

» The Emergency Services Levy (ESL)

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On the 30th May 2017, the NSW Government decided to defer the introduction of the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) as an annual levy for all landowners in NSW, opting instead to retain the current system of collecting the ESL as an additional charge on insurance policies pending a review of the policy.

With the commencement of the Emergency Services Levy Act 2017, insurers are now again permitted to charge ESL on insurance policies.

What does this mean for you?

ESL will continue to be charged for all renewals and new business quotations.

How is the ESL calculated?

Talbot have advised that rates are to be applied as follows:

With effect from 1 February 2019 ESL rates are to be applied as follows:	With effect from 1 March 2019 ESL rates are to be applied as follows:	With effect from 1 May 2019 ESL rates are to be applied as follows:	With effect from 1 July 2019 ESL rates are to be applied as follows:
Fire 30.00%	Fire 27.00%	Fire 27.00%	Fire 30.50%
Domestic 16.50%	Domestic 13.00%	Domestic 13.00%	Domestic 16.00%
Vehicles 1.00%	Vehicles 1.00%	Vehicles 0.25%	Vehicles 1.00%
Static Plant & Machinery 30.00%	Static Plant & Machinery 27.00%	Static Plant & Machinery 27.00%	Static Plant & Machinery 30.50%

How is the ESL calculated?

The NSW Government advises insurers the total amount of ESL it requires from each of them (a lump sum), based on each insurers market share of premiums for specified insurance classes. In order to meet that obligation, each insurer then determines what percentage they need to charge for ESL on insurance policies, which is why rates can vary between insurers.

More Information

If you would like more information please contact us on 02 9496 9300.

More information regarding the Monitor can be found at <http://www.eslinsurancemonitor.nsw.gov.au>.

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