



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications

Assistance to the Aviation Sector

International Aviation Support

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Purpose

The international aviation sector continues to be heavily impacted affected by restrictions on international passenger departures and arrivals. This funding is intended to maintain a core Australian international aviation capability and ensure our airlines can quickly recommence commercial international flights as international restrictions are lifted.

Who

Australia's two international passenger airlines - Qantas and Virgin Australia - will be eligible for the funding. The amount that each airline receives will be proportionate to the scale of their pre-COVID international passenger services.

Design

Funding will be provided through an up-front monthly payment to each international airline with each airline required to provide monthly assurances it is maintaining the agreed level of international capability.

The funding is designed to maintain a core capability and preserve jobs, whilst providing flexibility to accommodate the different operating models of the airlines and the changing commercial requirements over the life of the initiative. The funding is expected to cover (but may not be limited to):

- wages and employees expenses to maintain an agreed level of international capability;
- training to ensure skilled international workers maintain skills and currency necessary to transition back to flying when international borders open;
- maintaining international aircraft in flight-ready condition;
- costs associated with bringing aircraft out of long-term storage.

Timing

The initiative will deliver \$200 million between April – October 2021. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications is currently engaging with airlines to finalise these arrangements.

Contact

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