



INVESTMENT IN EMERGENCY SERVICES

The State Government will invest an additional \$128.5 million over the next four years to strengthen community safety and provide critical emergency services. This is in recognition of community feedback following a series of catastrophic bushfires as well as climate change impacts and the State's increasing population.

The 2018-19 Emergency Services Levy (ESL) will provide facilities, equipment and resources, protective clothing, uniforms, vehicles and training for Western Australia's fire and emergency services personnel, both career and volunteer.

The ESL also supports specialist activities such as fire investigations, building inspections, emergency planning and community safety programs.

Every cent raised from the ESL will go back into emergency services throughout the State to improve the safety of our personnel and the community.

This year's ESL, which will modestly increase up to 10 per cent, will also fund a new Rural Fire Division dedicated to improving bushfire management.

ESL CHARGES 2018-19

ESL charges reflect the type of emergency services available to a property. The ESL category classification of your property is shown on the rates notice. In 2018-19 ESL charges will raise \$391 million across the State.

Properties classified ESL category 1 to 4 are charged based on the gross rental value (GRV) determined by the Valuer General and the declared ESL rate for that category. Charges are subject to declared minimum and maximum thresholds based on property use. Properties classified ESL category 5 attract a fixed annual charge.

ESL Category	ESL Rate (per \$GRV)	Minimum & Maximum ESL Charges by Property Use			
		Residential, Farming and Vacant Land		Commercial, Industrial and Miscellaneous	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
1	\$0.014486	\$82	\$430	\$82	\$245,000
2	\$0.010864	\$82	\$322	\$82	\$183,000
3	\$0.007243	\$82	\$214	\$82	\$122,000
4	\$0.005070	\$82	\$150	\$82	\$85,000
5	Fixed Charge \$82	\$82	\$82	\$82	\$82
Mining Tenements	Fixed Charge \$82	\$82	\$82	\$82	\$82

ESL CONCESSIONS

If you are a pensioner or senior who qualifies for a rebate on your council rates, you will receive the same percentage of rebate on your ESL charge. These rebates are generally combined and printed as one amount on the council's rates notice for your property.

LATE PAYMENT INTEREST

A late payment penalty of 11 per cent interest per annum is charged where the ESL payment is received after the due date, detailed on your rates notice.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Call 1300 136 099 or visit dfes.wa.gov.au. For brochures in large print, Braille or another language, please telephone (08) 9395 9485.



WHAT THE 2018-19 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY WILL FUND

THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY GOES TOWARDS:



VOLUNTEER AND
CAREER FIRE AND
RESCUE SERVICES



STATE
EMERGENCY
SERVICES



VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES



VOLUNTEER MARINE
RESCUE SERVICES



BUSHFIRE SERVICES INCLUDING THE
AERIAL FIREFIGHTING FLEET AND
THE NEW RURAL FIRE DIVISION

THIS YEAR IT INCLUDES:



Training
programs



Internet communications
systems for the Volunteer
Marine Rescue Service



- Construction of a new fire station in Gingin
- Planning of a new fire station in Kensington
- Fire station and emergency services building improvements



- New vessels
- New vehicles



Crew cab protection
upgrades to all
firefighting appliances



New
firefighting
equipment



The South West
RAC Rescue
helicopter service

THE NEW RURAL FIRE DIVISION WILL:



Decentralise and
improve bushfire
management across
the State



Coordinate hazard
reduction and mitigation
activities to reduce the
destructive effects of
bushfires



Provide greater
support for volunteers
across the State



Establish a first of its
kind Bushfire Centre
of Excellence focused
on training, research,
best practice and
strategic advice