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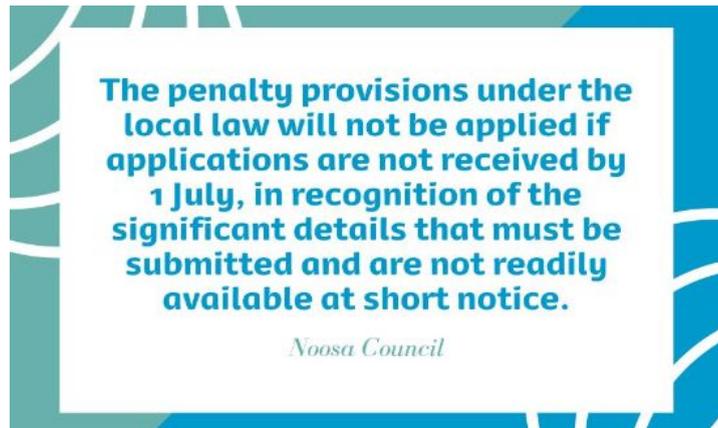


Noosa Council Pool Certification Applications

- **Deadline of 1 July is flexible**
- **Only schemes contacted directly must submit documentation**
- **Intent is not to include strata title premises that are fully owner occupied or occupied by long-term tenants**

On 1 July, an amendment to [Noosa City Council's Local Law No. 1](#) will come into effect, requiring all "public pools" to obtain an annual approval to operate. This will necessitate the [completion of documentation](#) outlining their water-quality testing timetable, maintenance schedule, and incident management plan. An [application for a license](#) will also be necessary, placing them in low, medium, or high-risk categories. Noosa City Council believes this will help safeguard swimmers and prevent the spread of water-borne diseases.

The proposal by Council to require public swimming pools to obtain approval and submit an application for approval by 1 July is under review following a meeting between SCA (Qld) and Noosa Council early this week.



As this is the first year of application of Local Law No.1 the Council delivered documentation to approximately 120 larger complexes requiring approval. It appears that some recipients have used the documents for other premises **that were not intended to be included**. The situation has been further compounded as the proposed guidelines for operation of public pools circulated for comment last year by Queensland Health has not been finalized. The Noosa City Council has cited Queensland Health's yet-to-be-released *Water Quality Guidelines for Public Aquatic Facilities* as the standard it will use in the annual approval process.

Noosa Council confirmed to SCA (Qld) today that the intent is not to include strata title premises that are fully owner/occupied or occupied by long term tenants. The initial risk that Council is addressing is short-term accommodation for casual occupation, particularly larger holiday accommodation. It is therefore intended in the initial licensing process to have a cut off for smaller strata developments that pose a lower risk. This cut off is yet to be determined.

SCA (Qld) will continue to work with Noosa Council representatives to find a way forward, given the level of confusion about the requirements under the local law, fee and approval categories of low, medium and high. In the meantime, only members/sites that have received correspondence from Council DIRECTLY or had a visit from a Council Health staff member, are asked to make an application for approval. Include as many details as possible about the type of complex, number of units and type of pool (e.g. rented through agents, manager onsite or not, etc.). Council is investigating if building records of pools can be obtained more time and cost effectively to assist the application process.



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