

THE CONSTRUCTION TRAINING FUND

The Construction Training Fund administers The Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Act 1990 to collect a levy on all residential, commercial and civil engineering construction projects undertaken in Western Australia.

The Training Fund is managed by an industry Board.

THE TRAINING LEVY

The training levy is calculated at 0.2% of the total value of construction, for all works valued at more than \$20,000. Payment is required to be made prior to the commencement of the project.

BENEFITS OF THE LEVY

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Revenue raised from the training levy is used to support training in WA's building and construction industry, helping the industry to maintain productivity and a supply of skilled workers. The three main areas of training support managed by the Training Fund are.

a) Apprenticeships - employers can receive incentives to employ new apprentices and trainees in construction qualifications

b) Supplementary Skills - industry workers can receive rebates for short course training that is required for performing on-site work

c) Occupational Safety & Health - industry workers can receive rebates for short course training ensuring on-site tasks are performed safely The levy therefore enables the industry to continually improve the mix and the quality of people's skills.

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THE MEANING OF CONSTRUCTION WORK

Construction work covers any works that are construction, erection, installation, reconstruction, re-erection, renovation, alteration, demolition, maintenance of or repairs to any structure.

Apart from residential buildings and commercial buildings and shelters and civil construction, the following works are specifically included:

 roads, railways, airfields or other structures for the passage of persons, animals or vehicles;

• breakwaters, docks, jetties, piers, wharves or works for improvement or alteration of any harbour, river or watercourse;

 works for the storage or supply of water or for the irrigation of land;

 works for the conveyance, treatment or disposal of sewerage or of the effluent from any premises;

 works for the extraction, refining, processing or treatment of materials or for the production or extraction of products and by-products from materials;

- bridges, viaducts, aqueducts or tunnels;
- pipelines;
- chimney stacks, cooling towers, drilling rigs, gas holders or silos;
- navigational lights, beacons or markers;
- works for the draining of land;
- works for the storage of liquids (other than water) or gases;
- works for the generation, supply or transmission of electric power;
- works for the transmission of wireless or telegraphic communications;
- pile driving works;
- works for the preparation of building sites;

 works for the fabrication, erection or installation of plant, plant facilities or equipment in buildings;

 works of the kind listed above that involve fabrication, erection or installation of plant, plant facilities or equipment for those buildings or works

• carrying out of work performed by employees engaged in any of the above work that is normally carried out on site but which is not necessarily carried out on site.

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