

Registration Requirements

On 1 December 2019, new laws to improve swimming pool and spa safety come into effect in Victoria. They introduce new registration, inspection and certification requirements for property owners.

As part of the changes, owners are required to register their pool and spa with their local council and have their safety barrier inspected once every four years

The new laws apply to swimming pools and spas that are capable of holding more than 300mm (30cm) of water. This includes permanent pools, above ground pools, indoor pools, hot tubs, bathing or wading pools and some relocatable pools.

Relocatable pools that do not consist of multiple components and do not require any assembly are not subject to the barrier requirements. An example of such a product is a small inflatable pool that requires no assembly other than inflation.

Registering your pool or spa

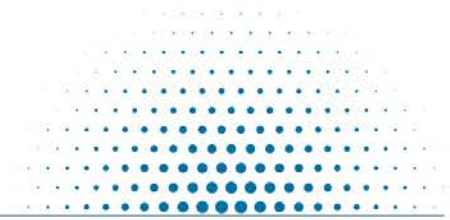
If you are the owner of land on which a pool or spa is located, you must register your pool and spa with the relevant council. Contact the council or check their website for more information on how to register your pool or spa, including the fees payable. You will be required to complete a registration form and pay the registration fee (and in some cases, an information search fee).

Deadlines for registration

The relevant dates for the registration of your pool or spa are outlined in the tables below.

Permanent pool or spa

Relevant Date	Final Date of Lodging Application for Registration
Construction of pool or spa was completed before 1 June 2020	The later of: > 30 days after the date of issue of the occupancy permit or certificate of final inspection, or > 1 June 2020



Construction commenced before 1 June 2020 but completed after 1 June 2020	30 days after the date of issue of the occupancy permit or certificate of final inspection You are required to lodge the certificate of barrier compliance at the same time as your registration application.
Pool will be constructed after 1 June 2020. This means that the building permit for the pool or spa was issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > on or after 1 June 2020, or > before 1 June 2020, but construction of pool or spa did not commence until after this date 	30 days after you receive the occupancy permit or certificate of final inspection for the pool and spa You must lodge the certificate of barrier compliance at the same time as your registration application.

Relocatable pool or spa

Relevant Date	Final Date of Lodging Application for Registration
If the relocatable pool or spa was erected before 1 June 2020 and remains erected for at least 3 consecutive days immediately before 1 June 2020	By 4 June 2020
Erected on or after 1 June 2020 for 3 consecutive days	On the fourth day after the pool is erected

Fees and penalties

Fee/Penalty	Amount (2019-2020)
Pool or spa registration fee A one-off fee payable to the relevant council for the registration of your pool or spa.	\$31.84
Information search fee (if applicable) This fee enables the council to conduct the appropriate searches to determine the date of construction of your pool or spa and any associated building permits, which determines the applicable barrier standard. The information search fee only applies to pools or spas constructed before 1 June 2020.	\$47.24
Failure to register swimming pool or spa within relevant timeframe	Up to \$1652.20