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Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) Rebate Program – Round 2

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1. Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) Rebate Program - Round 2

The ADS-B Rebate Program – Round 2 is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives

This grant opportunity is part of the above grant program which contributes to DITRDCA's Outcome 2. DITRDCA works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines \(CGRGs\)](#).



The grant opportunity opens

We publish the grant guidelines on business.gov.au and [GrantConnect](#).



You undertake and pay for eligible activities



You complete and submit a grant application

You complete the application form, addressing all the eligibility criteria in order for your application to be considered.



We assess all grant applications

We review the applications against eligibility criteria and notify you if you are not eligible.



Grant decisions are made

The decision maker decides which applications are successful.



Payment is made



Evaluation of the ADS-B Rebate Program - Round 2

DITRDCA will evaluate the specific grant activity and ADS-B Rebate Program - Round 2 as a whole. We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

1.1. Introduction

These guidelines contain information for the Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) Rebate Program - Round 2 grants.

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant program/grant opportunity
- the eligibility criteria
- how we consider and assess grant applications
- how we notify applicants
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

This grant opportunity and process will be administered by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department/DISR/we) on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA).

We have defined key terms used in these guidelines in the glossary at section 13.

You should read this document carefully before you fill out an application.

2. About the grant program

The Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) Rebate Program (the Program) was announced on 20 December 2021 as part of the Australian Government's Aviation Recovery Framework 'Flying to Recovery'.

The Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) Rebate Program - Round 2 is an extension and expansion of the Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) Rebate Program. The Program was extended as part of the 2024-25 budget and will run over three years; from 2024-25 to 2026-27.

The objective of the Program is to incentivise voluntary uptake of ADS-B equipment in Australian-registered aircraft operating under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) to improve safety and efficiency for Australian airspace users.

The intended outcome of the Program is improved safety and efficiency of Australian airspace, through extension of ADS-B technology to the Australian VFR and IFR aircraft fleet to provide:

- better situational awareness for pilots through improved electronic visibility of nearby airborne VFR and IFR aircraft
- enhanced search and rescue capabilities through improved air traffic information
- air traffic controllers with additional and accurate automated aircraft position information of VFR aircraft.

The Program funds two classes of eligible ADS-B equipment (see Appendix A):

- installed ADS-B equipment that air traffic controllers can use for aircraft separation purposes (referred to as ADS-B), or
- portable ADS-B equipment for local electronic traffic information purposes (referred to as ADS-B EC).

We administer the program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines](#) (CGRGs)¹.

¹ <https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-guidelines>
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3. Grant amount and grant period

3.1. Grants available

The Australian Government has announced funding of \$8.4 million over 3 years for the Program from 2024-25 to 2026-27.

The grant amount will be up to 50 per cent of eligible project expenditure (grant percentage).

- The maximum grant amount is \$5,000 per eligible aircraft per round.

If you are registered for GST you will be reimbursed the GST exclusive amount of the expenditure incurred. Only one grant per aircraft and per device is permitted (unless you meet the eligibility criteria in section 4.1 and 4.2). You can apply for multiple grants if you own more than one eligible aircraft.

A grant may be made for each eligible aircraft for equipment which provides ADS-B-IN, ADS-B-OUT, or ADS-B-IN and OUT functionality, or an ADS-B EC device.

You are responsible for funding the remaining eligible and ineligible project costs.

4. Eligibility criteria

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all eligibility criteria.

4.1. Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible you must:

- be the registered owner of a crewed aircraft operating under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) or Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and shown in an approved registration database including:
 - the CASA Australian aircraft register for VH aircraft (e.g. fixed wing, helicopter, balloon, glider) [registration database managed by CASA](#)²
 - an approved Australian Sport Aviation organisation:
 - [Recreational Aviation Australia](#) (RAAus)³
 - [Australian Sport Rotorcraft Association](#) (ASRA)⁴
 - [Sports Aviation Federation of Australia](#) (SAFA)⁵.
- purchase and/or install in your registered aircraft:
 - a device which provides ADS-B-OUT functionality or an ADS-B EC device but not both, after 20 December 2021, or
 - a device which provides ADS-B-IN functionality or a device which provides ADS-B-IN and OUT functionality, after 31 May 2024.

If a grant was paid in respect of your aircraft under ADS-B Round 1 you are eligible to apply under the following conditions:

- the equipment adds ADS-B IN functionality that was not previously available, or
- you are upgrading from an EC device to installed equipment.

