

# **Industry Innovation and Science Australia Information Paper**

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## Forms approved for applications under certain provisions of the Venture Capital Act 2002 and s118-432 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

### Purpose

Certain provisions of the *Venture Capital Act 2002* and s118-432 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* make reference to the “form approved by Innovation and Science Australia”. This paper sets out the approved forms for these provisions.

### Approved forms

Except where indicated in the table below, the form approved by Industry Innovation and Science Australia for applications under these provisions is that they:

* be in writing signed by the general partner or their authorised representative
* include a statement of reason from the general partner supporting the application
* be on appropriate letterhead
* may be provided electronically as a scanned copy of the signed original
* include [Declaration A](#DecA), as set out below the table (collectively, Standard Form).

Otherwise, the form approved by Innovation and Science Australia is as described in the table below.

| **Venture Capital Act** | **Relevant Subsections** | **Form Approved by Innovation and Science Australia** |
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| 9-4 Allowing a partner’s committed capital to exceed the 30% limit | 9-4(1) and 9-4(2) | 9-4 – the [online application](https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=vc-s9-4-application) form |
| 9-10 Meaning of *permitted loan* | 9-10(1)(b) and 9-10(2) | Standard Form |
| 11-1 Application for registration | 11-1(1) | AFOF – the [online application](https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=AFOF-application) form  VCLP – the [online application](https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=vclp-application) form  ESVCLP – the [online application](https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=esvclp-application) form |
| 17-5 Revoking registration for not meeting other registration requirements | 17-5(2) and 17-5(3) | Standard Form |
| 21‑5 Registration as eligible venture capital investors | 21-5(1) | An application form is available from AusIndustry. Applications may be provided electronically as a scanned copy of the signed original. |
| 25‑5 Innovation Australia may determine a shorter period | 25-5(1), 25-5(1A) and 25-5(2) | Standard Form |
| 25‑10 Innovation Australia may determine that a requirement does not apply | 25-10(1), 25-10(1A) and 25-10(2) | Standard Form |
| 25‑15 Innovation Australia may determine matters relating to requirements for eligible venture capital investments | 25-15(1) and 25-15(2) | Standard Form |
| **Income Tax Assessment Act 1997** | **Relevant Subsections** | **Form Approved by Innovation and Science Australia** |
| 118-432 Findings of substantially novel applications of technology | 118-432(2) and 118- 432(4) | For an application made by an entity which the private finding will cover (ie a company or unit trust) – be in writing, on appropriate letterhead, signed by the company or unit trust or its authorised representative  For an application made by the general partner of an ESVCLP or VCLP – be in writing, on appropriate letterhead, signed by the general partner or its authorised representative, attaching evidence that the entity the private finding will cover has consented to the application being made on its behalf  All applications:   * must include a statement of reasons from the applicant supporting the application * may be provided electronically as a scanned copy of the signed original * must include [Declaration](#DecC) B as set out below this table. |

### Declaration A

I declare that:

* I am authorised to make the application in this letter and to sign and submit this declaration on behalf of the applicant.
* The information contained in this letter together with any statement attached is and any further information or documentation subsequently provided to the Commonwealth in relation to this application is or will be - to the best of my knowledge - correct and complete. I also understand that the provision of false or misleading information or the making of a false or misleading statement to the Commonwealth is a serious offence.

### Declaration B

I declare that:

* I am authorised by [company or unit trust] to make the application in this letter and to sign and submit this declaration on behalf of [company or unit trust].
* I am [whichever applies]
* an officer of [company or unit trust] with authority to complete this application
* an authorised officer of [general partner of ESVCLP/VCLP] that has written authorisation to act on behalf of [company or unit trust] in this matter.
* the information contained in this letter together with any statement attached is and any further information or documentation subsequently provided to the Commonwealth in relation to this application is or will be - to the best of my knowledge - correct and complete. I also understand that the provision of false or misleading information or the making of a false or misleading statement to the Commonwealth is a serious offence.
* I understand that I may be required to provide further information in support of this application.