



# INVESTING IN A SAFER STATE

**Every year, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services responds to tens of thousands of incidents, and works hard to prevent many more. Whether on land, sea or by air, our career and volunteer personnel work with communities to make Western Australia a safer place to live.**

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) continues to ensure that our people have the resources, training and support that they need to protect the Western Australian community. ESL funds are distributed across the State and aim to ensure that emergency services are available where and when they are needed most. This year the ESL will raise \$405 million with every cent going towards providing emergency services to the community.

## ESL RATES 2019-20

ESL rates vary according to the type of emergency services available to provide a primary emergency response to a property. Properties classified as 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 minimum and maximum thresholds based on property use. Properties classified as ESL category 5 attract a fixed annual charge.

The table below shows the declared ESL rates and minimum and maximum charges applicable in 2019-20.

## 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.

ESL Category	ESL Rate (per \$GRV)	Minimum & Maximum ESL Charges by Property Use			
		Residential, Vacant & Farming (non-commercial)		Commercial, Industrial & Miscellaneous	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
1	\$0.014839	\$84	\$441	\$84	\$251,000
2	\$0.011129	\$84	\$330	\$84	\$188,000
3	\$0.007419	\$84	\$219	\$84	\$125,000
4	\$0.005194	\$84	\$154	\$84	\$87,000
5	Fixed Charge \$84	\$84	\$84	\$84	\$84
Mining Tenements	Fixed Charge \$84	\$84	\$84	\$84	\$84

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For more information, or to request brochures in large print, Braille or another language, please visit [dfes.wa.gov.au](https://dfes.wa.gov.au) or call 1300 136 099.



FOR A SAFER STATE

# WHAT THE 2019-20 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY WILL FUND IN WA



Volunteer and Career Fire and Rescue Services



State Emergency Services



Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services



Volunteer Marine Rescue Services



Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades



Aerial firefighting fleet



Community safety programs



Fire investigations



Triple zero communications centre



Training programs



Maintenance of facilities & equipment

## This year it also includes:

### **\$16.4 million**

towards the construction of new fire stations in Kensington, Cockburn, Northampton, Halls Creek, Margaret River and Gingin.

### **\$33.1 million**

for new facilities, fire trucks, equipment and running costs for State Emergency Service units and Bush Fire Brigades.

### **\$5 million**

for new facilities, vessels, equipment and running costs for Volunteer Marine Rescue Groups.

## **\$25.8 million towards the DFES Rural Fire Division including:**



### **\$6.2 million**

to establish the Bushfire Centre of Excellence for Western Australia.

### **\$14.3 million**

investment in bushfire risk management planning and mitigation activities to reduce the impact of bushfire on our communities.