² <https://www.casa.gov.au/search-centre/aircraft-register>

³ <https://www.raa.asn.au/>

⁴ <https://www.asra.org.au/>

⁵ <https://www.safa.asn.au/>

4.2. Additional eligibility requirements

We can only accept applications where you provide:

- a clear copy of the registration certificate for your aircraft that shows that the applicant is the registered owner and agrees to us verifying registration and ownership in the approved registration databases listed above
- a paid Australian Tax Invoice(s) or equivalent. This must include evidence of payment for the purchase and/or installation of eligible equipment. Evidence of payment must show the date equipment was purchased and be dated:
 - after 20 December 2021 – for a device which provides ADS-B-OUT functionality or an ADS-B EC device, but not both, or
 - on or after 1 June 2024 – for a device which provides ADS-B-IN functionality or a device which provides ADS-B-IN and OUT functionality.
- for ADS-B installations, a signed declaration by an approved installer using the template provided on business.gov.au. See glossary at section 13 for definition of approved installer
- you declare that:
 - you are the registered owner of the aircraft
 - you incurred the eligible expenditure
 - the aircraft is located in Australia
 - the installation of eligible ADS-B equipment was undertaken in Australia (if applicable).

We cannot waive the eligibility criteria under any circumstances.

4.3. Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- the aircraft or device has already received a grant under this program, unless the later equipment adds ADS-B IN functionality that was not previously available, or you are upgrading from an EC device to installed equipment
- an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the [National Redress Scheme's website](#) on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'
- an employer of 100 or more employees that has [not complied](#) with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act (2012)*.

5. What the grant money can be used for

5.1. Eligible grant activities

For installed ADS-B equipment, eligible activities must include:

- purchase and installation of eligible equipment by an approved installer.

For ADS-B EC or portable ADS-B IN, eligible activities must include:

- purchase of eligible equipment.

We may also approve other activities. Any additional activities must be in line with objectives and outcomes in section 2.

5.2. Eligible expenditure

We will reimburse you for eligible expenditure items only.

For ADS-B, eligible expenditure items are:

- purchase of eligible equipment
- costs of installation of eligible equipment by an approved installer.

For ADS-B EC, eligible expenditure items are:

- purchase of eligible equipment.

You must submit a claim no later than the application close date.

We may update the guidance on eligible and ineligible expenditure from time to time.

Not all expenditure on your project may be eligible for grant funding. The program delegate (who is a manager/officer within the department with responsibility for administering the program) makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure.

The Program Delegate may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

6. How to apply

Before applying you should read and understand these guidelines. Please also refer to the sample [application form](#) published on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

You will need to set up an account to access our online [portal](#).

To apply, you must:

- complete and submit the application through the online [portal](#)
- provide all the information requested
- address all eligibility criteria
- include all necessary attachments.

You are responsible for making sure your application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the [Criminal Code Act 1995](#). If we consider that you have provided false or misleading information we may not progress your application. If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should call us immediately on 13 28 46.

After submitting your application, we can contact you for clarification if we find an error or any missing information, including evidence that supports your eligibility/merit. The acceptance of any additional information provided after the submission of your application is at the discretion of the program delegate. Additional information should not materially change your application at the time it was submitted and therefore may be refused if deemed to be purely supplementary.

You can view and print a copy of your submitted application on the portal for your own records.

If you need further guidance around the application process, or if you have any issues with the portal, [contact us](#) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

6.1. Attachments to the application

You must provide the following documents with your application:

- a clear copy of the registration certificate for your aircraft
- a paid Australian Tax Invoice(s) or equivalent, (see [Australian Tax Office website](#) for examples) including evidence of payment, for the purchase and installation of eligible equipment for ADS-B or the purchase of eligible equipment for ADS-B EC in the aircraft no earlier than:
 - purchase and/or install after 20 December 2021 – for a device which provides ADS-B-OUT functionality or an ADS-B EC device but not both, or

- on or after 1 June 2024 – for a device which provides ADS-B-IN functionality or a device which provides ADS-B-IN and OUT functionality.
- for ADS-B installations, a signed declaration by an approved installer (template provided on business.gov.au and [GrantConnect](#)).

