 1	Class 1a	A single dwelling being a detached house, or one of a group of two or more attached dwellings, each being a building, separated by a fire-resisting wall, including a row house, terrace house, town house or villa unit.
	Class 1b	A boarding house, guest house, hostel or the like with a total area of all floors not exceeding 300m ² , and where not more than 12 people reside, and is not located above or below another dwelling or another Class of building other than a private garage.
Class 2	A building containing 2 or more sole-occupancy units each being a separate dwelling.	
Class 3	A residential building, other than a Class 1 or 2 building, which is a common place of long term or transient living for a number of unrelated persons. Example: boarding-house, hostel, backpackers accommodation or residential part of a hotel, motel, school or detention centre.	
Class 4	A dwelling in a building that is Class 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 if it is the only dwelling in the building.	
Class 5	An office building used for professional or commercial purposes, excluding buildings of Class 6, 7, 8 or 9.	
Class 6	A shop or other building for the sale of goods by retail or the supply of services direct to the public. Example: café, restaurant, kiosk, hairdressers, showroom or service station.	
Class 7	Class 7a	A building which is a car park.
	Class 7b	A building which is for storage or display of goods or produce for sale by wholesale.
Class 8	A laboratory, or a building in which a handicraft or process for the production, assembling, altering, repairing, packing, finishing, or cleaning of goods or produce is carried on for trade, sale or gain.	
Class 9	A building of a public nature.	
	Class 9a	A health care building, including those parts of the building set aside as a laboratory.
	Class 9b	An assembly building, including a trade workshop, laboratory or the like, in a primary or secondary school, but excluding any other parts of the building that are of another class.
	Class 9c	An aged care building.
Class 10	A non-habitable building or structure.	
	Class 10a	A private garage, carport, shed or the like.
	Class 10b	A structure being a fence, mast, antenna, retaining or free standing wall, swimming pool or the like.
	Class 10c	A private bushfire shelter.

Note: The classification of buildings and the type of construction can vary from the standard model depicted in the tables. Concessions can be provided that change the type of construction. The concessions can relate to the design of the building, its size, and the number of escapes.

More Information:

www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/building-codes-australia-bca-classes-buildings

CPR SIGNAGE

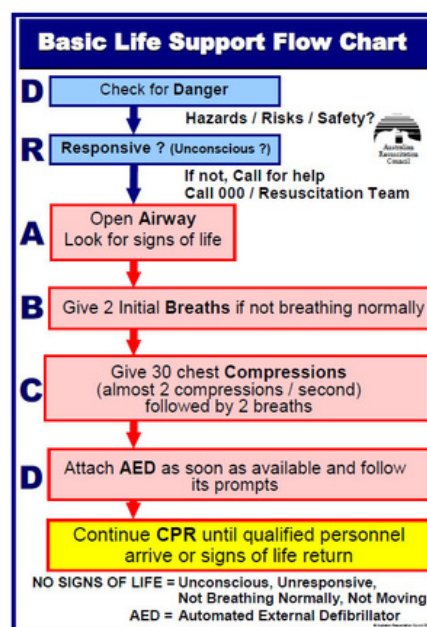
CPR Requirements QLD

Every regulated swimming pool or spa in Queensland must display a CPR sign within the pool area. It must be clearly visible from all areas of the pool & follow guideline 8. Since September 2021 guideline 7 is NOT acceptable. A guideline 7 MUST be replaced with guideline 8 sign.

Guideline 8 (new)



Guideline 7 (old)



Requirements

- Sign is at least 300mm x 300mm in size?
- Made from durable material?
- Easily readable?
- Securely fastened?
- Visible from all locations of the pool area?
- Follows the current Guideline 8?

Yes	No
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More Information:

<https://resus.org.au/guidelines/>

WHATS NEXT?

Do you need an Inspection?

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