

FACT SHEET 2

Ensuring Barrier Compliance

How to check your barrier

Self Assessment Checklists

As a pool or spa owner you are responsible for regularly checking and maintaining your safety barrier. Building Commission NSW publishes self-assessment checklists that help you understand the requirements.

Before your inspection, Council recommends completing the relevant self-assessment checklist first. The checklist will help you understand the requirements, identify potential issues and determine whether your pool barrier may require attention before your inspection.

How to Use the Checklists

1. Go to the "Important information" tab at <https://www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au/spr/s/faqs> or scan the QR Code.
2. Open "How can I ensure my pool barrier complies with safety regulations?"
3. Note if your pool is outdoor or indoor.
4. Note when your pool was constructed or last substantially altered.
5. Choose the checklist matching your pool type, construction date and property type.
6. Complete the checklist and fix any issues identified.



[swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au/](https://www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au/)

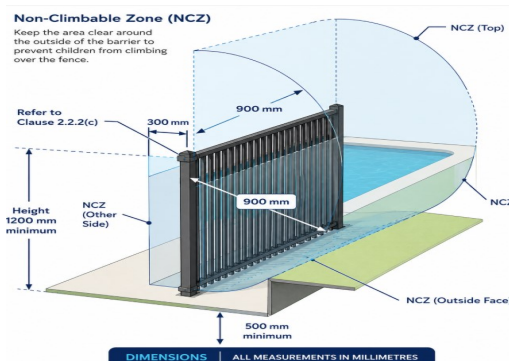
The self-assessment checklists are a guide only and do not replace an inspection by a Registered Certifier.

Things to Check Before Your Inspection

- ☐ Gate self-closes
- ☐ Gate self-latches
- ☐ Barrier meets minimum height requirements
- ☐ Boundary fences meet minimum heights (generally 1800mm)
- ☐ Non- Climbable Zones are clear
- ☐ No climbable objects nearby (like pot plants, chairs, pool equipment etc)
- ☐ No damaged fence panels or large gaps below or around panels
- ☐ A current CPR sign displayed
- ☐ Documentary evidence has been provided (if applicable)

Did you know A pool or spa built before 1 September 2008 is not automatically exempt from current barrier requirements. If your barrier was built before then, review the Building Commission NSW guidance and complete the self-assessment checklist.

To get a Certificate of Compliance under the historical provisions, sufficient documentary evidence must be provided to show the legislative requirements are



Keep your Non-Climbable Zone Clear

To prevent children climbing over fencing into the pool area, the legislation requires barriers to have an empty space around the pool known as a 'Non-Climbable Zone' (NCZ). It is normally a 900 mm arc measured from the top of the fence, and it also covers 300 mm inside the pool area. Any horizontal climbable bars must be at least 900 mm apart.

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