You must attach supporting documentation to the application form in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. Individual file sizes cannot be greater than 2MB, while the total of all attachments cannot exceed 20MB. We will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

6.2. Timing of grant opportunity processes

You can only submit an application between the published opening and closing dates. We cannot accept late applications.

We expect to reimburse eligible costs within 21 business days of approval of an eligible application.

6.3. Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, [contact us](#) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

7. The grant selection process

7.1. Assessment of grant applications

Your application will be considered through a demand driven grant (rebate) process.

We will review your application against the eligibility criteria.

If we identify unintentional errors in your application, we may contact you to correct or clarify the information.

The Program Delegate will not approve funding if there are insufficient program funds available.

7.2. Who will approve grants?

The Program Delegate decides which grants (rebate) to approve taking into account eligibility and the availability of grant funds.

The Program Delegate's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the grant approval (confirming your eligibility for program)
- the grant funding to be awarded (eligible rebate amount)
- any conditions attached to the offer of grant funding.

We cannot review decisions about the merits of your application.

The Program Delegate will not approve funding if there are insufficient program funds available across relevant financial years for the program.

8. Notification of application outcomes

We will advise you of the outcome of your application in writing.

8.1. Feedback on your application

If you are unsuccessful, we will give you an opportunity to discuss the outcome with us.

9. Successful grant applications

9.1. Specific legislation, policies and industry standards

You must comply with all relevant laws, regulations and Australian Government sanctions in undertaking your project. You must also comply with the specific legislation/policies/industry standards that follow. It is a condition of the grant funding that you meet these requirements.

In particular, you will be required to comply with:

- [Part 91 \(General Operating and Flight Rules\) Manual of Standards 2020](#)
- all other regulatory requirements associated with installation, operation, and maintenance of equipment on the aircraft.

9.2. How we pay the grant

We will pay 100 per cent of the grant following the decision from the Program Delegate on the eligibility of your activities.

9.3. Grant Payments and GST

This is a grant rebate program. We do not consider the rebate payment under this program to be a supply meaning there is no taxable supply and GST is not payable on the grant. This is the case regardless of whether you are registered for GST or not.

GST does not apply to grant payments to government related entities⁶.

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](#). We do not provide advice on tax.

10. Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the GrantConnect website 21 calendar days after the date of effect as required by section 5.3 of the CGRGs.

We will publish non-sensitive details of successful projects on GrantConnect. We are required to do this by the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines](#), Section 5.3. We may also publish this information on business.gov.au. This information may include:

- name of your organisation
- title of the project
- description of the project and its aims
- amount of grant funding awarded
- Australian Business Number
- business location
- your organisation's industry sector.

⁶ See Australian Taxation Office ruling GSTR 2012/2 available at [ato.gov.au](#)
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11. How we monitor your grant activity

11.1. Keeping us informed

You must inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- addresses
- nominated contact details
- bank account details.

If you become aware of a change to your application details, you must contact us immediately.

11.2. Evaluation

DITRDCA will evaluate the grant program to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application and project reports for this purpose. We may also interview you, or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes.

We may contact you up to two years after you finish your project for more information to assist with this evaluation.

11.3. Acknowledgement

If you make a public statement about a project funded under the program, including in a brochure or publication, you must acknowledge the grant by using the following:

‘This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.’

12. Probity

We will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, according to the published guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRGs.

These guidelines may be changed from time-to-time by DISR. When this happens, the revised guidelines will be published on GrantConnect.

12.1. Enquiries and feedback

For further information or clarification, you can contact us on 13 28 46 or by [web chat](#) or through our [online enquiry form](#) on business.gov.au.

We may publish answers to your questions on our website as Frequently Asked Questions.

Our [Customer Service Charter](#) is available at business.gov.au. We use customer satisfaction surveys to improve our business operations and service.

If you have a complaint, call us on 13 28 46. We will refer your complaint to the appropriate manager.

If you are not satisfied with the way we handle your complaint, you can contact:

General Manager
External Programs Branch
Business Grants Hub
Department of Industry, Science and Resources

GPO Box 2013
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You can also contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#) with your complaint (call 1300 362 072). There is no fee for making a complaint, and the Ombudsman may conduct an independent investigation.

12.2. Conflicts of interest

Any conflicts of interest could affect the performance of the ADS-B Rebate Program - Round 2 grant opportunity. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, if our staff, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel:

- has a professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer
- has a relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently or
- has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/grant opportunity.

