

PUBLIC POOL CHECKLIST

(This checklist is based on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing checklist)

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PUBLIC POOL DESIGN CHECKLIST BASED ON ONTARIO REGULATION 332/12 SECTION 3.11.

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Class A 🗋 or	Class B	Indoor 🛄	or	Outdoor 🔲
Major Occupancy:				
	Name:			
Project	Address:			

Project			
Owner	Name:	Phone: ()	
	Address:		
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Design	Name:	Phone: ()	
Professional	Address:		
(Architect/			
Engineer) *	Signature:		

* Refer to Section 1.2. Design and General Review, Division C - Part 1, 2012 Ontario Building Code

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DECK AND POOL REQUIREMENTS				
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built	
3.11.3.1.(4)	Except for a modified pool, wave action pool, a pool for the rapeutic use, a beach entry ramp and a pool described in 3.11.5.2. (1). All water depths ≥ 0.75 m			
3.11.3.1.(5)	Beach entry ramp is protected with permanent barriers between 900 mm to 1200 mm along the deck			
3.11.3.1.(6)	Bottom slopes (a) water depths ≤ 1.35 m - maximum 8% (b) water depths > 1.35 m but < 2.00 m - maximum 33% (c) water depths ≥ 2.00 m - maximum 50%			
3.11.3.1.(7)	Recessed fittings for safety buoy line \geq 300 mm toward the shallow end measured from the top of a slope steeper than 8%			
3.11.3.1.(8)	Walls vertical to within 150 mm of the bottom in water depth < 1.35 m			
3.11.3.1.(9)	Pool surrounded by hard surfaced deck (a) ≥ 1.80 m wide			
	(b) outdoor pools - sloped away to waste drains or adjacent lower ground at a slope of between 2% and 4%			
	(c) indoor pools - impervious and sloped away between 1% and 4% to waste drains			
3.11.3.1.(10) ^{mw}	Where provided, a ledge shall			
	(a) be located only where water depth ≥ 1.35 m			
	(b) be $\leq 200 \text{ mm}$ wide		ם ם כ	
	(c) be ≥ 1.00 m below the water surface			
	(d) be gradually tapered towards shallow end			
	(e) have a band of contrasting colour on top edge	ā	ā	
3.11.3.1.(11) ^{mw}	Above ground pool - (see page - 4)			
3.11.3.1.(12)	Deck perpendicular to pool walls or projects ≤ 50 mm over water			
3.11.3.1.(13)	Deck separated by barrier from spectator area			
3.11.3.1.(14)	Deck delineated from surrounding area by a tactile conforming to 3.8.3.18			
3.11.3.1.(15) ^{mw}	Perimeter drainage around deck where necessary			
3.11.3.1.(16) ^w	Hose bibs provided for convenient flushing of deck			
3.11.3.1.(17)	Foot sprays running freely to waste provided where access to pool is over non- cleanable surfaces (e.g. Gravel, grass)			
3.11.3.1.(18)	One or more ladders or steps in deep and shallow areas, and one barrier-free access as required by 3.11.3.3			
3.11.3.1.(19) ^{mw}	Submerged surfaces of pool, the deck and partitions or walls adjacent to the deck have cleanable surfaces			
3.11.3.1.(20) ^{mw}	Submerged surfaces white or light in colour (markings excluded)			
3.11.3.1.(21) ^w	Black disc 150 mm in diameter on white background at deepest point in pool			

^m also applicable for modified pools (see page pool 10) ^w also applicable for wave action pools (see page pool 10)

DECK AND POOL REQUIREMENTS			
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built
3.11.3.1.(22) ^{mw}	Access to deck preventable (e.g. lockable doors, security fence with lockable gate)		
3.11.3.1.(23)	Lifeguard control stations where required in a Class A pool (a) one or more where water surface > 150 m ² and \leq 230 m ² (b) two or more where water surface > 230 m ²		
3.11.3.1.(24) ^w	 Markings on deck ≥ 100 mm high, showing (a) water depths at deep points, breaks between gentle and steep bottom slopes and shallow points (b) SHALLOW AREA at appropriate location(s) (c) DEEP AREA at appropriate location(s) where water depth > 2.5 m 		
3.11.3.1.(25) ^w	In pools with max. water depth ≤ 2.5 m notice posted in letters ≥ 150 mm either CAUTION - AVOID DEEP DIVES or SHALLOW WATER NO DIVING (pool owner may choose either wording)		
3.11.3.1.(26)	Except where no space is provided between ladder treads and the pool wall, the space between the pool wall and submerged portions of any treads of a ladder for entry into and egress from the water shall be not more than 150 mm and not less than 75 mm.		

