

# HOW DO I KNOW IF MY BOUNDARY POOL FENCE MEETS REGULATIONS?

All you need to know about how  
to meet pool fence regulations



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# IS YOUR BOUNDARY POOL FENCE SAFE AND COMPLIANT?

## Can I use my backyard boundary fence as a pool fence?

Your backyard fence, or a nearby barrier, can become the boundary of your pool, so long as the structure meets council regulations.

In some cases, pool boundaries can be a combination of both backyard fences and other nearby barriers, if they are deemed suitable according to local guidelines.

## Not sure if your barrier fence meets regulations?

We're here to help keep you and your loved ones safe. As a family-owned manufacturing company with 30 years of experience in the industry, our priority is to help you build a pool fence that meets all local regulations.

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## Are pool fence regulations the same all throughout Australia?

It's important to remember that pool fence regulations do differ from state-to-state, and sometimes even between regions.

## How do I make sure my pool fence is safe?

If you follow the 5-step plan outlined in this guide, you can rest assured knowing that your pool fence is safe. That means less time worrying about accidents and liabilities, and more time enjoying your pool with family and friends.

## STEP 1

# CHECK YOUR LOCAL POOL FENCE REGULATIONS

**Your first step to pool safety is to familiarise yourself with local pool fence regulations.**

If you're not sure what they are, it's important to contact your local council. To make it easy for you, we've listed the best point of contact for each Australian state and territory below.

### **New South Wales**

[www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/  
find-my-council](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/find-my-council)

### **Victoria**

[www.knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au](http://www.knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au)

### **Queensland**

[www.getready.qld.gov.au/  
find-your-local-council](http://www.getready.qld.gov.au/find-your-local-council)

### **South Australia**

[www.lga.sa.gov.au/sa-councils/  
councils-listing](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/sa-councils/councils-listing)

### **Tasmania**

[www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local\\_  
government/local\\_government\\_directory](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local_government/local_government_directory)

### **Western Australia**

[www.mycouncil.wa.gov.au](http://www.mycouncil.wa.gov.au)

### **Northern Territory**

[www.darwin.nt.gov.au](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au)

### **Australian Capital Territory**

[www.northcanberra.org.au](http://www.northcanberra.org.au)

## STEP 2

# ASSESS ALL FENCES IN YOUR BACKYARD

**If your backyard's boundary fences are near or next to your pool, you will need to assess their position and dimensions to make sure they are up to standard.**

All boundaries in close proximity to your pool must meet local council pool fence regulation requirements.

Once you've taken note of all boundaries near or next to your pool, it's time to take some measurements.



### STEP 3

# TAKE MEASUREMENTS OF YOUR BACKYARD BOUNDARIES

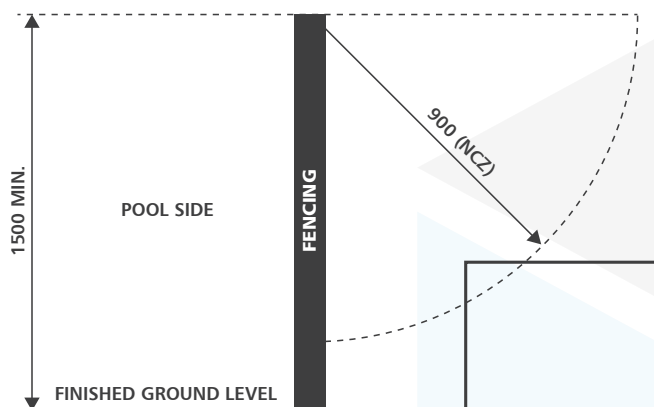


To make sure all boundaries in close proximity to your pool are up to standard, it's important to take accurate measurements. When it comes to getting your pool fence right, guessing is not an option.

## What is the first measurement I should take?

Measure all structures or boundaries that would enable someone to climb on the inside or outside of your pool fence.

Ask yourself: do these structures or boundaries measure within 900mm from the top of my pool fence?



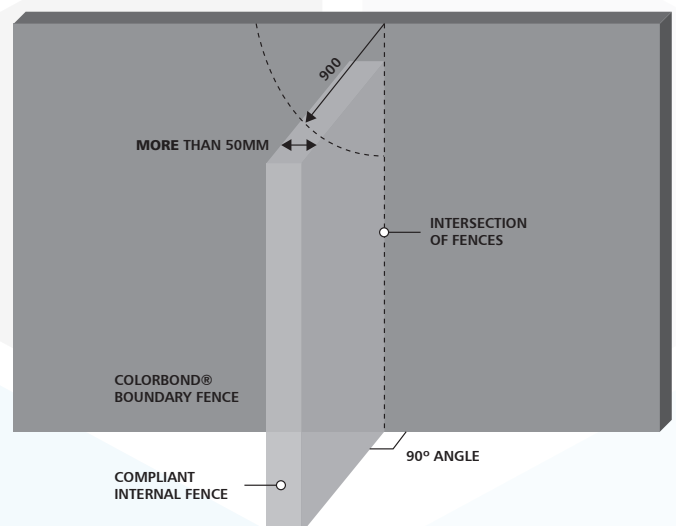
Refer to page 9 for Examples of boundaries that meet pool fence regulation standards.

