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Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
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Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme Information Paper

This information paper is made under subclause 8.3.1 of the Ministerial Directions for the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES).

TFES Southbound Assistance

The southbound component of the TFES provides financial assistance for eligible claimants for eligible goods shipped from mainland Australia to Tasmania.

General Eligibility

You may be eligible for TFES southbound assistance if:

- You are predominantly engaged in the **manufacturing, mining, or agriculture, forestry and fishing** industry, and
- You have incurred and paid the cost of shipping the goods, and
- You or any other person have not claimed and received TFES assistance for the goods previously, and
- Your shipped goods are 'eligible southbound goods', meaning:
 - You are engaged in the manufacturing industry in Tasmania and the goods are raw materials or equipment for use in your manufacturing processes; or
 - You are engaged in the mining industry in Tasmania and the goods are raw materials or equipment for use in your production processes; or
 - You are engaged in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry in Tasmania and the goods are material inputs to, or machinery, implements and equipment for use in your business activities.

Clause 2.9.3 of the TFES Ministerial Directions lists the following that are not eligible southbound under TFES:

- Goods imported into Australia from overseas which have not undergone a manufacturing process on the mainland before shipment to Tasmania;
- Fuels and lubricants;
- Goods of Tasmanian origin which have not undergone a manufacturing process on the mainland before shipment back to Tasmania;
- Building and construction materials and equipment;
- Motor vehicles for the manufacturing and mining industries, if they are to be registered for use on public roads;
- Goods shipped as bulk cargo

How to claim TFES southbound assistance

1. Register for TFES southbound assistance

To be eligible to claim TFES assistance for the southbound shipment of eligible goods, you must first complete and submit to Services Australia the following form.

- *Registration and change of details form (TAS020)*

This form can be found at <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/business/forms>

You will be notified of the outcome of your application. If approved you will receive details on how to lodge claims using the Services Australia online system.

2. Register new items:

For TFES southbound manufacturing and mining claims

If you are registered for claims relating to the manufacturing and mining industries, you must first register the items you intend to make a claim for, so that Services Australia can decide if the goods are eligible. Please complete and return to Services Australia the following forms:

- *Manufacturers' and Miners' Application for approval of items form (TAS025)*
- *Manufacturer's Certificate form (TAS027)* – which provides Services Australia with evidence that the good being transported is manufactured, or has undergone a manufacturing process, in Australia.
- *Supplier's Certificate (manufacturing) form (TAS028)* – only required when the good is purchased directly from a Tasmanian supplier or a mainland Australia supplier.

For TFES southbound agriculture, forestry and fishing claims

If you are registered for claims relating to the agricultural, forestry and fishing sectors you can lodge your southbound good claims without first registering the items. Services Australia will determine if your goods are eligible upon receipt of your claim. You may be asked to provide further information about the goods being claimed.

3. Make a TFES southbound claim

Once you have been registered as an eligible TFES southbound claimant and have registered new items for which you want to claim TFES southbound assistance (manufacturing and mining industries only), you can lodge a southbound claim.

Claims should be made online using the logon ID and password provided when you registered. Evidence must be uploaded online to support all details of your claim.

If you are unable to lodge an online claim, you can complete and submit the following form to Services Australia:

- *Claim for Assistance – Domestic goods form (TAS002)*

Evidence must be attached to the form to support all details of your claim.

Please note there are different requirements for the lodgement of different types of TFES southbound claims.



Determining eligible goods and engagement in an eligible industry

To be eligible for TFES southbound assistance, you need to be predominantly engaged in the manufacturing, mining, or agriculture, forestry and fishing industry.

Furthermore, you also need to provide evidence that the good for which you wish to claim assistance is (depending on your industry) a raw material, material input, equipment, machinery or implement necessary for your key business activities.

An example of a claimant shipping eligible goods whilst engaged in eligible industry includes:

- A manufacturer requiring specialised tooling shipped from the mainland to conduct their primary business activity of manufacturing automotive parts.

Services Australia may require further advice or evidence from you on your predominant business activity, and may use information from sources additional to those you provided to determine your engagement in an eligible industry, and the eligibility of the claimed good.

The [Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification \(ANZSIC\) 2006](#) is a key source of information on the classification of Australian business activities. For more information on the use and relevance of the ANZSIC to TFES, please refer to the TFES Information Paper – ANZSIC.

Claims from individuals or business entities that cannot show sufficient engagement in an eligible industry, or can only show engagement in an eligible industry that is not related to their primary business activity may be refused registration.

Services Australia will similarly assess the extent to which the good you wish to receive transport assistance for is actually used in your business activities, and may refuse claims for goods that show no or weak links to the primary business activities you undertake.

Examples of applications for registration or claims that would be refused assistance under TFES southbound:

- A fashion retail business attempting to claim transport assistance for fertiliser shipped from the mainland for their hobby farm.
- A manufacturer of built-to-order kitchens attempting to claim transport assistance for a shipment of sink taps. The sink taps would not be considered as raw material or equipment used in the manufacture of kitchens, as they are associated with the installation of their kitchens.



Further Information

Please visit the Services Australia website (link below) for more detailed information on the process for submitting a southbound TFES claim.

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/business/services/centrelink/tasmanian-freight-equalisation-scheme>

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For further information, please see Clauses 2.8 to 2.11 and Clause 4.14 of the TFES Ministerial Directions