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Mining and Petroleum Royalties

Mining and petroleum royalties represent a payment to the owners of a resource for the right to extract it. As the State owns all petroleum, gold and most minerals, royalties on these commodities are normally paid to the State Government through the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (Mines).

Royalties on petroleum and gas, coal and most minerals are payable on an ad valorem (value) basis. These are essentially calculated as a percentage of the value of the mineral or petroleum as determined by the Minister.

The *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* requires that petroleum and gas producers lodge royalty returns and pay royalty on a quarterly and annual basis.

The *Mineral Resources Act 1989* requires that the holder of a mining lease or mining claim lodge a royalty return and any royalty payable at least annually for all leases and claims held, even if no production took place. Larger producers are required to pay royalty on a quarterly basis, while smaller producers generally pay royalty on an annual basis.

Royalty returns

Generally royalty is payable when a mineral or petroleum is sold, disposed of or used.

All royalty contributors may be subject to a royalty audit.

Form Description	Excel Format	PDF format
Mineral Royalty Return Form - should be used by contributors who pay royalty on a quarterly basis.	Download (378 kB)	Download
Mineral Royalty Return Form (Annual) - should be used by contributors who lodge/pay royalty on an annual basis.	Download (140 kB)	Download
Petroleum Royalty Return Form.	Download (365 kB)	Download

The rates of royalty payable are determined in accordance with the *Mineral Resources Regulation 2003* and the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Regulation 2004*.

You can download copies of the Acts and regulations from the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel website.

Revenue statistics

Summary of royalty revenue earned - $M

Year Ended	Coal	Base & Precious Metals	Petroleum	Other Minerals	Total
30 June 2010	1,786.3	47.9	132.3	48.6	2,015.1
30 June 2009	3,102.5	122.2	60.9	55.9	3,341.5
30 June 2008	1,034.8	188.6	72.9	49.2	1,345.5
30 June 2007	1,019.4	202.5	67.0	40.0	1,328.9
30 June 2006	1,152.8	195.0	74.1	28.1	1,450.0
30 June 2005	770.2	114.9	58.3	22.3	965.7
30 June 2004	472.2	72.0	45.6	21.5	611.3
30 June 2003	532.8	52.8	51.0	30.3	666.9

Key dates

- Royalty
- Rents

A number of key dates relate to royalty and tenure rental, in accordance with the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, the Mineral Resources Regulation 2003 and the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*. It is important that the key dates be observed to avoid the possibility of interest, additional rental, penalties or the cancellation of tenures.

Payments

Royalty and tenure rental payments may be made by cheque, credit card (Master Card and Visa only), money order or electronic funds transfer. Please note that payments relating to exploration permit applications and renewals may only be made by cheque, which must accompany the application or renewal form.

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