

## Do it yourself checklist for fences and walls

**Building Approval** is not required for fences and walls that meet the below criteria.

A **Planning Permit** or **Plumbing Approval** may still be required.

**Building work can be undertaken by:** a licensed builder, the property owner or any competent person, but must comply with the requirements of the National Construction Code (NCC).

### Step 1

#### Building Approval Checklist

- ☐ I have a current Planning Permit for my fence or wall.  
or  
☐ I have written confirmation from Council's planners that I do not require a Planning Permit for my fence or wall.

#### What if I do not have either of these?

A basic plan will need to be drawn that shows the dimensions of your fence or wall and where on your land it will be built. The plan can be drawn by yourself or any competent person.

Send the plan to Council's planners for review. Plans can be emailed to [mail@mvc.tas.gov.au](mailto:mail@mvc.tas.gov.au) or you can deliver your plan to Council's customer service office at 26 Lyall Street, Westbury.

Include the address of the property where the building is intended to be built and your contact details. If you are unsure or need help, contact Council on 6393 5300 and ask to speak with a planner.

### Step 2

#### Building Approval Checklist

- ☐ My fence or wall is not associated with building work that would be classified as Notifiable Works or work that would require a Building Permit.

#### Size Limitations

- ☐ If my fence or wall is constructed using masonry or concrete it will be no higher than 1.2m.  
☐ If my fence is constructed using chainlink it will be no higher than 3m.  
☐ If my fence is constructed from any other materials not mentioned above, it will not be higher than 2.1m.

#### Additional Requirements

- ☐ If the value of the work is more than \$20,000, payment of the State Government statutory fees and levies will be made to Council.

### Step 3

#### Boundary Fences & Neighbours

Boundary fences between neighbouring properties are the owners responsibility to erect and repair. Boundary fences are governed by the *Boundary Fences Act 1908* and the *Boundary Fences Regulations 2008*.

These regulations stipulate who is responsible for the costs associated with boundary fences, how and when you should notify your neighbour that you intend to undertake work and what to do if you cannot agree.

For more information visit [www.legalaid.tas.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.tas.gov.au)