

Building and Plumbing Newsflash 531

Red tape reduction initiatives for swimming pools and temporary accommodation buildings

Purpose

To advise that on 20 June 2014 amendments were made to reduce red tape for swimming pool owners and to introduce a new version of Queensland Development Code Part 3.3—Temporary accommodation buildings and structures (QDC 3.3).

Swimming pool safety

Resuscitation signs for pools

Under the *Building Regulation 2006* (BR) pool owners are required to display a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) sign in the way prescribed. Previously there were two different signs that could be displayed and it depended on when the pool was constructed as to what sign was required. Having the two requirements was found to be confusing for pool owners and inspectors.

Amendments have been made to the BR to prescribe a single resuscitation sign for compliance with the pool safety laws. Pool safety resuscitation signs must display information about the procedures for resuscitation in the way stated in the document called 'Guideline 7—cardiopulmonary resuscitation' Guideline 7) published by the Australian Resuscitation Council in February 2006.

A copy of this guideline can be found on the [Department of Housing and Public Works' website](#).

Pool owners will not be required to update their CPR signs until it needs replacing. For example when a pool safety certificate must be provided on sale or lease or when the sign becomes illegible.

Recording minor repairs to pool barriers

The requirement for pool safety inspectors to update the pool safety register when they carry out minor repairs to pool barriers has also been removed.

Temporary accommodation buildings and structures

Queensland Development Code (QDC) Part 4.1—Sustainable Buildings (QDC 4.1) and the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code (QPWC) were amended in 2013 in response to the government's decision to repeal the mandatory requirements for rainwater tanks and energy efficient hot water systems.

QDC 3.3 specifically excludes relevant QDC 4.1 aspects for temporary accommodation buildings. However, the amendments made in 2013 did not refer to the water and energy efficiency requirements contained in QDC 3.3. From 20 June 2014 QDC 3.3 has been amended to remove the requirements relating to rainwater tanks and energy efficient hot water systems.

These requirements affect all temporary accommodation buildings, including those erected on construction sites. It removes a cost burden on industry and provides consistency with government policy to reduce red tape and regulatory burden for the building and construction industry.

The current version of QDC 3.3 is available on the [department's website](#).

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