	ABOVE GROUND POOLS				
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built		
3.11.3.1.(11) ^{mw}	 If pool installed on surface of ground or hard surface Water depth constant and no more than 1.10 m Water surface area no more than 100 m² Deck may be elevated platform that has: (a) an unobstructed width of 900 mm minimum (b) elevation above grade or floor ≥ 75 mm (c) 6 mm wide openings for drainage (d) surface that is capable of being kept clean, disinfected and free from slipperiness 				

	BARRIER-FREE PATH OF TRAVEL FOR OUTDOOR POOL DECK				
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built		
3.11.3.2.(1)	Where an outdoor pool is provided, a barrier-free path of travel shall be provided to and throughout the normally occupied portions of the pool deck		ū		

ACCESS INTO PUBLIC POOLS				
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built	
3.11.3.3.(1)	Access for entry into and egress from the water of as public pool provided in a storey required to have a barrier-free path of travel by 3.8.2.1. shall be provided by (a) a ramp conforming to 3.11.5.1 and 3.11.5.2 for a pool described in 3.11.5.2.(1), or (b) a pool lift			
3.11.3.3.(2)	Except the entire pool depth > 1.22 m, at least one lift shall be located where the water level ≤ 1.22 m			
3.11.3.3.(3)	The centre line of the seat for the pool lift shall be located over the deck and a minimum of 400 mm from the edge of the pool when in the raised position			
3.11.3.3.(4)	 A clear deck space located parallel with the seat for the pool lift and on the side of the seat opposite the water shall, (a) be at least 915 mm wide, and (b) extend forward not less than 1 220 mm from a line located 305 mm behind the rear edge of the seat. 			
3.11.3.3.(5)	The pool lift shall be, (a) be operable without assistance from both the deck and water, and (b) when in use, its controls and operating mechanisms are unobstructed.			
3.11.3.2.(6)	The pool lift shall, (a) have a weight capacity of at least 135 kg, and (b) be capable of sustaining a static load of at least 1.5 times the rated load.			

	DRESSING AND LOCKER ROOMS, SHOWERS AND TOILETS			
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built	
3.11.9.1.(2)	Class A pool on recreational camp exempt from dressing room, washroom, etc. requirements if facilities available elsewhere on premises and foot sprays provided			
3.11.9.1.(3)	Class B pool exempt from dressing room, washroom, etc. requirements if facilities available elsewhere on premises and foot sprays provided			
3.1.17.3.(1)	Public pools other than wave action pools:Occupant load = $D/2.5 + S/1.4 = ___+___$ batherswhere D = water surface area in m² where the water depth is> 1.35 m deep, andS = water surface area in m² where the water depth is ≤ 1.35 m deep		ū	
3.1.17.3.(2)	Wave action pools: Occupant load = $D/2.5 + S/1.1 = ___ + ___ = __$ bathers where D = water surface area in m ² of the part of the pool where the still water depth is > 1.00 m, and S = water surface area in m ² of the part of the pool where the still water depth is ≤ 1.00 m			

3.11.9.1.(4)	The number of water closets, urinals and lavatories is determined from Article 3.7.4.3. and Table 3.7.4.3.C.	
	Male Provided Required Female Provided Required	
	W.C. W.C. Urinals Lav. Lav. Lav.	
	Drinking Fountain (NOTE: Barrier-free design may be required)	
3.11.9.1.(5)	One shower head provided for every forty bathers Number of shower head required = bathers $\div 40 =$	
3.11.9.1.(6)	Layout such that bathers leaving changing and toilet areas (where provided) pass through showers en route to pool	
3.11.9.1.(7)	Potable water pressure at shower heads \geq 140 kPa (20.3 psi)	
3.11.9.1.(8)	Water tempering device(s) provided for showers @ $\leq 40^{\circ}$ C	
3.11.9.1.(9)	Washroom, shower & passage way floors slope to drains at $\geq 1\%$ and	
	are of hard-surfaced material with non-slip surface	
3.11.9.1.(10)	Wall bases coved in dressing and locker rooms, washrooms, shower areas and passageways	
3.11.9.1.(11)	Hose bibbs shall be provided in safe locations convenient for flushing down the walls and floors in washrooms, shower areas and passageways used by bathers.	
3.11.9.1.(12)	Partitions or walls provided for privacy of dressing rooms, washrooms and shower areas	
3.11.9.1.(13)	Bottom of interior partitions in dressing rooms or washrooms from 250 mm to 350 mm above floor	
3.11.9.1.(14)	Dressing and locker room floors of non-slip, easily cleanable surfaces	

