

**BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING FUND AND LEVY COLLECTION ACT 1990
(BCITF Act) – BUILDING PERMIT**

PROJECT OWNER AND PROJECT DETAILS

This information is mandatory and will be referred to for any queries regarding the project or if a refund of the levy paid is necessary.

PROJECT OWNER – BUILDING PERMITS

- The person or entity issued with a building permit under the *Building Act 2011* is the project owner and responsible for payment of the BCITF Levy;
- A project owner must provide proof that the BCITF Levy has been paid in order to be granted a permit;
- Full payment of the BCITF Levy can be made to a permit issuing authority as part of the building permit application process OR
- Full payment of the BCITF Levy can be made online and the receipt for payment included with other documents required for a building permit.

CALCULATING PAYMENT OF THE BCITF LEVY

The levy is calculated at 0.2% of the estimated value of the construction project, where the total value is more than \$20,000 (inc GST). Any variation in the amount of the BCITF Levy to be paid is confirmed when the final construction value differs by more than \$25,000 (inc GST) from the original estimate.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE LEVY?

Revenue generated under the *BCITF Act* is directed by the Construction Training Fund (CTF) into programs that ensure the building and construction industry has an adequate number of skilled workers available to support the needs of the industry in WA. Revenue provides eligible employers with grants to offset the costs of employing new apprentices and trainees in construction trades and eligible workers with assistance to reduce the costs of training for skills required to perform their on-site work safely and effectively.

SECTOR CLASSIFICATION - examples for each sector include, but are not limited to:

HOUSING

- All new residential dwellings
- All renovations to existing residential dwellings
- Apartments
- Granny flats
- Garages
- Swimming pools

COMMERCIAL

- Retail outlets
- Warehouses, factories
- Offices, business premises
- Schools
- Hospitals, medical centres
- Sporting facilities

**ENGINEERING
CONSTRUCTION**

- Roads, highways, railways, bridges
- Heavy industry
- Sewerage, drainage
- Water storage facilities
- Electricity, telecommunications supply
- Retaining walls

MINING

- Residential dwellings
- All renovations to existing residential dwellings
- Administration and support services facilities (offices, canteens, warehouses, gymnasiums etc)

PENALTIES AND OFFENCES

Non-payment of the training levy or providing false or misleading information about construction works to which the levy applies is an offence. The penalty for such an offence is

- (a) \$20,000 for an individual
- (b) \$50,000 for a body corporate

Failure to pay the BCITF levy prior to commencement of construction can lead to a penalty of 100% of the value of the unpaid levy; annualised from the date construction commences, in addition to the original value of the unpaid levy.

Have you

- Read all definitions and conditions of payment of the BCITF Levy?
- Accurately completed all relevant sections of the form?
- Signed the form?
- Maintained a copy of the form and your receipt?

The white copy of the form to be submitted to the CTF by the collection agent; the green copy to be kept by the collection agent and the yellow copy is for the project owner's records.