



QUEENSLAND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

to

Building Industry Professionals

PLEASE NOTE: NEW AND INCREASED BUILDING FIRE SAFETY AND MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTANCY SERVICES FEES

The 2007 review of the *Building Fire Safety Regulation 1991* highlighted necessary increases to fees charged for building fire safety and major infrastructure consultancy services. In addition, new fees will be introduced.

Changes to fees align with feedback gathered via consultation with building industry professionals and retains Queensland Fire and Rescue Service's (QFRS) commitment to its community service focus. These changes will support QFRS' role in ensuring that buildings and major infrastructure are built and maintained to appropriate fire safety standards.

WHEN DO THE CHANGES COME INTO EFFECT?

The revised fees charged for attendance by QFRS Officer and consultancy services provided to buildings and major infrastructure projects came into effect 1 January 2008. Increases to base fees and additional new fees relating to the building approval process will be effective 8 February 2008. Further increases will be initiated from 1 July 2008 until 2011.

Fee increase information to 1 July 2009 is contained overleaf.

WHY THE INCREASE?

- QFRS is committed to delivering enhanced levels of customer service specifically tailored to meet Industry needs.
- Unprecedented growth in Queensland's building and development Industry has led to significant increase in demand for QFRS' building and major infrastructure fire safety services.
- Industry has indicated a requirement for additional QFRS resources to improve response times. Funds raised by fee changes will be directed towards improved service delivery.
- Extensive consultation with building industry professionals revealed that charges were outdated and not aligned with industry standards.

NEED FURTHER INFORMATION?

The QFRS website contains full details of the new and revised fees and charges. Visit www.fire.qld.gov.au/buildingsafety/newfees.asp for further information.

For specific queries, please email: buildingfiresafety@emergency.qld.gov.au



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Fee Increase Information to 1 July 2009.

List is not inclusive of all fees and increases. Please refer to http:// www.fire.qld.gov.au/buildingsafety/newfees.asp for further information	Fee effective 1 January 2008	Fee effective 1 July 2008	Fee effective 1 July 2009
Attendance by QFRS Officer at premises:			
First two hours (minimum)	\$319.61	\$450.64	\$554.29
Each additional hour or part thereof	\$159.80	\$225.32	\$277.15
Fee per kilometer where the distance traveled to the premises exceeds 50km one-way	\$1.64	\$2.31	\$2.84
Charge per day for advisory, assessment and consultancy services provided to major infrastructure projects.	\$1,425.00	\$1,516.20	\$1,613.24
Base fee relating to building work:			
	Fee effective 8 February 2008	Fee effective 1 July 2008	Fee effective 1 July 2009
Building work with a floor area not more than 700 sq m	\$491.03	\$692.35	\$851.59
Building work with a floor area more than 700 sq m but not more than 1,100 sq m	\$884.32	\$1,246.88	\$1,533.67
Building work with a floor area more than 1,100 sq m but not more than 1,500 sq m	\$1,081.81	\$1,525.36	\$1,876.19
Building work with a floor area more than 1,500 sq m but not more than 2,000 sq m	\$1,184.85	\$1,670.64	\$2,054.88
Building work with a floor area more than 2,000 sq m – - plus an additional charge for each 100sq m above 2,000 sq m	\$1,236.40 \$9.46	\$1,743.33 \$13.34	\$2,144.29 \$16.41
Reassessment fee – for each hour, or part of an hour, of the assessment	\$188.93	\$266.39	\$327.66
Reinspection fee for first hour or part thereof - for each additional hour or part thereof	\$377.79 \$188.93	\$532.68 \$266.39	\$655.20 \$327.66
Fee for an alternative solution meeting	\$491.03	\$692.35	\$851.59
Fire engineering design brief consultation; includes reading of three reports and attendance at three meetings (all subsequent meetings are subject of new fee)	\$1,511.16	\$2,130.73	\$2,620.80
Research fee for 1 subsystem	\$480.82	\$677.96	\$833.89
Research fee for 2 – 5 subsystems	\$789.92	\$1113.79	\$1369.96
Research fee for more than 5 subsystems	\$1579.85	\$2227.58	\$2739.93
Search Fee			
Search as to whether notice to comply has been given	\$47.53	\$67.02	\$82.43
New Fees:			
Fire engineering design brief meeting fee; for the fourth and each subsequent meeting– for each hour, or part of an hour, of the meeting	\$188.93	\$266.39	\$327.66
Inspection fee for required special fire services, for each hour, or part of an hour	\$188.93	\$266.39	\$327.66
Inspection of a required special fire service for a temporary building, for each hour, or part of an hour	\$188.93	\$266.39	\$327.66
Inspection of a Special Fire Service for approving a BCA classification change, for each hour, or part of an hour	\$188.93	\$266.39	\$327.66