NCZ stands for Non-Climbable Zone which is a Pool Safety Term, it is a requirement that there is to be nothing to climb on within a 900mm Radius of the top of the fence.

## What is the second measurement I should take?

Next, you need to measure the intersections of any internal fences that intersect with the boundary fence.

Do these internal fences have a top rail surface width of more than 50mm?



If you responded yes to either of these questions when taking your measurements, you will need to extend the height of your pool fence.

If you do not extend the height of your pool fence, your pool area will not be in line with pool fence regulations. Not only will this put you at risk of being fined, it may also place you and your loved ones at risk.

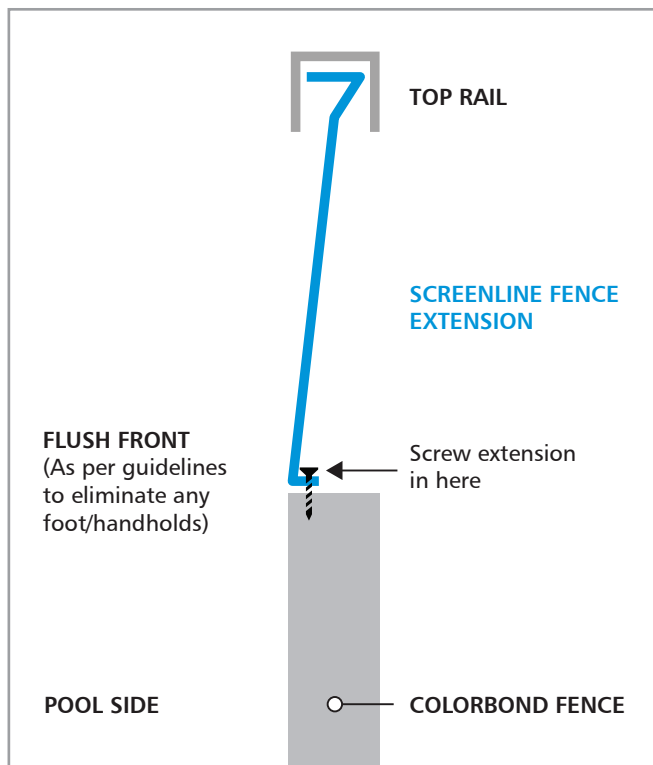
## STEP 4

# EXTEND THE HEIGHT OF YOUR POOL FENCE

Once you've ordered our 6-step DIY fence extension kit (refer to page 8 for more information), it's time to extend the height of your pool fence using our fence extensions.

You can install your fence extensions in either traditional slat or privacy style, depending on your preference.

To ensure your fence extensions are installed correctly, refer to the diagram below:

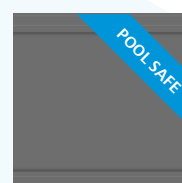


## What if I've never installed fence extensions before?

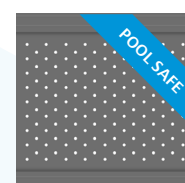
Sometimes it's tricky to know where to start, that's why we've created easy-to-follow installation guides and video tutorials, available to read and watch via our website.

## What if I need extra help installing my fence extensions?

If you need help with your extension project, give us a call. We're here to help you to make your pool fence aspirations a reality. If need be, we can also refer you to a trusted installer who can provide additional hands-on assistance.



Solid



Polkadot



Slat

\*Be sure to confirm with your pool certifier before purchasing and each certifier is different.

## STEP 5

# CHECK YOUR WORK AND GET CERTIFIED

### How will I know if I've installed my fence extensions properly?

Once your Screenline fence extensions have been installed, repeat step 2 and take all necessary measurements again to ensure all issues are resolved.

It may be tempting to skip this step, but it's important to check your work to make sure your fence is up to standard.

There's no point calling your local certifier if you're presenting them with a fence that can't be certified.

### How do I get my pool fence certified?

Your newly-extended pool fence will require certification following the installation of your fence extensions.

Not only will certification deliver peace of mind, proper documentation may also be required to make sure you're insured.

To get your pool fence certified, contact your local private certifier.

By following these easy steps to install your fence extensions correctly, you can rest assured knowing your pool fence meets all council regulations.

Want to know more? Our staff take great pride in their product knowledge, and are happy to help you with the needs of your fencing project.

**Visit [screenlinesystems.com.au](https://screenlinesystems.com.au) or  
call us today on 1800 001 653**

\*Disclaimer: we cannot certify that your boundaries meet pool fence regulations, or that your boundaries are safe. We at Screenline will not be held responsible for any issues regarding the safety of your pool boundary if the Screenline fence extension is not installed correctly. Please note that no images or diagrams featured in this presentation are to scale. Appropriate measurements are included in diagram explanations.

