

Technical Qualifications for Licensing Pool Safety Inspector Licence under the *Building Act 1975*

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Document history

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V1	1 July 2024	Transfer of responsibility for prescribing technical qualifications for pool safety inspector licensing from QBCC to Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works as per <i>Building Industry Fairness and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024</i> .
V1.1	7 November 2024	Minor administrative amendments to more clearly reflect the scope of the work undertaken. No impact to the technical qualification requirements.

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the prescribed technical qualifications required for pool safety inspector licences under the *Building Act 1975*.

Background

The Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works (the department) prescribes the requirements for obtaining a pool safety inspector licence under the *Building Act 1975*. Responsibility for prescribing these requirements previously sat with the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC), transferring to the department on 1 July 2024 as per the *Building Industry Fairness and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024*.

The transfer of responsibility for prescribing the requirements to obtain a pool safety inspector licence to the department aligns with the department's broader role in administering building legislation, including the *Building Act 1975*, and allows the QBCC to focus on its core regulatory functions.

As part of this transfer, the department has assumed responsibility for setting and publishing the technical qualifications required for pool safety inspector licences. This document replaces the former QBCC requirements and outlines the qualifications needed to obtain a pool safety inspector licence under the department's administration.

The department is committed to ensuring the safety of swimming pools in Queensland. The licensing of individuals who perform pool safety inspections is a key part of this, as it ensures that inspections are carried out by appropriately qualified and competent persons. The technical qualifications set out in this document are an important aspect of upholding standards and protecting public safety.

Scope of work

A pool safety inspector licence allows the holder to:

- (a) inspect a pool and issue a pool safety certificate or non-conformity notice
- (b) act as a consultant to advise a property owner about pool safety, their fence or barrier
- (c) do minor repairs, e.g. adjusting or replacing a latch or hinges and removing climbable objects
- (d) erect, repair, replace or adjust a maximum of 5 metres and no more than 6 posts of a pool safety barrier.

Legislation

Building Act 1975

The *Building Act 1975* provides for the licensing of pool safety inspectors by the QBCC. With the transfer of this function to the department under the *Building Industry Fairness and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024*, the chief executive of the department is responsible for deciding the qualifications and experience required for a pool safety inspector licence.

Building Regulation 2021

Section 46 of the *Building Regulation 2021* prescribes that an individual is an appropriately qualified person to inspect a regulated pool if the individual is licensed as a pool safety inspector under the *Building Act 1975*.

Section 47 outlines the functions a pool safety inspector may perform, including:

- (a) inspection of a regulated pool for compliance with pool safety standards

- (b) issuing a pool safety certificate for a regulated pool that complies with pool safety standards
- (c) issuing a non-conformity notice for a non-compliant regulated pool
- (d) giving advice about compliance with pool safety standards.

Transitional arrangements

The department recognises current pool safety inspector licences issued by the QBCC based on the technical qualifications that were previously approved by the QBCC Commissioner and listed on the QBCC website.

The technical qualification requirements in this document are consistent with the previous requirements set out by the QBCC. All new applications for pool safety inspector licences must meet these technical qualification requirements.

Renewal of existing pool safety inspector licences is subject to the QBCC's standard renewal process and requirements.

Eligibility requirements

In addition to the technical qualification requirements outlined in this document, applicants for a pool safety inspector licence must meet the QBCC's eligibility requirements. These include, but may not be limited to:

- fitness and propriety checks
- proof of identity
- work eligibility in Queensland
- company structure or trading name registration, if applicable
- partnership agreements or statutory declarations, if applicable.

For the most current and comprehensive information on the QBCC's eligibility requirements for pool safety inspector licences, please refer to the QBCC website: [Pool safety inspector licence | Queensland Building and Construction Commission \(qbcc.qld.gov.au\)](https://qbcc.qld.gov.au)

Licensed building certifier eligibility requirements

An applicant who is a licensed building certifier must meet the above eligibility requirements but is not required to hold the technical qualifications below.

Technical qualifications

To hold a pool safety inspector licence, an applicant must:

- (a) hold a Statement of Attainment in **11067NAT Course in Swimming Pool Safety Inspections; and** provide evidence of passing the pool safety inspector test **NAT11067001 Conduct a Pool Safety Inspection**
OR
- (b) hold a Statement of Attainment in **10660NAT Course in Swimming Pool Safety Inspections; and** provide evidence of passing the pool safety inspector test **PSIREG001 Conduct a Pool Safety Inspection.**

Licensed building certifiers

The above requirements do not apply to a licensed building certifier applying for a pool safety inspector licence, as they are deemed to already possess the necessary competencies due to their certification status.