

## CERTIFICATION UNIT

# Swimming Pool Compliance Certificate



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the definition of a swimming pool?

The Swimming Pool Act (1992 No 49) describes a swimming pool as an excavation, structure or vessel:

- ▶ That is capable of being filled with water to a depth or greater than 300mm (30 Centimetres)
- ▶ That is solely or principally used, or that is designed, manufactured or adapted to be solely or principally used for the purpose of swimming, wading, paddling or any other human activity.

A spa pool is classified as a swimming pool by the Swimming Pool Act (1992 No49). The definition of a spa includes any excavation, structure or vessel in the nature of a spa pool, flotation tank, tub or the like, but not a spa bath.

### What will need a current compliance certificate?

All tourist, visitor and multi-occupancy developments (such as hotels, caravan parks and residential unit blocks). Also all pools on private properties that are for sale or lease after 29 April 2016.

### I have a swimming pool. Do I need a compliance certificate?

If your property is for sale or lease after 29 April 2016, and the final Occupation Certificate for your pool is more than three (3) years old you are required to have one. A valid Swimming Pool Certificate of Compliance must be attached to the contract of sale from 29 April 2016.

### How long is a compliance certificate valid?

A compliance certificate is valid for a period of three (3) years, unless a subsequent inspection finds the pool to be non-compliant.

### Can I still apply for a compliance certificate if I have not registered my pool?

All home owners were required to have their pool registered by 29 October 2013. If you have not registered your pool, please do so immediately at:

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

Alternatively, Bayside Council can register the pool on your behalf for a fee of \$10.00. Please note that fines of \$220.00 may apply to any unregistered pools.

### Further information

Rockdale Customer Service Centre, 444-446 Princes Highway  
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