



**Australian Government**

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development and Communications**

# International Airports Security Costs Rebate (IASCR) Program - Frequently Asked Questions

The objective of the International Airports Security Costs Rebate Program (IASCR) is to assist eligible airports to maintain regulated security obligations for international flights that must be met regardless of the reduced volume of aviation activity during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Program will provide funding to Grant Recipients for eligible costs incurred between 01 October 2021 and 31 March 2022.

**Application Form and Grant Guidelines will be available from GrantConnect in October 2021.**

## How much funding has been committed and what period will the program cover?

The Government has committed \$64 million to the IASCR program to assist in meeting mandated security obligations from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022. The funding forms part of a more than \$5 billion package of Australian Government assistance to support the aviation sector, recognising the dramatic impact of the COVID pandemic on the aviation sector.

## Who is eligible for support?

The program will be open to federally-leased and major international airports that are currently receiving international services or are material to Australia successfully re-opening to international passengers. The Grant Guidelines will specify which airports are eligible and will be available on [GrantConnect](#) in October 2021.

## Why aren't all airports eligible?

The Australian Government is already providing funding for security screening costs incurred on domestic services across all airports through the \$155.5 million Domestic Airports Security Costs Support program. The IASCR program is specifically for airports taking international flights.

## What costs does the program cover?

The program will cover the shortfall in costs associated with meeting Government mandated security obligations on international services, and costs related to maintaining security capability to enable international services to assist in the international re-opening.

The Grant Guidelines will specify the eligible costs and will be available on [GrantConnect](#) in October 2021.

## Will airlines operating international flights still need to pay per-passenger screening charges?

Yes. Airlines will still be required to pay agreed per-passenger charges to airports for each flight. The program recognises that, with reduced passenger numbers due to quarantine caps, airports have reduced ability to recover security costs through the per passenger charges. IASCR will cover the shortfall in costs, and as passenger numbers increase the level of IASCR funding required for each flight will reduce.

## How will funding be allocated?

Eligible airports will be allocated a maximum grant amount under IASCR, informed by historical and projected passenger volumes and security costs. The intent of the allocation will be to manage overall demand for funding in the Program, and to meet the requirement for Grant Agreements to specify maximum funding amounts.

## How do I apply for funding?

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications will invite eligible airports to submit an application for IASCR. The Grant Guidelines will be available at [GrantConnect](#) and will provide further information regarding the application process and program details.

## When can I start claiming funding?

Program funding is subject to: lodgement of an application; an eligibility check; awarding of grant funding; and negotiation of a Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth. Once a Grant Agreement is in place, Grant Recipients can claim monthly eligible costs in arrears for costs incurred from 01 October 2021 through to 31 March 2022.

The supporting information required for monthly claims will be outlined in the Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth.

## Who can I contact for assistance?

The Grant Guidelines will provide information on the application process and program details. The Grant Guidelines will be available on [GrantConnect](#) in October 2021. You will be able to contact the Department at [IASCR@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:IASCR@infrastructure.gov.au).