



When a mandatory inspection must occur

Key points

- Inspections are due on every third anniversary date.
- The first inspection is due on the third anniversary date on or after 1 January 2017.
- If an inspection occurs earlier than six months before its due date, the next inspection will be due on the third anniversary date after that inspection.
- The latest an inspection must occur is six months after its due date.

The Building (Pools) Amendment Act introduces a mandatory requirement to inspect residential pools. Inspections are expected to improve pool compliance and the safety of young children.

The due date for inspections depends on the anniversary date of the pool. 'Anniversary date' is defined in [section 162D](#) of the Building Act, and will usually be the date when the code compliance certificate was issued. The day and month of the anniversary date determine when inspections are due.

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Inspections that occur within six months of the due date do not affect when the next inspection will be due. However, if an inspection occurs earlier than six months before its due date, the next inspection will be due on the third anniversary date after that inspection.

The latest an inspection must occur is six months after its due date.

If the anniversary date is not known, the pool should be inspected within three years of the previous inspection. This is because an inspection will not be due sooner than three years after the previous inspection, irrespective of the anniversary date.

Example

Assume that, for a certain pool, the code compliance certificate was issued on 1 July 2003. The first inspection of that pool is due on 1 July 2019. The due date for the second inspection of that pool will depend on when the first inspection actually occurs:

- if the first inspection of that pool occurs, for example, on 1 May 2019, the second inspection of that pool would be due on 1 July 2022
- if the first inspection of that pool occurs, for example, on 1 May 2018 (more than six months before its due date), the second inspection of that pool would be due on 1 July 2020.