As part of your application, we will ask you to declare any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

If you later identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform us in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff are handled as set out in the Australian [Public Service Code of Conduct \(Section 13\(7\)\)](#) of the [Public Service Act 1999](#). Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

We publish our [conflict of interest policy](#)⁷ on the department's website. The Commonwealth policy entity also publishes a conflict of interest policy on its website.

12.3. Privacy

Unless the information you provide to us is:

- confidential information as per below, or
- personal information as per below.

we may share the information with other government agencies for a relevant Commonwealth purpose such as:

- to improve the effective administration, monitoring and evaluation of Australian Government programs
- for research
- to announce the awarding of grants.

We must treat your personal information according to the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- to whom we give your personal information.

⁷ <https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/conflict-interest-policy>

We may give the personal information we collect from you to our employees and contractors, and other Commonwealth employees and contractors, so we can:

- manage the program
- research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities.

We, or the Minister, may:

- announce the names of successful applicants to the public
- publish personal information on the department's websites.

You may read our [Privacy Policy](#)⁸ on the department's website for more information on:

- what is personal information
- how we collect, use, disclose and store your personal information
- how you can access and correct your personal information.

12.4. Confidential information

Other than information available in the public domain, you agree not to disclose to any person, other than us, any confidential information relating to the grant application and/or agreement, without our prior written approval. The obligation will not be breached where you are required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

We may at any time, require you to arrange for you; or your employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form we consider acceptable.

We will treat the information you give us as sensitive and therefore confidential if it meets all of the following conditions:

- you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
- the information is commercially sensitive
- disclosing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else
- you provide the information with an understanding that it will stay confidential.

We may disclose confidential information:

- to our Commonwealth employees and contractors, to help us manage the program effectively
- to the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
- to the responsible Minister or Assistant Minister
- to a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

We may also disclose confidential information if:

- we are required or authorised by law to disclose it
- you agree to the information being disclosed, or
- someone other than us has made the confidential information public.

⁸ <https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/privacy-policy>
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12.5. Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about the program, are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

If someone requests a document under the FOI Act, we will release it (though we may need to consult with you and/or other parties first) unless it meets one of the exemptions set out in the FOI Act.

13. Glossary

Term	Definition
administering entity	When an entity that is not responsible for the policy, is responsible for the administration of part or all of the grant administration processes.
application form	The document issued by the Program Delegate that applicants use to apply for funding under the Program.
approved installer	A Licenced Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (LAME) or another installer CASA considers to be qualified.
<u>Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs)</u>	Establish the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, non-corporate Commonwealth entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration.
date of effect	Can be the date on which a grant agreement is signed or a specified starting date. Where there is no grant agreement, entities must publish information on individual grants as soon as practicable.
Department	The Department of Industry, Science and Resources.
decision maker	The person who makes a decision to award a grant.
eligible activities	The activities undertaken by a grantee in relation to a project that are eligible for funding support as set out in 5.1.
eligible aircraft	Australian registered aircraft that operate under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) or Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) on the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) aircraft register or an aircraft register managed by a CASA approved Australian Sport Aviation organisation at the time of the grant application.
eligible application	An application or proposal for grant funding under the program that the program delegate has determined is eligible for assessment in accordance with these guidelines.
eligibility criteria	Refer to the mandatory criteria which must be met to qualify for a grant.
eligible equipment	Eligible equipment is defined in appendix A of the guidelines.
eligible expenditure	The expenditure incurred by a grantee on a project and which is eligible for funding support as set out in 5.2.

Term	Definition
grant	<p>For the purposes of the CGRGs, a 'grant' is an arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. under which relevant money⁹ or other Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) money¹⁰ is to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth; and b. which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government's policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives.
grant funding or grant funds	<p>The funding made available by the Commonwealth to grantees under the program. Grant funding is in the form of a rebate for this program.</p>
grant opportunity	<p>Refers to the specific grant round or process where a Commonwealth grant is made available to potential grantees. Grant opportunities may be open or targeted, and will reflect the relevant grant selection process.</p>
grant program	<p>A 'program' carries its natural meaning and is intended to cover a potentially wide range of related activities aimed at achieving government policy outcomes. A grant program is a group of one or more grant opportunities under a single DITRDCA Portfolio Budget Statement Program.</p>
GrantConnect	<p>The Australian Government's whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRGs.</p>
grantee	<p>The individual/organisation which has been selected to receive a grant</p>
Minister	<p>The Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government</p>
personal information	<p>Has the same meaning as in the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (Cth) which is:</p> <p>Information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. whether the information or opinion is true or not; and b. whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.
Program Delegate	<p>A DISR manager/officer with responsibility for administering the Program.</p>

⁹ Relevant money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 8, Dictionary.

