### Western Australia

This fact sheet provides an overview of the major causes of change in relativities and the distribution of the GST pool since the 2020 Review.

#### Relativities and estimated GST distribution

Western Australia’s recommended GST revenue sharing relativity will decrease to 0.41967 in 2021‑22, resulting in it receiving an estimated GST pool distribution of $2,918 million.

This year is the first year of the legislated transition arrangements, moving from distributing the GST pool solely on the basis of the Commission’s assessment of relative fiscal capacities, to new arrangements where States will be equalised to the fiscally stronger of New South Wales and Victoria.

Relativities, shares and estimated GST distributions, 2020-21 and 2021‑22

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|  | Relativities | | GST shares | | GST distribution | |  |
|  | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | Change |
|  |  |  | % | % | $m | $m | $m |
| New South Wales | 0.91808 | 0.95617 | 29.2 | 30.3 | 18,453 | 20,347 | 1,894 |
| Victoria | 0.95992 | 0.92335 | 25.1 | 24.1 | 15,876 | 16,220 | 344 |
| Queensland | 1.04907 | 1.05918 | 21.2 | 21.5 | 13,387 | 14,411 | 1,023 |
| Western Australia | 0.44970 | 0.41967 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 2,941 | 2,918 | -23 |
| South Australia | 1.35765 | 1.34719 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 5,906 | 6,207 | 301 |
| Tasmania | 1.89742 | 1.96067 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 2,530 | 2,783 | 253 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 1.15112 | 1.16266 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1,222 | 1,310 | 89 |
| Northern Territory | 4.76893 | 4.79985 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 2,835 | 2,984 | 149 |
| Total | 1.00000 | 1.00000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 63,150 | 67,180 | 4,030 |

Note: The estimated GST pool distribution for 2021‑22 was calculated by applying 2021 Update relativities to estimated State populations (as of December 2021) and the estimated GST pool for 2021‑22 (which includes the $600 million top-up).

Implementation of new arrangements, 2021-22

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|  | Fiscal capacities (a) |  | Standard State (b) |  | Blended capacities (c) |  | Implement floor (d) |  | GST relativities |
| NSW | 0.96451 |  | 0.90258 |  | 0.95617 |  | n/a |  | 0.95617 |
| Vic | 0.93169 |  | 0.86976 |  | 0.92335 |  | n/a |  | 0.92335 |
| Qld | 1.06753 |  | 1.00559 |  | 1.05918 |  | n/a |  | 1.05918 |
| WA | 0.32852 |  | 0.86359 |  | 0.41967 |  | n/a |  | 0.41967 |
| SA | 1.35554 |  | 1.29360 |  | 1.34719 |  | n/a |  | 1.34719 |
| Tas | 1.96901 |  | 1.90707 |  | 1.96067 |  | n/a |  | 1.96067 |
| ACT | 1.17101 |  | 1.10907 |  | 1.16266 |  | n/a |  | 1.16266 |
| NT | 4.80820 |  | 4.74626 |  | 4.79985 |  | n/a |  | 4.79985 |
| Total | 1.00000 |  | 1.00000 |  | 1.00000 |  |  |  | 1.00000 |

(a) Relative fiscal capacities refer to the previous arrangements.

(b) Standard State capacities refer to the new arrangements (equalising to the stronger of New South Wales or Victoria). Victoria was fiscally stronger than New South Wales in two assessment years. New South Wales was fiscally stronger than Victoria in one assessment year. For this reason, Western Australia’s standard State capacity is not equal to that of either New South Wales or Victoria.

(c) The blended capacities are 5/6th relative fiscal capacities and 1/6th standard State fiscal capacities.

(d) No internal floor applies to 2021-22.

n/a not applicable.

#### Change in fiscal capacity

Western Australia’s GST pool requirement decreased due to a further increase in iron ore royalties and above average growth in Commonwealth payments. These changes were partly offset by below average growth in taxable land values and higher expense and investment requirements.

Change in estimated GST distribution from 2020-21 to 2021-22, Western Australia

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | $m | $pc |
| Change in population | 6 | 2 |
| Growth in GST pool | 188 | 71 |
| Changes in relative fiscal capacity |  |  |
| Data revisions | 11 | 4 |
| State circumstances | -857 | -321 |
| Total | -846 | -317 |
| Transition to new arrangements (a) | 629 | 236 |
| Total change | -23 | -9 |

Note: Table may not add due to rounding.

(a) This represents the difference between applying the GST relativities and relative fiscal capacities to the GST pool.

Main changes for Western Australia, 2021 Update

Data revisions: Wage costs $52m. Changes in circumstances: Mining -$1,061m; Capital requirement $196m; Taxable land values $94m; Commonwealth payments -$72m; Property sales -$59m; Growth in expenses $57m

**For more information about these changes, see the 2021 Update report.**