

Queensland Smoke Alarm Compliance Checklist

Everything you need to check, upgrade, and confirm before the 1 January 2027 deadline.

Step 1 - Check your current smoke alarms

Look for the Australian Standard code on each alarm. Your alarms need replacement if any of the following apply:

- ☐ Alarm does not display the code AS3786-2014
- ☐ Alarm is more than 10 years old
- ☐ Alarm uses an ionisation sensor
- ☐ Alarm is not interconnected with the other alarms in the home

If you've ticked any box above, those alarms need to be upgraded to compliant units.

Step 2 - Confirm what "compliant" means

A compliant smoke alarm must be:

- ☐ Photoelectric (uses a light beam to detect smoke)
- ☐ Interconnected (when one alarm detects smoke, they all sound)
- ☐ Hardwired, or powered by a non-removable 10-year battery
- ☐ Certified to Australian Standard AS3786-2014
- ☐ Free of an ionisation sensor

Step 3 - Choose hardwired or wireless

Both options are compliant the right choice depends on your current setup and budget.

- ☐ Hardwired - connected to mains power; must be installed by a licensed electrician. if your existing alarms are hardwired, replacements must also be hardwired.
- ☐ Wireless - interconnected without wiring; powered by a non-removable 10-year battery; can be installed yourself

Step 4 - Confirm installation locations

Compliant smoke alarms must be installed:

- ☐ In every bedroom
- ☐ In every hallway or room connecting bedrooms
- ☐ On every storey of the home

- ☐ On the ceiling of caravans and motorhomes (plus the annexe, if you sleep there)

Step 5 - Keep your alarms working

- ☐ Test alarms monthly to confirm they're operating properly
- ☐ Clean alarms regularly, vacuum or dust to remove dust and insects
- ☐ Keep alarms clear, don't block or cover them
- ☐ Never paint over a smoke alarm

Step 6 - Build a home fire escape plan

- ☐ Map at least two exits from every room
- ☐ Choose a safe meeting point outside the home
- ☐ Practise the plan with everyone in the household
- ☐ Review the plan if household members or the home layout changes

Step 7 - Confirm compliance before 1 January 2027

- ☐ All alarms are photoelectric and interconnected
- ☐ All alarms meet AS3786-2014 and contain no ionisation sensor
- ☐ Alarms are installed in every required location
- ☐ Alarms are hardwired or on a non-removable 10-year battery
- ☐ Home fire escape plan is in place and practiced