



General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998

Act No. 56 of 1998 as amended

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An Act to impose a levy on bodies to which the *Insurance Act 1973* applies

1 Short title [see Note 1]

This Act may be cited as the *General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*.

2 Commencement [see Note 1]

- (1) This Act commences on the commencement of the *Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998*.
- (2) If this Act commences during a financial year (but not on 1 July of that financial year), this Act has effect in relation to that financial year subject to the modifications specified in the regulations.

3 Act binds the Crown

This Act binds the Crown in each of its capacities.

4 External Territories

This Act extends to each external Territory.

5 Application of Act to Lloyd's

- (1) This Act applies to Lloyd's (within the meaning of section 3 of the *Insurance Act 1973*), at all times after the commencement of this Act, as if Lloyd's were a body corporate authorised under that Act to carry on insurance business.
- (2) For the purpose of this Act, Lloyd's assets, at a particular time, are taken to be the amounts standing to the credit of all designated security trust funds (within the meaning of Part VII of the *Insurance Act 1973*) at that time.
- (3) Nothing in this Act imposes levy on any Lloyd's underwriter.

6 Definitions

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

general insurance company means a body corporate that is authorised under the *Insurance Act 1973* to carry on insurance business within the meaning of that Act.

indexation factor means the indexation factor calculated under section 9.

index number, in relation to a quarter, means the All Groups Consumer Price Index number, being the weighted average of the 8 capital cities, published by the Australian Statistician in respect of that quarter.

levy imposition day, in relation to a general insurance company for a financial year, means:

- (a) if the general insurance company is a general insurance company on 1 July of the financial year—that day; or
- (b) in any other case—the day, during the financial year, on which the general insurance company becomes a general insurance company.

special statutory upper limit means:

- (a) in relation to the financial year commencing on 1 July 2006—\$500,000; or
- (b) in relation to a later financial year—the amount calculated by multiplying the special statutory upper limit for the previous financial year by the indexation factor for the later financial year.

statutory upper limit means:

- (a) in relation to the financial year commencing on 1 July 2005—\$1,500,000; or
- (b) in relation to a later financial year—the amount calculated by multiplying the statutory upper limit for the previous financial year by the indexation factor for the later financial year.

7 Imposition of general insurance supervisory levy

Levy payable in accordance with subsection 8(3) of the *Financial Institutions Supervisory Levies Collection Act 1998* is imposed.

8 Amount of levy

(1AA) The amount of levy payable by a general insurance company for a financial year is the sum of the general component and the special component for the general insurance company for the financial year.

Note: For **general component**, see subsections (1) to (2). For **special component**, see subsection (2A).

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the **general component** for a general insurance company for a financial year is the sum of the restricted levy component and the unrestricted levy component for the financial year.

Note: For **restricted levy component**, see subsection (1A). For **unrestricted levy component**, see subsection (1B).

(1A) The **restricted levy component** for the financial year is:

- (a) unless paragraph (b) or (c) applies—the amount that, for the financial year, is the restricted levy percentage of the general insurance company's levy base; or
- (b) if the amount worked out under paragraph (a) exceeds the maximum restricted levy amount for the financial year—the maximum restricted levy amount; or
- (c) if the amount worked out under paragraph (a) is less than the minimum restricted levy amount for the financial year—the minimum restricted levy amount.

Note: The restricted levy percentage, maximum restricted levy amount, minimum restricted levy amount and the method of working out the general insurance company's levy base are as determined under subsection (3).

(1B) The **unrestricted levy component** for the financial year is the amount that, for the financial year, is the unrestricted levy percentage of the general insurance company's levy base.

Note: The unrestricted levy percentage is as determined under subsection (3).

- (2) If the levy imposition day for the general insurance company for the financial year is later than 1 July in the financial year, the general component for the general insurance company for the financial year is the amount worked out using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{The amount worked out under subsection (1) in the financial year}}{\text{The number of days in the financial year}} \times \left(1 + \frac{\text{The number of days in the financial year after the levy imposition day}}{\text{The number of days in the financial year}} \right)$$

- (2A) The *special component* for a general insurance company for a financial year is:
- (a) nil, if the general insurance company belongs to a class of general insurance company for which no provision is made in the Treasurer's determination under paragraph (3)(h); or
 - (b) if the general insurance company belongs to a class of general insurance company for which provision is made in the Treasurer's determination under paragraph (3)(h):
 - (i) unless subparagraph (ii) or (iii) applies—the amount that, for the financial year, is the special levy percentage of the general insurance company's eligible premium income; or
 - (ii) if the amount worked out under subparagraph (i) exceeds the special maximum levy amount for the financial year—the special maximum levy amount; or
 - (iii) if the amount worked out under subparagraph (i) is less than the special minimum levy amount for the financial year—the special minimum levy amount.

