

Fee and reporting requirements for the operator of a major consumer operating plant

Overview

In accordance with section 155(p) of the Petroleum and Gas (Safety) Regulation 2018 (P&G Regulation) a **major consumer** is liable to pay the safety and health fee (the fee). This is referred to as “Category 13” on the annual return form.

Section 158 of the P&G Regulation requires these operators to report the maximum design consumption rate (in GJ/hr) for each gas device, forming part of a gas system installed at the site, as designed¹.

Under section 157 of the P&G Regulation *major consumers* must lodge a petroleum and gas **safety and health fee return form** each financial year by **31 July**.

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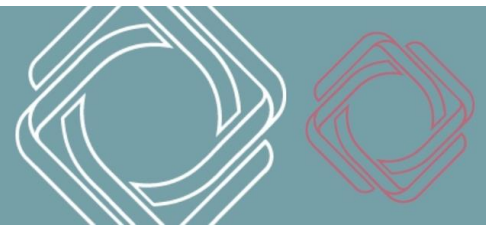
When do you need to pay a Category 13 fee?

The fee is determined by the maximum consumption rate of devices forming part of a gas system installed at the site during the reporting period. Once calculated, the value is assessed against the following tier thresholds:

- 50 to 150GJ/hr
- 151 to 500GJ/hr
- greater than 500GJ/hr

The fee is an annual invoice and will be issued to you on or before 10 November and is based on data from the prior financial year. Payment terms are detailed on the invoice. Interest and late penalties apply for late payment of invoices.

¹ **Note:** This is not the quantity of gas consumed during a given period, rather it is the devices design capacity. The design capacity can be ascertained from the gas device approval documentation, or the consumption capacity listed on the device/appliance data plate.



What is the reporting period?

The reporting periods are broken up into financial years (1 July to 30 June). If you are the operator of a major consumer site at any time during the financial year, you are required to supply the relevant data and pay the fee in the subsequent period.

What type of operating plant is a major consumer site?

Section 670(5)(d) in the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* and section 11(2)(a) in the P&G Regulation establish that an operating plant, *is the use, at a place, of gas devices if the total gas capacity of the devices at the place is 50GJ/hr or more at any time.*

A major consumer is the operator of a site for this type of operating plant if gas has been consumed by a gas device at the site.

More information

For more information regarding the fee and reporting requirements, please email the Safety and Health Fee Unit via safetyandhealthfee@rshq.qld.gov.au.

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