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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) will provide support over six 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 will commence on 29 March 2021.

### Who

Businesses providing ground handling services to the aviation industry will be eligible to apply for funding. Funding will also be available to airlines which retain in-house ground handling capability.

### Design

The program will be delivered as a non-competitive grant. Payments will be made in arrears. To be eligible businesses will need to demonstrate what training, accreditation, or certification is required for an employee, the overall cost per person, and demonstrate that the person has completed the necessary program / training.

### Contact

More information will be provided on the GrantsHub when grant guidelines for the ASAS Program have been finalised.