



Fact Sheet No 3:

About portable long service leave

A portable long service leave benefits scheme, NT Build, will start on 1st July 2005. The scheme enables workers to qualify for long service leave based on their service to the industry rather than service with the same employer. Workers can therefore work for any number of employers

Key features include:

- Long service leave coverage consistent with interstate arrangements. The Northern Territory Government will seek to be party to the reciprocal arrangements agreement between all States and the Australian Capital Territory.
- Benefits are consistent with current building and construction industry and NT long service leave standards.
- The scheme is funded through an actuarially determined levy of 0.5% on construction projects over \$200,000 in value.
- The portable long service leave scheme is administered by a local Board, appointed to oversee the management of the scheme, through a local office with the support of a contract with an established scheme administrator (Construction Industry Long Service Leave Board, South Australia).
- Employers provide a register of eligible construction workers employed and the scheme maintains the register.
- Arrangements have been developed to prevent double counting of service and duplication of entitlements. Recognition and transfer of prior Northern Territory service is conditional upon receipt of appropriate funding and approval by the scheme.
- The scheme is statute based, subject to tripartite governance arrangements of industry, employee and independent representatives appointed by the Minister for Employment, Education and Training.

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