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SWIMMING POOLS

Changes to legislation

The *Swimming Pools Amendment Act 2012* commenced on 29 October 2012 and makes a number of amendments to the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* designed to enhance the safety of children under the age of five years around private ('backyard') swimming pools in NSW. Those amendments included:

1. All NSW swimming pools to be registered by owners by 29 October 2013.
2. Pool owners require a swimming pool compliance certificate before sale or lease of their property from 29 April 2014.

Pool owner amended responsibilities

1. Swimming pool owners are required to register their swimming pools on an online register to be provided by the NSW State Government.
2. Swimming pool owners are required to self-assess, and state in the register that, to the best of their knowledge, their swimming pool complies with the applicable standard when registering their pool.
3. There is a penalty for owners who fail to register a swimming pool (penalty notice amount of \$220).
4. Swimming pool owners are required to provide a valid swimming pool compliance certificate before being able to sell or lease a property with a pool.
5. Accredited certifiers under the *Building Professional Act 2005* may conduct swimming pool inspections initiated by the pool owner.

To register your swimming pool go to the NSW Government Swimming Pool Register website at www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au



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