	RECIRCULATION SYSTEMS			
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built	
3.11.8.1.(3)	Means provided to prevent water from flowing from (a) the pool or recirculation system into the water supply (b) the sewer back into the pool			
3.11.8.1.(5)	Recirculating system capable of filtering, disinfecting, and passing through the pool each day a volume of at least (a) Class A pool - 6 times the pool's water volume (4 hrs) (b) Class B pool - 4 times the pool's water volume (6 hrs) (c) Modified pool - 3 times the pool's water volume (8 hrs) (d) Wave action pool - 6 times the pool's water volume (4 hrs) Pool dimensions (m) = Pump model Surface area (m ²) = Pump size (hp) Water volume (m ³) = # turnovers / day Filter model Filter and pump sizes adequate? Filter flow rate (US gpm) = yes			
3.11.8.1.(6)	Flow meter on recirculation system (make model)			

3.11.8.1.(7)	Automatic make-up devices and water meters on makeup water supply which is connected to the recirculation system or the pool		
3.11.8.1.(8)	Continuous disinfection of pool water by means of either (a) or (b)		
	(a) chlorination or hypo-chlorination system capable of providing		
	(i) outdoor pool - 300 g chlorine/day/10,000 L of pool volume		
	(ii) indoor pool - 200 g chlorine/day/10,000 L of pool volume		
	(iii) outdoor wave action pool - 1200g chlorine/day/10,000 L of pool volume		
	(iv) indoor wave action pool - 800 g chlorine/day/10,000 L of pool volume		
	(b) a brominator capable of maintaining 3 mg of bromine/L of pool water		
3.11.8.1.(9)	Chlorination equipment incorporates automatic termination of chlorine feed whenever pool water recirculation is interrupted.		
3.11.8.1.(10)	Exposed potable water and chlorine piping within water treatment service room		
3.11.8.1.(11)	colour-coded - green for potable water and yellow for chlorine		
3.11.8.1.(12) 3.11.8.1.(13)	Where applicable, inlets and skimmers or overflow gutters provide uniform circulation and distribution and capable of discharging surface water to waste -		
5.11.0.1.(15)	15% removal/day	_	
3.11.8.1.(14)	Except fittings within 300 mm of surface and returning water to the pool tank, all		[
	fittings must provide 7 mm max. opening in one direction and grille covers fastened		
	by corrosion resistant, galvanically compatible materials require a tool for removal		
3.11.8.1.(15)	Except for modified pools, public pools must be		
3.11.8.1.(16)	(a) provided with a minimum of two suction or gravity outlets interconnected to a full size manifold, and spaced at least 1 200 mm apart, and		
	(b) capable of emptying all the pool water through the drains in ≤ 12 hrs		
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3.11.8.1.(17)	Except for modified pools, flow Velocity ≤ 0.45 m/s (1.48 ft/s) through openings in suction or gravity cover fittings		
	Drains - Type/Model Opening-m ² Flow V. m/s		
	Drains - Type/Model Opening-m ² Flow V. m/s Others - Type/Model Opening-m ² Flow V. m/s		
	Others - Type/Model Opening-m ² Flow V. m/s		
3.11.8.1.(18)	Marking of all suction and gravity fittings with 50 mm wide contrasting band		
3.11.8.1.(19)	Fitting openings returning water to the pool tank that are located within 300 mm of		
	the water surface must be ≤ 25 mm dia. with one dimension permitted to be more		
2 11 0 1 (20)	than 7 mm		
3.11.8.1.(20)	Submerged skimmer equalizers and vacuum fittings are <u>not</u> designed and specified		

	EMERGENCY PROVISIONS			
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built	
3.11.10.1.(1)	Illumination - refer to Subsection 3.2.7.			
3.11.10.1.(2)	Dressing, locker and shower rooms, washrooms and passage ways - illumination of ≥ 200 lx at floor level			
3.11.10.1.(3)	 Indoor pool or outdoor pool open after sundown equipped with lighting (a) that will maintain on deck and water surface (i) indoor pool ≥ 200 lx (ii) outdoor pool ≥ 100 lx (b) that makes underwater areas of pool visible 			
3.11.10.1.(4)	Indoor pool and outdoor pool open after sundown equipped with emergency lighting system that operates automatically			
3.11.10.1.(5)	Emergency lighting illuminates deck, washroom, shower, locker, water surface areas and means of egress to ≥ 10 lx			

