



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
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Assistance to the Aviation Sector

Retaining Domestic Airline Capability (RDAC)

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Purpose

RDAC is intended to assist airlines maintain core sovereign domestic aviation capabilities, through the retention of essential aviation sector skills and knowledge. This will ensure airlines can quickly increase capacity as border restrictions ease, recognising aviation is a key driver of growth in the broader economy.

Who

Interstate airlines operating interstate Regular Public Transport (RPT) services.

Design

The funding is designed to maintain core capability and preserve jobs.

Eligible airlines will need to demonstrate a minimum 30 per cent reduction in their network following a declaration by the national Chief Medical Officer of a hot spot.

Eligible airlines will receive funding, proportional to the size of their workforce and the reduction of their network capacity.

Workers who are receiving the COVID-19 disaster payment will not be counted as part of the eligible workforce.

Each airline will be required to provide regular assurances it is maintaining the agreed level of domestic capability.

The funding is expected to cover (but may not be limited to):

- Wages and employee expenses to maintain an agreed level of domestic capability
- Maintaining domestic aircraft in flight ready condition
- Training to ensure skilled domestic workers maintain skills and currency necessary to respond as activity and demand returns as domestic travel restrictions ease.

Timing

The initiative will run from 2 August 2021 through to 31 December 2021.

Contact

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