



Building Information Sheet BS13 – Building Fees

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Fees payable for a building licence approval are set by legislation, being the *Building Regulations 1989* for the local government services fee, *Builders Registration Act 1939* for the BRB Levy, and the *Building And Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Act 1990* for the BCITF Fee.

The following is an extract from the *Building Regulations 1989* section 24 (b)

The estimated value of the construction work shall be the sum of the value of all goods (including manufactured goods) forming part of the construction work, labour, services necessary, fees payable, overheads to be met and profit margin.

The following extract is from a handbook issued by the Builders Registration Board, (February 2005 revision)

In most instances where a registered builder is engaged to carry out the work the fees or charge payable will be clear and it will be the contract value. Some applicants will claim that the fee or charge payable in relation to the building work is reduced because they are carrying out some or all of the work themselves or are using recycled or donated materials. The Board takes the approach that “fee or charge payable” is not just the fee paid to the builder, it includes all monies paid relating to a project, including money which may have been paid some time previous to the project e.g. in the case of recycled material and labour.

Where the Building Surveyor considers the fees relating to an application are not appropriate, then an amended fee will be set, using the Standard Method of Measurement, based on Rawlinsons Construction Cost Guide, Cordell's, or a similar Quantity Surveyor reference.

Current Fee structure

The building licence fee for residential building is based on 0.35% of the value of works excluding GST.

The building licence fee for commercial Class 2-9 buildings is based on 0.2% of the value of works excluding GST.

The Builders Registration Fee is set at \$40.50 as at 1 July 2010.

The BCITF levy is based on 0.2% if the value of works including GST.

Septic Systems. Refer to the Health services on our website for application forms and fees.

For further information please contact the building services on 97805214