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# Assistance to the Aviation Sector

## Domestic Airports Security Costs Support (DASCS)

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### Purpose

The DASCS program directly supports Australia's domestic airports that receive Regular Public Transport (RPT) services and undertake regulated security screening operations to cover reasonable costs associated with passenger and baggage screening. The program recognises that, even when activity is low due to COVID lockdowns and domestic border closures, fixed screening costs are still incurred. Additionally, to reduce the impact of regulated screening costs on ticket prices, grant funded costs cannot be passed on to airport users.

### Who

Australian domestic airports receiving RPT services and required to undertake passenger and baggage security screening under the [Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005](#) (the Regulations) between 29 March and 31 December 2021 are eligible for DASCS support. Eligible airports will be invited to apply.

### Design

The program provides direct funding to eligible domestic airports to meet prescribed costs related to passenger and baggage security screening obligations under the Regulations between 29 March and 31 December 2021. Funding is conditional on none of the grant funded costs being passed onto airlines.

### Timing

While originally approved to run from 29 March to 30 September 2021, the program has been extended to 31 December 2021.

### Contact

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