3.11.10.1.(6)	Emergency power supply provided as per 3.2.7	
3.11.10.1.(7)	Class A pool - emergency telephone adjacent to deck	
3.11.10.1.(8)	Class B pool - telephone for emergency use within 30 m of pool	
3.11.10.1.(12) 3.11.10.1.(13) 3.11.10.1.(14)	An emergency stop button clearly labelled (with an audible & visual signal when in use) to deactivated all recirculating pumps and located beside the phone of a Class A pool and a Class B pool on the deck area	

SERVICE ROOMS AND STORAGE FACILITIES			
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built
3.11.11.1.(2)	 Compressed chlorine gas feeders located in a service room (a) separated from building by a 1 hr fire separation and is gas tight (b) designed with anchors for each cylinder and for no other purpose than containing feeders and cylinder storage (c) located above ground level (d) exit door provided to outdoors (e) screened openings to outdoors within 150 mm of floor and within 150 mm from ceiling each opening ≥ 2% of floor area (f) emergency mechanical ventilation of ≥ 30 ACH capacity suction ≤ 900 mm & discharge ≥ 2.50 m above floor to outdoors (g) equipped with a weigh scale for each cylinder in use ≥ 135 kg 		
3.11.11.1.(3) 3.11.11.1.(4) 3.11.11.1.(5)	Chemical storage rooms equipped with – hose connection and floor drain, and ventilation Service rooms and storage areas etc. equipped with secure locking devices		000

DIVING BOARDS & PLATFORMS*			
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built
3.11.4.1.(2)	Pool is <u>not</u> a modified pool or a wave action pool		
3.11.4.1.(3)	Board or platform has non-slip surface		
3.11.4.1.(4)	Board or platform more than 600 mm above water surface equipped with handrail(s)		
3.11.4.1.(6)	 Water depth within 3.00 m radius from end of board or platform is (a) 2.75 m for board ≤ 600 mm above water surface (b) 3.00 m for board or platform > 600 mm and ≤ 1.00 m above water (c) 3.65 m for board or platform > 1 m and ≤ 3 m above water 		000
3.11.4.1.(7)	Water depth at 9.00 m radius from end of board or platform ≥ 1.35 m		
3.11.4.1.(8)	Class B pool with board 600 mm or less above water, depth at 7.50 m radius from end of board ≥ 1.35 m + warning notice - "Danger - Avoid deep long dives" @ 150 mm		
3.11.4.1.(9)	Slope changes no more than 17% where the water depth is less than that specified in Sentence (6) and greater than 1.35 m		
3.11.4.1.(10)	Horizontal distance between boards or platforms ≥ 2.75 m		
3.11.4.1.(11)	Horizontal distance between a pool slide wall and ledge and (a) a board or platform 1 m or less above water ≥ 3.00 m (b) a board or platform more than 1 m above water ≥ 3.60 m		
3.11.4.1.(12)	Board or platform ≤ 600 mm above water to project ≥ 900 mm over the water		
3.11.4.1.(13)	Board > 600 mm above water to project \geq 1.50 m over the water		
3.11.4.1.(14)	Platform > 600 mm above water to project ≥ 1.20 m over the water		
3.11.4.1.(15)	Diving headroom unobstructed - for dimensions, see Sentence 3.11.4.1.(15)		
3.11.4.1.(16)	Board or platform > 3.00 m above water surface - access preventable by gate, barrier or other means		
3.11.4.1.(17)	Board or platform > 3.00 m above water surface - see FINA standards for water depths and overhead clearances required		

 * Not permitted in modified pools and wave-action pools.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR MODIFIED POOLS			
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built
3.11.6.1.(3)	Pool and pool deck hard-surfaced, cleanable		
3.11.6.1.(4)	Bottom slope ≤ 1 in 12		
3.11.6.1.(5)	Depth ≤ 1.80 m		
3.11.6.1.(6)	 Pool surrounded on all sides by a hard-surfaced deck (a) ≥ 3.00 m wide (b) 100 mm high crown above pool water surface (c) sloped to allow drainage away from the pool 	000	000
3.11.6.1.(7)	Two or more drain fittings located so that entire pool can be drained, and protective grilles having openings at least 10 times the internal cross sectional area of the outlet pipe(s) connected to recirculation system		
3.11.6.1.(8)	Lifeguard control stations adjacent to edge of water at intervals of ≤ 60 m		
3.11.6.1.(9)	Continuous black contour lines (a) 150 mm wide at 600 mm depth (b) 300 mm wide at 1 200 mm depth		

