



Australian Government

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Assistance to the Aviation Sector

Aviation Services Accreditation Support Program (ASAS)

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Purpose

The Aviation Services Accreditation Support Program (ASAS) is being extended and will now provide support over nine months for mandatory training, certification, and accreditation to ensure aviation support workers are ready to be stood up and their employers can meet operational needs as demand increases.

Ground handling organisations service all aspects of aviation – from domestic, to international, through to freight services – undertaking a range of duties. From conducting safety inspections, handling passenger baggage, managing arrivals, cleaning and towing aircraft, and ground engineering, ground handling services are diverse and are undertaken across the airport environment, from the terminal to the apron.

All of these duties must be undertaken in accordance with individual airline policies and Government requirements. In many circumstances, the positions are highly specialised and it can take considerable time in the role to become fully capable in all its facets. Preserving capability in these more specialised roles will ensure that airlines can effectively respond to any changes throughout COVID-19 recovery.

The program is intended to support training and accreditation for around 5,000 employees, or around 30 per cent of the pre-COVID workforce. The program commenced on 29 March 2021.

Who

Businesses providing ground handling services to the aviation industry.

Design

The program is being delivered as a non-competitive grant. Payments are being made in arrears, for all eligible training, accreditation, and certification required.

Contact

More information can be obtained by contacting DAP@infrastructure.gov.au.