

CITY OF PLAYFORD

SWIMMING POOL AND SPAS - FAQ



SUMMARY

Almost all swimming pools and spas in the City of Playford require Development Approval from Council, including many small inflatable-style pools. In many cases a Planning Consent is also required - we recommend that you contact our Planning Department to check. If you are unsure or would like more information about swimming pools and spas, please do not hesitate to contact the Building Department who will happily assist you.

Does my pool or spa require Development Approval?

If your pool or spa is:

- Capable of holding water to a depth exceeding 300 millimetres
- Designed to operate with a filtration system

It requires Development Approval. Many blow-up, inflatable and 'temporary' pools require approval.

Do I need a fence around my pool or spa?

Yes. Unless the pool or spa is above-ground and fully-compliant without it, a pool barrier is mandatory. While relatively straight forward, the requirements for pool safety barriers can become complicated when factors such as intersecting fences, trees, near-by structures and boundary fences become involved. We strongly recommend you engage a professional pool company to assist with your pool application and speak with one of our Building Officers if you are unsure.

What information do I need to provide for my pool or spa application?

In order to assess a pool or spa the minimum amount of information or documentation required is:

- A completed application form
- A copy of the Certificate of Title for the allotment
- A site plan (drawn to scale), showing:
 - The boundaries and dimensions of the allotment
 - All structures on the allotment, including the proposed pool or spa
 - The proposed pool or spa safety barrier configuration, with the dimensions clearly illustrated and showing all setbacks
- Elevation plans of the proposed safety barrier and pool or spa
- Engineering design documentation for the pool or spa
- Technical specification for the skimmer box and filtration system

Once I get my approval is there anything else I need to do?

Yes. Refer to our Fact Sheet on Notifications and Mandatory Inspections to find out exactly when you need to contact Council.

Applications can be lodged online using the Council's [electronic lodgement system](#).

You may also like to view the following resources on our website:

- [Notifications Fact Sheet](#)
- [Development Approval Process](#)
- [Applications and Assessments](#)

This FAQ is provided as a guide only and is intended to provide our customers with information that will assist Council to make accurate and timely assessments of Development Applications. This information is subject to frequent change and so it is in the best interest of applicants to engage the services of a building professional or speak with Council directly for advice.