

COUNCIL STARTER PACK

Approving your pool in New South Wales

Everything you need to get a Terra Tanks pool approved, fenced and signed off, in the order you need it. Tick the boxes as you go. Hand the whole pack to your certifier if you'd rather they handled it.

In NSW there are three steps

- **1.** Get approval. The 1.8m pool usually needs none. The 2.4m pool needs a Complying Development Certificate, typically 10 to 20 business days.
- **2.** Put up a safety barrier and a CPR sign before you fill the pool.
- **3.** Register the pool online (free) and have the barrier checked.

Step 1. Get approval

NSW treats portable pools under 2,000 litres differently from bigger ones.

- ☐ 1.8m pool (about 1,400 L): usually exempt development if it is in the rear yard, at least 1m from every boundary, needs no structural work, and has a compliant barrier. No approval for the pool itself.
- ☐ 2.4m pool (about 2,400 L): Complying Development Certificate (CDC) from your council or a private certifier. Rear yard, at least 1m from side and rear boundaries.
- ☐ For a CDC: site plan, barrier details, and the Terra Tanks engineer's Certificate of Design Compliance and drawings (in this pack).
- ☐ Fees vary by council and certifier. A private certifier quotes up front.

A CDC is typically issued within 10 to 20 business days. Heritage, bushfire or flood affected blocks may need a development application instead; a Section 10.7 planning certificate tells you.

Step 2. Put up the safety barrier and CPR sign

Before the water goes in. Standard: AS 1926.1-2012.

- ☐ At least 1200mm high, measured from the outside.
- ☐ No gap over 100mm under it or between bars.
- ☐ A 900mm non-climbable zone on the outside: no pots, pumps, furniture or rails.
- ☐ A self-closing, self-latching gate that opens away from the pool, latch at least 1500mm up.
- ☐ Boundary fences can form part of it if they are at least 1800mm on the pool side.
- ☐ A CPR sign readable from 3m, facing the pool.

Full detail and self-assessment checklists: swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au

Step 3. Register the pool and get the barrier checked

- ☐ Register at swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au. Free, about five minutes.
- ☐ CDC pools: your certifier inspects the barrier and issues an occupation certificate.
- ☐ Exempt pools: self-assess the barrier when you register. A certificate of compliance (council about \$150, or a private certifier) is only needed if you sell or lease.

About your base

Our engineer has certified five ways to sit the pool: a concrete slab, pavers, a compacted gravel and sand pad, in-ground, or on a raised deck. On stable soil (class A, S or M) any of them works. On reactive clay (class H1 or H2) it must be a 150mm reinforced concrete slab or a raised deck. If your soil is class P or E, the base needs a site-specific engineer. Your draftsperson or certifier can tell you your soil class.

FOR YOUR CERTIFIER, SURVEYOR OR COUNCIL

About the documents in this pack

To your council or private certifier,

The applicant is installing a Terra Tanks above-ground galvanised steel plunge pool. Terra Tanks Pty Ltd is the Australian importer and deemed manufacturer. The structural design of the pool shell and its supporting base has been independently checked and certified by Subi Smartz Consultants Pty Ltd, Chartered Professional Structural and Civil Engineers (RPEQ 14966, NER), against NCC 2022 Amendments 1 and 2 and the standards listed on the certificate.

Two models are certified. Please use the certificate matching the pool on the application:

- **2.4m pool** (Family Plunge Pool): 2,438mm diameter x 610mm high, design water depth 550mm, 2,386 L, filled weight about 2,390 kg.
- **1.8m pool** (Urban Plunge Pool): 1,829mm diameter x 610mm high, design water depth 550mm, about 1,400 L.

The certification covers the pool shell and base for site classifications A, S and M on any base detail shown on the drawings, and H1 and H2 on a 150mm reinforced concrete slab or raised decking detail only. It excludes the safety barrier, which the owner provides to the applicable standard, and the hydraulic equipment, which the supplier warrants to AS 1926.3.

Documents enclosed

- Terra Tanks 2.4m Pool, NSW Certificate of Design Compliance
- Terra Tanks 1.8m Pool, NSW Certificate of Design Compliance
- Engineering drawings, Rev A (pool plan, hydraulic plan, base details)

Questions about the product, the drawings or the engineering: hello@terratanks.com.au or George on 0424 661 542. We can put you directly in touch with the engineer.

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This pack is a guide to the usual process and is not legal advice. Requirements are set by the state and applied by your council or certifier, and they change. Fees quoted are published minimums as at October 2026. Confirm with your council or certifier before you order, dig or fill.