

Fences

Do I need Building Approval?

Make sure you know if you need a permit for your fence before you begin any construction works.

✗ A Building Approval is NOT required if your fence is:

- associated with a dwelling house;
- less than two metres high from natural ground level (this includes combined fence and retaining wall); NB: Corner blocks have additional height restrictions as identified in the Queensland Development Code
- not associated with a swimming pool (NB: 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.

✓ A Building Approval IS required if your fence is:

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

Can I build a dividing fence on my boundary?

Fences that divide adjoining land can be a cause of dispute between neighbours. The Queensland Government regulates fencing under the Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011, and provides information and paperwork regarding legal responsibilities as a fence owner.

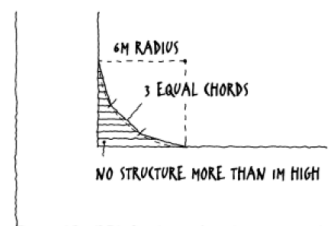
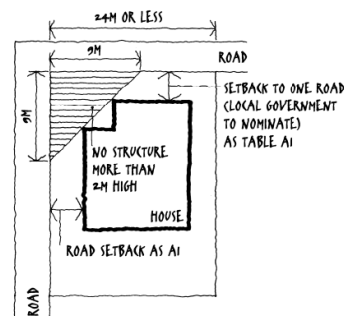
This includes a step-by-step consultation process and how to manage disputes. For more information contact Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) on 1300 753 228 or www.qcat.qld.gov.au.



Are there additional requirements for corner lots?

The Queensland Development Code MP1.2 identifies additional height restrictions for fences on corner lots:

- the fence must not exceed 2m in height within a 9m by 9m truncation at the corner of the two road frontages.
- on the 6m radius curve of the corner, the fence must not be more than 1m in height.



You are responsible for ensuring any building work complies with applicable standards. This includes structural adequacy, size limits, fire separation and boundary setbacks.