



Space Concession

Programme status: Open for applications

What does it offer?

The Space Concession is intended to increase the competitiveness of the space industry in Australia while ensuring that international obligations are met.

Under item 41 of Schedule 4 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, the Space Concession allows eligible goods to be imported into Australia duty free for use in authorised space projects, subject to specific conditions being met.

Who may access the concession?

To access the Space Concession applicants must satisfy a two-stage process.

Space project authorisation

The first stage is space project authorisation. The project must be authorised as a 'space project' for the purposes of Item 41 by the Minister for Industry and Science.

Applicants submit a completed space project authorisation application form. It must include an Australian Industry Participation (AIP) Plan, in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Space Concession Policy and Administrative Guidelines.

The AIP Plan should describe plans to engage Australian industry in space projects and to actively facilitate the engagement of the Industry Capability Network in the identification of Australian capability.

Eligible goods determination

The second stage of the application process is the eligible goods determination.

Goods to be imported must be for use in an authorised space project. A delegate of the Chief Executive Officer of Customs determines whether the goods to be imported are for use in an authorised space project and therefore fall within the scope of the program.

Applicants submit an eligible goods application form in accordance with the criteria outlined in the *Space Concession Policy and Administrative Guidelines*.

Who may apply?

- An applicant for a space project authorisation must be the project proponent
- An applicant for an eligible goods determination must be the project proponent or a person the project proponent declares in writing to be participating in the authorised project.
- Applications may be lodged by an agent authorised in writing by the project proponent.

Who to contact for assistance with an application

- AusIndustry customer service managers (CSMs) are available to assist applicants to develop their applications.
- Applications will be directed to a CSM in Canberra who will work with the applicant from their initial inquiry through to completion.
- Applicants should contact AusIndustry at the earliest possible stage of a project for information on the Space Concession and to provide details of their proposed project.

When application must be lodged

A project must be authorised as a 'space project' before an eligible goods application will be assessed.

- An applicant may lodge applications for both stages simultaneously. The Space Concession will operate prospectively.
- Applications for both the space project authorisation and eligible goods determination stages must be lodged before the goods are imported into Australia.
- An application lodged after the goods have been imported may be refused.

Further information

For more information, visit business.gov.au or call **13 28 46**. More in depth face-to-face assistance is also available from AusIndustry's national network.