



Fact Sheet

Applying the Scheme to directly funded building work

The Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme) operates such that, subject to certain thresholds, only head contractors who are accredited under the Scheme can enter into contracts for building work that is funded directly or indirectly by the Australian Government.

For more information on what constitutes building work, refer to our fact sheet *Definition of 'building work'*.

What is directly funded building work?

Projects are considered to be directly funded where an Australian Government agency has responsibility for the project funding and development.

Directly funded building work includes projects where the Australian Government enters into contracts with persons who:

- will carry out the building work; or
- may arrange for building work to be carried out.

This includes building work that the Australian Government facilitates directly by agreement, for example, Build Own Operate (BOO), Build Own Operate Transfer (BOOT), and pre-commitment leases. All pre-commitment leases are covered by the Scheme, and where they are funded by the Australian Government, the direct threshold will apply.

Examples of directly funded building work include:

- a new Medicare office
- Department of Defence facilities
- a fit-out or refurbishment of existing Australian Government office accommodation.

Are there any directly funded projects the Scheme does not apply to?

The Scheme does not apply to building work directly funded by the Australian Government if the contract for the building work was entered into before 1 March 2006.

The Scheme does not apply to building and construction work if the value of the work is below the specified direct funding thresholds.

What thresholds apply to directly funded building work?

From 1 March 2006, the Scheme applied to building contracts of \$6 million or more.

From 1 October 2007, the Scheme applies to new projects that are directly funded by the Australian Government with a value of \$3 million or more.

For further information on the Scheme and how it applies to indirectly funded building and construction projects, refer to the fact sheet **Applying the Scheme to indirectly funded building work** and **The Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme**.

For further information you can:

- visit the FSC website at fsc.gov.au
- contact the FSC Assist Line on **1800 652 500**
- contact the OFSC via email at ofsc@deewr.gov.au

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