



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications

Assistance to the Aviation Sector

Domestic Aviation Network Support (DANS)

Regional Airline Network Support (RANS)

Fee waiver on air services charges

March 2021

Purpose

The Australian Government is extending critical aviation support measures to 30 September 2021 to support the sector through COVID-19. This includes:

- Underwriting a baseline network of domestic passenger flights on metropolitan and regional routes through the DANS and RANS programs. These networks provide support to the aviation industry and help maintain minimum connectivity within Australia.
- Providing a 50 per cent fee waiver on Airservices Australia charges, which will continue to help manage costs for airlines as they bring capacity back online and support more flights to be available sooner.

Who

Network support for critical routes will continue to be provided to eligible domestic regular public transport (RPT) airlines operating on identified routes. The Airservices Australia fee waiver applies to RPT and aeromedical flights. Access to essential services and personnel, and transport of time-sensitive freight benefit both regional and metropolitan communities.

Design

DANS provides shortfall subsidies to four domestic commercial airlines to operate flights along the top 50 domestic routes. RANS provides shortfall subsidies to maintain a minimum level of connectivity on over 100 regional routes. Both programs will taper support as the industry recovers.

The Airservices Australia fee waiver provides a 50 per cent reduction in air services charges for domestic regular public transport and aeromedical operations.

Timing

All three measures will run until 30 September 2021.

Contact

The fee waivers are administered by Airservices Australia. Guidelines for RANS are available on the GrantsHub. For more information please contact:

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