

Flood Levy

What is the flood levy?

This year has been tough for many Australians – devastating floods, Cyclone Yasi and ravaging fires. In response to these natural disasters, the Government is introducing the Flood Levy to help affected communities recover. The Federal Government is bringing in the Flood Levy to help pay for the rebuilding of areas damaged by the floods and other disasters. This is a one-off levy and will only apply for 2011/2012.

Who pays?

You may have to pay if:

- > You're a resident or non-resident with a taxable income of **more than \$50,000** in 2011/2012.

You don't need to pay if:

- > You're a resident or non-resident with a taxable income of **\$50,000 or less** in 2011/2012.
- > You receive, or have received, an Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment from the Federal Government relating to the 2010/2011 floods, Cyclone Yasi or the WA bushfires.

If this is you, you need to complete a Flood Levy Exemption Declaration from the Australian Tax Office (ato.gov.au) to make sure you don't get taxed. This is because people who were affected and eligible for the Disaster Recovery Payment are not expected to pay the levy.

How much?

The levy amount you pay depends on your **taxable income**:

Taxable Income	The levy you pay
\$0 to \$50,000	Nil
\$50,001 to \$100,000	Half a cent for each \$1 over \$50,000
Over \$100,000	\$250 plus 1c for each \$1 over \$100,000

How does the levy apply to super?

For 2011/12:

- > If you're under age 60 and you take any of your super as a lump sum payment, we may need to deduct the levy from your payment if the taxable component is greater than \$50,000
- > If you're under age 60 and you receive a pension from our fund, we will deduct the levy from your pension if the taxable component is greater than \$50,000 for 2011/12
- > If you receive a death benefit and you are not considered the deceased's 'dependant' by law, we will deduct the levy if the taxable component of the death benefit is greater than \$50,000

Looking for more info?

If you want to learn more about the flood levy, go to ato.gov.au and search for 'Flood Levy'.

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