Note: The special levy percentage, the special maximum levy amount and the special minimum levy amount are as determined under subsection (3).

- (3) The Treasurer is, by legislative instrument, to determine:
- (a) the *maximum restricted levy amount* for each financial year; and
 - (b) the *minimum restricted levy amount* for each financial year; and
 - (c) the *restricted levy percentage* for each financial year; and
 - (ca) the *unrestricted levy percentage* for each financial year; and

- (d) how a **general insurance company's levy base** is to be worked out; and
 - (e) the **special maximum levy amount** for each financial year; and
 - (f) the **special minimum levy amount** for each financial year; and
 - (g) the **special levy percentage** for each financial year; and
 - (h) how a **general insurance company's eligible premium income** is to be worked out.
- (4) An amount determined under subsection (3) as the maximum restricted levy amount must not exceed the statutory upper limit as at the time when the determination is made.
- (4A) An amount determined under subsection (3) as the special maximum levy amount must not exceed the special statutory upper limit as at the time when the determination is made.
- (5) The Treasurer's determination under paragraph (3)(d) of how a general insurance company's levy base is to be worked out is to include, but is not limited to, a determination of the day as at which the general insurance company's levy base is to be worked out. That day must be:
- (a) if the general insurance company was a general insurance company at all times from and including 17 March of the previous financial year to and including the following 30 June—a day in the period from and including that 17 March to and including the following 14 April; or
 - (b) if the general insurance company was not a general insurance company at all times from and including 17 March of the previous financial year to and including the following 30 June—the day after that 17 March when the general insurance company became, or becomes, a general insurance company.
- (6) The Treasurer's determination under paragraph (3)(h) of how a general insurance company's eligible premium income is to be worked out is to include, but is not limited to, a determination of:
- (a) that part of the premium income of a company that is eligible premium income; and

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- (b) the period for which the eligible premium income is to be worked out.
- (7) A determination under subsection (3) may make different provision for different classes of general insurance company.

9 Calculation of indexation factor

- (1) The indexation factor for a financial year is the number worked out by:
 - (a) dividing the index number for the March quarter immediately preceding that financial year by the index number for the March quarter immediately preceding that first-mentioned March quarter; and
 - (b) adding 0.030 to the number worked out under paragraph (a).
- (2) The indexation factor is to be calculated to 3 decimal places, but increased by .001 if the 4th decimal place is more than 4.
- (3) Calculations under paragraph (1)(a):
 - (a) are to be made using only the index numbers published in terms of the most recently published reference base for the Consumer Price Index; and
 - (b) are to be made disregarding index numbers that are published in substitution for previously published index numbers (except where the substituted numbers are published to take account of changes in the reference base).

10 Regulations

The Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of subsection 2(2).

Table of Acts**Notes to the *General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*****Note 1**

The *General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998* as shown in this compilation comprises Act No. 56, 1998 amended as indicated in the Tables below.

For all relevant information pertaining to application, saving or transitional provisions see Table A.

Table of Acts

Act	Number and year	Date of Assent	Date of commencement	Application, saving or transitional provisions
<i>General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998</i>	56, 1998	29 June 1998	1 July 1998 (a)	
<i>Financial Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1999</i>	44, 1999	17 June 1999	Schedule 6 (item 20) and Schedule 8 (items 22, 23): Royal Assent	Sch. 8 (items 22, 23)
<i>General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Act 2005</i>	15, 2005	22 Feb 2005	22 Feb 2005	Sch. 1 (item 7)
<i>General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Act 2006</i>	42, 2006	22 May 2006	23 May 2006	Sch. 1 (item 10)
<i>Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Prudential Refinements and Other Measures) Act 2010</i>	82, 2010	29 June 2010	Schedule 5 (items 13–17): 1 July 2010	—

Act Notes

- (a) Section 2 of the *General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998* provides as follows:
- (1) This Act commences on the commencement of the *Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998*.
 - (2) If this Act commences during a financial year (but not on 1 July of that financial year), this Act has effect in relation to that financial year subject to the modifications specified in the regulations.

