

Quality Standards



Most pools seek to meet operating standards such as Quest or other recognised industry accreditations. However, small operations such as school swimming pools are unlikely to wish to do this.

Quest is the quality standards award for sport and leisure devised in conjunction with Sport England, sportscotland, Sports Council for Wales and Sport Northern Ireland. Find out more details at:

<http://www.questnbs.org/how-does-quest-work>

Swim21 is the quality standard for swimming provision across all areas. Operated by the ASA, it is a guarantee of quality of provision for parents and children as well as a tool for continuous programme improvement and development. There are three strands. swim21 Club Accreditation, for all ASA registered clubs; swim21 Learn to Swim accreditation for those offering programmes outside of a swimming club situation including pool operators; and swim21 School Swimming accreditation, for organisations running a school swimming programme.

More details can be found at:

<http://www.swimming.org/go/parents/what-is-swim-21/>

In order that your pool meets the standards set out in PAS 65/PAS39, the specifications laid down by the British Standards Institution, CIMSPA National Pool Safety Award and the CIMSPA/ASA Safe Family Award and Baby Friendly Swimming Pool Campaign, seek for further information at

<http://www.CIMSPA.co.uk/information/awardsplus.php>

It is also important to follow two other sets of standards – one for the fitness industry as a whole and the other for water quality:

Fitness Industry Association Code of Practice

<http://www.fia.org.uk/about-us/FIA-Code-of-Practice.html>

Guidelines for safe recreational water environments:

<http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/TFIR/background%20documents/guidelines%20n%20safe%20recreational%20water.pdf>

