

INFORMATION SHEET



Pool & Spa Registrations

New Swimming Pool and Spa Legislation

New safety laws, introduced by State Government, now require all landowners including landlords to register their swimming pool and/or spa with their local council from 1 December 2019.

The new laws have been introduced with a focus on children's safety and to reduce the incidents of young children drowning.

The registration applies to:

- all pools and spas capable of containing water to a depth greater than 300mm; and
- includes some relocatable or temporary pools and spas.

The new safety laws require:

- Mandatory registration of all swimming pools and spas.
- A new compliance regime to improve swimming pool and spa safety.

Mandatory Registration

The registration is mandatory and is required to be completed by 1 November 2020. This can be done online through the Moira Shire website (www.moiravic.gov.au)

The Registration fee (Search fee) is \$32.30 which is set by State Government.

Inspection and Compliance Process

After registration, council will advise the landowner by letter of the applicable pool safety barrier compliance regulations. This regulation is determined by the date of construction of the

pool or spa and an assessment of the registration information provided.

Landowners will then be required to engage a registered swimming pool and spa inspector, a Building Inspector or a Building Surveyor to have a certificate of compliance of pool and spa barrier safety issued. This certificate is required to be lodged with council by the date advised on the letter. This will incur a fee of \$20.70, again as set by State Government. If this inspection determines the pool or spa is not compliant, then the certificate of non-compliance is also required to be lodged with council with a registration fee of \$390.80. Council will contact the landowner to discuss how compliance may be achieved.

Every four years, the landowner will be required to obtain and submit a new certificate of compliance through a registered swimming pool and spa inspector, a Building Inspector or a Building Surveyor and lodge it with council.

Further Information

Further information is available through the Victorian Building Authority website (www.vba.vic.gov.au).

Moirá Shire Council website:

<https://www.moiravic.gov.au/Residents/Building-and-planning/Building/Swimming-pools-and-spas>

Or by Contacting
Moirá Shire Council
Building Department
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