Table of Amendments

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ad. = added or inserted am. = amended rep. = repealed rs. = repealed and substituted

Provision affected	How affected
S. 6	am. No. 15, 2005; No. 42, 2006
S. 8	am. No. 15, 2005; No. 42, 2006; No. 82, 2010
Note to s. 8(1A)	am. No. 82, 2010
S. 9	am. No. 44, 1999; No. 15, 2005

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Financial Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1999 (No. 44, 1999)

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22 Regulations may deal with transitional, saving or application matters

- (1) The regulations may deal with matters of a transitional, saving or application nature relating to:
- (a) the transition from the application of provisions of the replaced legislation to the application of provisions of the *Banking Act 1959*, the *Life Insurance Act 1995*, the *Financial Sector (Transfers of Business) Act 1999*, the *Financial Sector (Shareholdings) Act 1998* or the *Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998*; or
 - (b) the transition, for The Cairns Cooperative Weekly Penny Savings Bank Limited, from the application of provisions of the *Financial Intermediaries Act 1996* of Queensland to the application of provisions of any of the Acts referred to in paragraph (a); or
 - (c) the amendments and repeals made by the Schedules to this Act.
- (2) Without limiting subitem (1), the regulations may provide for a matter to be dealt with, wholly or partly, in any of the following ways:
- (a) by applying (with or without modifications) to the matter:
 - (i) provisions of a law of the Commonwealth, or of a State or Territory; or
 - (ii) provisions of a repealed or amended law of the Commonwealth, or of a State or Territory, in the form that those provisions took before the repeal or amendment; or
 - (iii) a combination of provisions referred to in subparagraphs (i) and (ii);

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- (b) by otherwise specifying rules for dealing with the matter;
 - (c) by specifying a particular consequence of the matter, or of an outcome of the matter, for the purposes of a law of the Commonwealth.
 - (3) Without limiting subitems (1) and (2), the regulations may provide for the continued effect, for the purposes of a provision of a law of the Commonwealth, of a thing done or instrument made, or a class of things done or instruments made, before the transfer date under or for the purposes of a provision of a law of a State or Territory. In the case of an instrument or class of instruments, the regulations may provide for the instrument or instruments to continue to have effect subject to modifications.
 - (4) Without limiting subitem (3), regulations providing for the continued effect of things done or instruments made may permit all or any of the following matters to be determined in writing by a specified person, or by a person included in a specified class of persons:
 - (a) the identification of a thing done or instrument made, or a class of things done or instruments made, that is to continue to have effect;
 - (b) the purpose for which a thing done or instrument made, or a class of things done or instruments made, is to continue to have effect;
 - (c) any modifications subject to which an instrument made, or a class of instruments made, is to continue to have effect.
 - (5) Despite subsection 48(2) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, regulations for the purposes of this item:
 - (a) may be expressed to take effect from a date before the regulations are notified in the *Gazette*; and
 - (b) may provide for a determination of a kind referred to in subitem (4) to take effect from a date before the determination is made (including a date before the regulations are notified in the *Gazette*).
 - (6) In this item, a reference to a *law*, whether of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory, includes a reference to an instrument made under such a law.
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(7) In this item:

replaced legislation means:

- (a) the AFIC Codes; and
- (b) the Financial Institutions Codes; and
- (c) the Friendly Societies Codes; and
- (d) the *Australian Financial Institutions Commission Act 1992* of Queensland, and any Act of another State or of a Territory that provides for the application, as a law of the State or Territory, of the Code set out in section 21 of the *Australian Financial Institutions Commission Act 1992* of Queensland; and
- (e) the *Financial Institutions (Queensland) Act 1992* of Queensland, and any Act of another State or of a Territory that provides for the application, as a law of the State or Territory, of the Code set out in section 30 of the *Financial Institutions (Queensland) Act 1992* of Queensland; and
- (f) the **Friendly Societies (Victoria) Act 1996** of Victoria, and any Act of another State or of a Territory that provides for the application, as a law of the State or Territory, of the Code set out in the Schedule to the **Friendly Societies (Victoria) Act 1996** of Victoria; and
- (g) the *Friendly Societies (Western Australia) Act 1999*; and
- (h) any other law of a State or Territory prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition.

23 Power to make regulations

The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing matters required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed.

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General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Act 2005
(No. 15, 2005)

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7 Application and transitional

The amendments made by this Schedule apply in relation to levy payable for:

- (a) the financial year commencing on 1 July 2005; and
- (b) each succeeding financial year.

General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Act 2006
(No. 42, 2006)

Schedule 1

10 Application of amendments

The amendments made by this Schedule apply in relation to levy payable for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2006 and later financial years.