REQUIREMENTS FOR WAVE ACTION POOLS			
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built
3.11.7.1.(3)	Bottom slope (a) ≤ 1 in 12 in still water depth < 1.00 m (b) $\leq I$ in 9 in still water depth ≥ 1.00 m		
3.11.7.1.(4)	Walls vertical from surface of water to within 150 mm of bottom		
3.11.7.1.(5)	Hard-surfaced deck \geq 3.00 m wide adjacent to shallow end Hard-surfaced deck \geq 1.50 m wide elsewhere		
3.11.7.1.(6)	Two or more lifeguard control stations on each side of pool where still water depth > 1.00 m		
3.11.7.1.(7)	Recessed steps or ladders at intervals \leq 7.50 m along portions of pool deeper than 1.00 m but not closer than 3.00 m to corners		
3.11.7.1.(8)	Barrier or wall adjacent to pool wall where depth is ≤ 2.30 m that is ≤ 1.00 m from the side of the pool and 1.00 m in height bearing notices at intervals ≤ 7.50 m stating that jumping and diving are prohibited in that area		
3.11.7.1.(9)	Skimming devices provided and appropriately located		
3.11.7.1.(10)	Deactivation system with push buttons on pool decks ≤ 30.0 m apart on each side and deep end		
3.11.7.1.(11)	First-aid room located within 50 m from pool		
3.11.10.1.(9)	Public address system audible in all portions of pool		
3.11.10.1.(10)	Communication system that interconnects supervisors, lifeguard control stations, first-aid room and admission control centre		
3.11.10.1.(11)	Public address and communication systems interconnected		

RAMPS INTO PUBLIC POOLS			
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built
3.11.5.1.(1)	Where barrier-free access for entry into and egress from the water of a public pool is provided by a ramp as required by Clause 3.11.3.3.(1)(a), the pool shall be designed and constructed in accordance with 3.11.5.1. (2) to (4).		
3.11.5.1.(2)	 A ramp shall have, (a) along each side a handrail that has a height of not less than 865 mm and not more than 965 mm, and runs parallel to the slope of the ramp, (b) a width of at least 1100 mm, (c) a curb or other means to prevent a wheelchair from falling off the side of the ramp, (d) surface finishes capable of being kept clean, sanitary and free from slipperiness, and (e) a landing at the bottom at least 1500 mm in length and the same width as the ramp. 	0	
3.11.5.1.(3)	 Where a ramp that is not submerged is adjacent to the pool wall and is used for access to the water, the pool shall be constructed so that, (a) the landing at the bottom of the ramp is between 450 mm and 550 mm below the top of the wall separating the ramp from the pool, (b) the landing is equipped with a floor drain at its lowest point, (c) the top of the wall between the pool and the ramp is between 250 mm and 300 mm in width, (d) the pool deck is capable of accommodating a movable barrier separating the deck from the ramp, (e) the water depth at the landing is accurately and clearly marked at the landing in figures at least 100 mm high on the top of the wall separating the pool from the ramp, and (f) the ramp has a slope not exceeding 1 in 12. 		
3.11.5.1.(4)	 Where a submerged ramp is adjacent to the pool wall and is used for access to the water, the pool shall be constructed so that, (a) the water depth at the bottom of the ramp is between 600 mm and 900 mm, (b) a hard-surfaced area that is at least 750 mm wide is contiguous to the entire length of the part of the submerged ramp that pierces any part of the deck, (c) the area described in Clause (b) is capable of accommodating a movable barrier separating the area from the deck, (d) the finishes in submerged portions of the ramps and curbs are different in colour or shade from each other and from that of the pool walls and bottom, and (e) the submerged ramp has a slope not exceeding 1 in 9. 		

PUBLIC POOLS IN GROUP B, DIVISION 2 OR 3, MAJOR OCCUPANCIES			
OBC Reference	Requirements	Design	As Built
3.11.5.2.(1)	Water depth < 1.5 m, surface area < 100 m ²		
	pool deck contiguous \leq 50% of the total perimeter may be replaced by one or more ramps that will permit a bather seated in a wheelchair to enter the water		
	with or without the wheelchair		
3.11.5.2.(2)	A notice reading CAUTION - NO DIVING in letters ≥ 150 mm high posted on each wall or fence		
3.11.5.2.(3)	Provide a curb around perimeter of a pool		
3.11.5.2.(4)	Curb around perimeter of pool that has (a) a height of 50 mm (b) rounded edges (c) a coved base (d) a raised nosing at the top		