¹⁰ Other CRF money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 105, Rules in relation to other CRF money. Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) Rebate Program - Round 2 Grant opportunity guidelines August 2024

Term	Definition
program funding or program funds	The funding made available by the Commonwealth for the program.
project	A project described in an application for grant funding under the program.
rebate	The grant funding of up to 50 per cent of eligible project expenditure maximum of \$5,000 per eligible aircraft awarded in the form of a rebate to the registered owner (not operator) of a crewed aircraft operating under VFR or IFR.
registered owner	the registered owner (not the operator unless they are also the registered owner) of a crewed aircraft operating under (VFR) or Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and shown in an approved registration database
VH aircraft	'VH' is a prefix for an aircraft registered on the Australian Civil Aircraft Register.

Appendix A. Eligible equipment

This section provides guidance on the eligibility of equipment. We may update this guidance from time to time; check you are referring to the most current version from the business.gov.au website before preparing your application.

The Program Delegate makes the final decision on what is eligible equipment and may give additional guidance on eligible equipment if required.

To be eligible, expenditure must:

- be incurred by you within the project period
- meet the eligible equipment guidelines.

Eligible equipment includes FAA Technical Standard Orders (TSO) authorised, EU European Technical Standard Order (ETSO) authorised, and non-TSO/ETSO authorised equipment which is nonetheless demonstrated to be technically equivalent. Below are the categories of eligible equipment:

- certified and installed ADS-B OUT, ADS-B IN, or ADS-B IN and OUT equipment, and
- portable ADS-B equipment (referred to as ADS-B EC).

A.1 Installed ADS-B transmitting equipment (referred to as ADS-B OUT)

The three standard acceptable approaches for installed ADS-B equipment meeting approved ADS-B (OUT) functional performance include:

- installation of ADS-B equipment that meets the requirements of section 26.67 of [Part 91 \(General Operating and Flight Rules\) Manual of Standards 2020](#) (the MOS):
 - Transponder with internal GNSS position source, or
 - Transponder with external GNSS position source
- installation of Mode S transponder with Class B TABS that meets the requirements of section 26.72A of the MOS
- addition of appropriate components to existing installed equipment that provides ADS-B (OUT) capability in accordance with sections 26.67 or 26.72A of the MOS.

Note that eligible ADS-B (OUT) equipment includes equipment that is not authorised under a particular or specific TSO or ETSO, if that equipment:

- meets the requirements of section 26.66 of the MOS, and
- is installed exclusively for use in the range of aircraft described in regulation 103.005 of CASR or section 26.66 of the MOS (e.g. Light Sport Aircraft, aircraft with an experimental certificate, sailplanes, and certain balloons).

A.2 ADS-B receiving equipment (referred to as ADS-B IN)

Any 1090MHz-compatible ADS-B IN receiver is acceptable if the installer declares the installation provides ADS-B IN capability as described below.

ADS-B IN capability can be achieved several ways:

- a Mode S transponder with integrated ADS-B OUT and ADS-B IN capability
- a specific ADS-B IN component permanently installed in the aircraft
- a portable ADS-B IN device carried in the aircraft:

- the portable ADS-B IN device may be as an integrated function within an electronic conspicuity (ADS-B EC) device as described in section A.3.

The received ADS-B IN information must be presented in a suitable form to the pilot. The presentation can be as simple as an indicator light or sound or as a traffic information on an electronic display.

Users of portable ADS-B IN equipment should pay careful attention to manufacturer's advice about positioning of the equipment or its antenna and the effects of shielding. ADS-B IN equipment will not operate reliably or effectively if it cannot detect ADS-B transmissions because of shielding.

A.3 Portable ADS-B OUT equipment (referred to as ADS-B EC)

The only portable ADS-B OUT equipment eligible under the program is an electronic conspicuity device (ADS-B EC) that meets the requirements of section 26.72C of the MOS.