



Location Incentive

Frequently Asked Questions

May 2023

Can I make an application to the Location Incentive?

The Location Incentive will cease accepting applications from 30 June 2023.

Why will the Location Incentive cease accepting applications?

- The Location Incentive is a grant program that works alongside the Location Offset to effectively increase the rebate rate to 30 per cent.
- As the Location Offset rebate rate will be increased for eligible productions from 16.5 per cent to 30 per cent from 1 July 2023, the Location Incentive will no longer accept applications from 30 June 2023.

What are the changes to the Location Offset?

- Subject to the passage of legislation, the Location Offset rebate rate will be increased for eligible productions from 16.5 per cent to 30 per cent from 1 July 2023.
- The minimum qualifying Australian production thresholds will increase from 1 July 2023. Currently the minimum qualifying Australian production expenditure thresholds are \$15 million and \$1 million per hour for television series. These will increase to \$20 million and \$1.5 million per hour for television series.
- New eligibility requirements will be introduced:
 - A requirement that a production must meet minimum training obligations or contribute to the broader workforce and infrastructure capacity of the sector.
 - A requirement that a production must use one or more Australian providers to deliver post, digital and visual effects for the production.
- New reporting requirements are proposed as part of the Location Offset application process to capture data including employment of Australian crew and use of Australian businesses.
- For information please visit www.arts.gov.au/what-we-do/screen/australian-screen-production-incentive

My production will have commenced principal photography or production of the animated image before 1 July 2023. Will the changes to the Location Offset affect my production receiving the Location Incentive?

- The 30 per cent rate and new eligibility requirements will apply to eligible productions that commence principal photography or production of the animated image on or after 1 July 2023.
- If your production is receiving the Location Incentive, and commences principal photography or production of the animated image before 1 July 2023, the changes will not affect you.

My production will commence principal photography or production of the animated image on or after 1 July 2023. Will the changes to the Location Offset affect my production receiving the Location Incentive?

- If your production is receiving the Location Incentive, but will commence principal photography or production of the animated image on or after 1 July 2023, please contact the Office for the Arts.

– Phone: 02 6271 1543

– Email: filmenquiries@arts.gov.au

Can I claim the Location Incentive, and the Location Offset at the increased rate?

- No. Your production will not be able to claim the Location Incentive, and the Location Offset at the increased rate. The total support claimed under the Location Incentive, and the Location Offset cannot exceed 30 per cent.
- The date when principal photography or production of the animated image commences will determine what rebate rate you will receive provided all other eligibility criteria are met.

I have recently applied to the Location Incentive. What will happen to my application?

- If you have applied to the Location Incentive, please contact the Office for the Arts.

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I have a specific question or want to talk to someone about the Location Offset changes, who do I contact?

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