

# Fences

## Does your fence need a permit?

You will not need a permit if the fence is:

- associated with a dwelling house;
- less than two metres high from natural ground level (this includes combined fence and retaining wall); Note: Corner blocks have additional height restrictions as identified in the Queensland Development Code;
- not associated with a swimming pool (Note that a new pool and associated barrier require a building permit);
- not a part of a retaining wall;
- not interfering with the natural surface water run-off from adjoining properties.

You will require building approval for:

- a regulated pool fence; or
- a fence that would be greater than two metres above the natural ground surface.

You are responsible for ensuring the building work complies with applicable standards. This includes structural adequacy, size limits, fire separation and boundary setbacks. These are outlined in the following:

- the Building Act 1975;
- any local law or [local planning instrument](#);
- the [Queensland Development Code](#)



- the National Construction Code - [Building Code of Australia](#).

For further information, contact council.

## Building a dividing fence on the boundary

Fences that divide adjoining land can be a cause of dispute between neighbours. The Queensland Government regulates fencing under the Neighbour Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011, and provides information and paperwork regarding legal responsibilities as a fence owner, including a step-by-step consultation process and how to manage disputes. Please see the [Queensland Government guides to avoiding, resolving and mediating tree and fence disputes](#).