

As at 26/10/2009.

Travel Subsidy Scheme

Subsidy for Building Certifiers to Travel to Tier 2 Building Areas

Purpose

Property owners must obtain building permits and inspection services from registered building certifiers. A list of registered Building Certifiers is available at www.nt.gov.au/bpb.

The Northern Territory Government recognises that there are additional costs associated with private certification in regional and remote building control areas and has introduced a subsidy to assist with the additional cost of travel for building certifiers.

Locations/Areas Affected

The travel subsidy applies to travel for inspections in Tier 2 Building Control Areas (excluding Brewer Estate) in connection with both existing and new buildings.

Duration

The subsidy will apply to travel carried out from 1 July 2009 until 30 June 2011.

Payment Details

The subsidy will be a flat rate for each trip by a building certifier and will be based on \$2 per kilometre. Where appropriate, reasonable costs for accommodation may also be claimed (but food and beverage costs are not included).

Conditions of Subsidy

The subsidy is based on travel from the nearest centre where building certifiers are resident. That is: building works in Katherine will be eligible for a subsidy equivalent to a measure of the costs of travel from Darwin; building works in Tennant Creek for a measure of the costs of travel from Alice Springs.

The subsidy only covers travel to and from regional and remote locations. The property owner must pay for inspections and any other costs associated with the actual building permit.

Where inspectors are resident in remote locations, the subsidy will only apply for travel outside the building control area of residency.

That is: an inspection within the Tennant Creek town boundaries will not attract a subsidy by an inspector resident in Tennant Creek but a subsidy would apply if the inspector were to travel to Elliott.

The subsidy will only apply to a reasonable number of inspections for each project. Re-inspections due to defective work or inspections that result from failure to have work ready at the appointed time will not be subsidised.

The building certifier should make every endeavour to group inspections so that, where possible, several can be included during each subsidised trip. In particular, this applies to inspections of buildings covered by the moratorium (i.e. existing buildings that are unauthorised or have incomplete certification).

Claims

When seeking payment of the subsidy, the building certifier should send claims to BAS on a monthly basis. The building certifier must include:

- the permit numbers for building work inspected (where applicable);
- the nature of inspections carried out;
- a copy of inspection records; and
- receipts for the cost of accommodation (if claimed).

Exclusions

The subsidy will not cover:

- inspections for single residential dwellings and associated sheds approved after 3 July 2006 (in Tier 2 Building Control Areas only a builder's declaration is required to complete the certification);
- inspections in excess of the number stated on the building permit;
- re-inspections where work was found to be defective or was not ready at the arranged time;
- inspections on building work owned by the Australian or Northern Territory Governments; &
- inspections on building work outside declared Building Control Areas.

For further information about building rules and regulations contact the Building Advisory Services Branch in your region or visit our website : www.nt.gov.au/building

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Table of Rates

Tier 2 - Building Control Areas	Kilometres (approx.)	Subsidy (per trip – not incl. accommodation)
Darwin to:		
• Adelaide River	110	\$440.00
• Batchelor	100	\$400.00
• Jabiru	260	\$1,040.00
• Katherine	320	\$1,280.00
• Katherine Gorge	350	\$1,400.00
• Larrimah	500	\$2,000.00
• Mataranka	420	\$1,680.00
• Namarada	150	\$600.00
• Pine Creek	225	\$900.00
• Timber Creek	600	\$2,400.00
Alice Springs to:		
• Elliott	760	\$3,040.00
• Kings Canyon	230	\$920.00
• Tennant Creek	500	\$2,000.00
• Ti Tree	200	\$800.00
• Yulara	450	\$1,800.00
• Other destinations:		
• Darwin to Borroloola*	1,000	\$3,500.00
• Areas within the NT Highways Control Plan	per odometer reading	Rate of \$2 per Km

Tier 1 - Building Control Areas		
• Darwin	<i>excluded</i>	<i>excluded</i>
• Alice Springs	<i>excluded</i>	<i>excluded</i>
• Lake Bennett	<i>excluded</i>	<i>excluded</i>

Tier 2 - Building Control Area		
• Brewer Estate	<i>excluded</i>	<i>excluded</i>

* The Borroloola rate is an exception to the general rate.