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CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ACC LEVY RATES FOR 2013/14

PURSUANT TO THE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION ACT 2001

Consultation on proposed ACC levy rates

ACC provides no-fault personal injury cover and injury prevention programmes for all New Zealand residents and visitors to New Zealand.

The money to fund these services comes from levies on peoples' earnings, employers, petrol and fees from vehicle licensing, as well as the Government.

Before the levies are set each year, ACC gives businesses, communities and individuals throughout New Zealand an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes.

Submissions close at 5.00pm on 23 October 2012. Once we have considered the feedback, recommendations will be made to the Minister for ACC who will make the final decision.

What are the proposed levies?

Who pays & how they pay	Levy rate (GST exclusive)	Current 2012/13	Proposed 2013/14	Proposed change
Cover for work injuries paid by self-employed* and employers (invoiced directly by ACC)	Combined average^ levy rate per \$100 liable earnings	\$1.15	\$1.00	down 15c (-13%)
Cover for non-work injuries paid by employees (through PAYE) and by self-employed people	Combined earners' levy rate per \$100 liable earnings	\$1.48	\$1.30	down 18c (-12%)
Cover for motor vehicle injuries paid by motorists (through licensing fees & petrol levy)	Combined average^ levy per vehicle	\$334.52	\$334.52	no change

^{*} Self-employed and non-PAYE shareholders also pay the non-work claims levy.

Levy consultation discussion documents

The levy proposals are detailed in three documents, one each for:

- work levies which are paid by employers, self-employed people and private domestic workers and fund cover for work-related injuries
- earners' levies which are paid by everyone in the paid workforce and fund cover for non-work-related injuries
- motor vehicle levies which are paid by all motorists and fund cover for injuries involving moving motor vehicles on public roads.

These consultation documents also provide proposals for changes relating to:

- work levy classification units and levy risk groups
- workplace safety incentive programmes
- the Partnership Programme
- the motor vehicle classification structure for goods service vehicles
- removing the exemption for trade plates
- · introducing a safety incentive programme for motor vehicle fleet owners
- minimum and maximum liable earnings limits (for work and earners' levies)

You can get a copy of these consultation documents, by visiting www.acc.co.nz/levyconsultation, calling 0800 222 728, or sending an email with your request to levyconsultation@acc.co.nz

A copy of the actuarial advice upon which we've based our proposals is also available on request.

[^] These are average rates. Individual rates for industry groups and motor vehicle classes may increase or decrease.

Making a submission

We welcome your feedback on all aspects of the Scheme. You can send your submission (which must include your name, address and contact phone number) in the following ways:

By post to: Levy Consultation

ACC

PO Box 242

Wellington 6140

By email to: levyconsultation@acc.co.nz

Deadline for submissions: 5.00pm, 23 October 2012

Please note that ACC is subject to the Official Information Act 1982, so your submission may be available to people seeking information under this Act.

