



# Building Newsflash

## CERTIFICATION OF SWIMMING POOL FENCING AMENDED FORM 17

### Purpose

To advise building certifiers of changes to the mandatory Form 17 concerning the certification of pool fencing.

### Background

Pool owners are required to ensure that a complying pool fence is placed around a pool before the pool is intentionally filled with water. They are also required to ensure a building certifier inspects the pool fence and provides a certificate in the “approved form”, certifying that the fence satisfies the pool fencing standards. The “approved form” for this purpose is Form 17.

### Legislation

On 1 October 2003, *The Building Act Amendment Act 2003* amended the pool fencing requirements of the *Queensland Building Act 1975*. As a result of these amendments Form 17 is amended to reflect the changes.

Changes are editorial in nature to reflect new section numbers, the reference to the “pool owner” as opposed to the “owner”, and the Act change that requires the certifier to certify only the fence and not the pool as well.

Attached is a copy of the revised Form 17 for your records. Form 17 can also be downloaded from the Departments web site at:

[http://www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/building\\_codes/forms/pdf/Form\\_17\\_Inspection\\_of\\_Fencing.pdf](http://www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/building_codes/forms/pdf/Form_17_Inspection_of_Fencing.pdf)

For additional information on the pool fencing standards, go to <http://www.poolfencing.qld.gov.au/>

### Contact Officer

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# Form 17 – Inspection of Swimming Pool Fencing

*This form must be used by building certifiers to certify the compliance of pool fencing in accordance with section 16B(2) of the Building Act 1975.*

## 1. Pool Owner Details

\_\_\_\_\_ [Name in full]  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Postal address]  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Suburb, postcode]

## 2. Property Description where pool is located

\_\_\_\_\_ [Site address]  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Lot & Plan number]  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Local Government]

3. Approval number \_\_\_\_\_ [Development approval number]

## 4. Exemptions granted by local government (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_ [Details of exemption]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Date exemption granted]

## 5. Certification

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare that I have inspected the swimming pool fencing situated at the above property on \_\_\_\_\_, and certify that:

- the pool fencing complies** with the requirements for fencing prescribed under the *Standard Building Regulation 1993*.\*
- the pool fencing does not comply** with the requirements for fencing prescribed under the *Standard Building Regulation 1993* (see over 6. Reasons for non-compliance and 7. Rights of Appeal) .

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20

\_\_\_\_\_ [Signature of building certifier] \_\_\_\_\_ [Accreditation number]  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Address]  
\_\_\_\_\_ [Telephone/Fax]

\* Tick appropriate box