# HOW DO I EXTEND MY POOL FENCE WITHOUT NEEDING TO REPLACE THE ENTIRE BOUNDARY?

**Thankfully, we've made extending your pool fence easy, meaning you won't have to build the entire boundary again. All you'll need is our 6-step DIY fence extension kit.**

Designed to keep your pool fence up to standard and you and your loved ones safe, our kit allows you to extend the height of any existing COLORBOND® steel fence.

## **Why should I invest in a 6-step DIY fence extension kit?**

Our kits deliver everything you need to increase the height of your pool fence, as well as its distance from surfaces and boundaries that can be climbed or scaled.

## **Will Screenline's extension kit match my pool's pre-existing fence?**

You shouldn't have to compromise on the look of your pool fence just because you need to extend its height. That's why our 6-step DIY fence extension kits are available in a range of designs and custom colours that are made-to-order.

## **Will Screenline's extension kit deliver the extra height my pool fence needs?**

We understand that pool fences come in all different shapes and heights, that's why our 6-step DIY fence extension kits are available in two sizes: 300mm and 600mm.

## **If your pool fence needs extending, it's important to act fast**

You can't truly enjoy your pool until you know it's safe, that's why it's important to extend your pool boundary sooner rather than later.

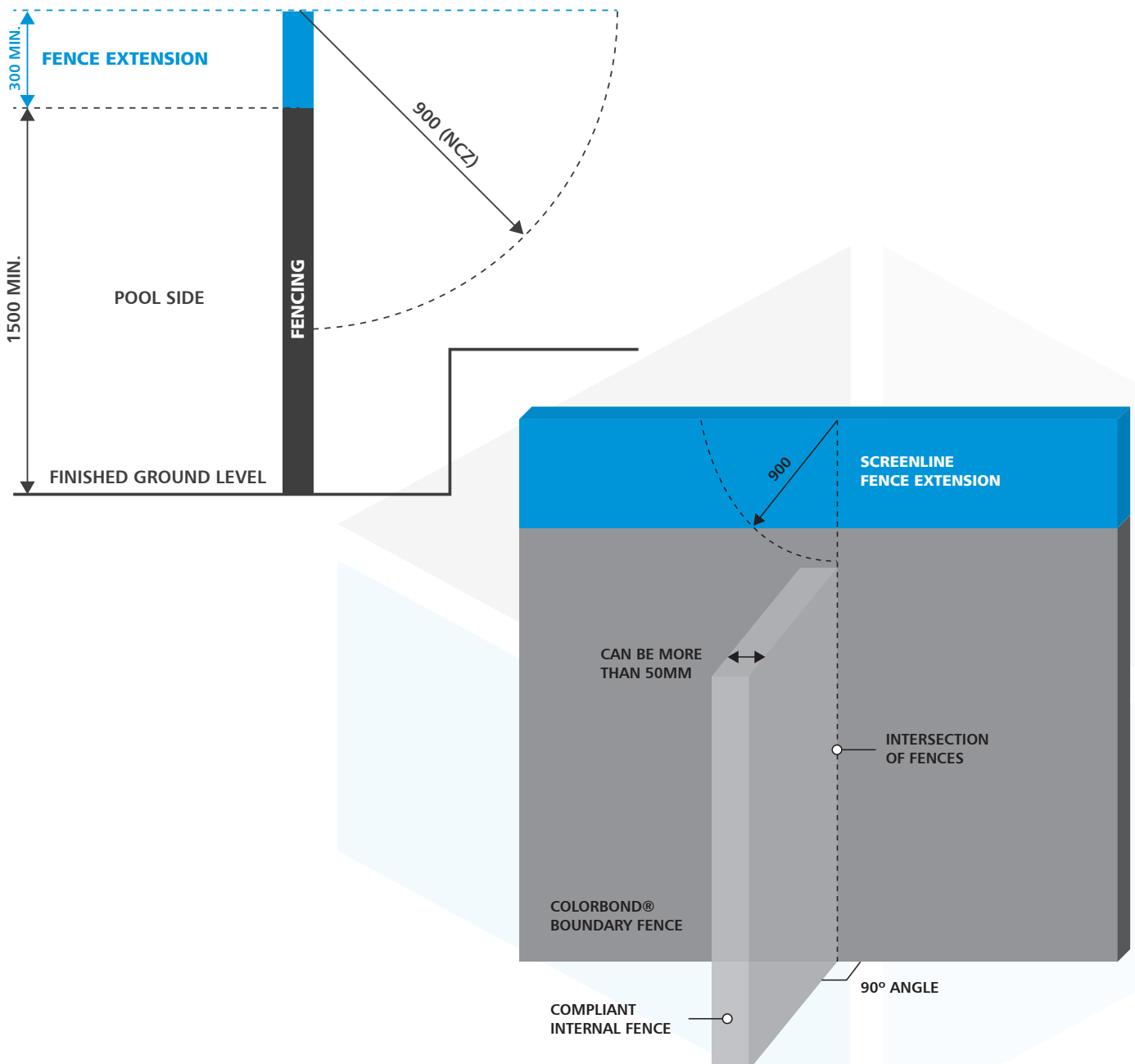
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# EXAMPLES OF BOUNDARIES THAT MEET POOL FENCE REGULATION STANDARDS





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