

NSW Digital Games Rebate 2025

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Overview

Use of Information

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the organisation (Applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded;
- Screen NSW will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances Screen NSW may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

Privacy Notice

By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- Screen NSW is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by Screen NSW in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://www.screen.nsw.gov.au/about-us/privacy-policy>);
- the information it provides to Screen NSW in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- it has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that Screen NSW and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Organisation Details

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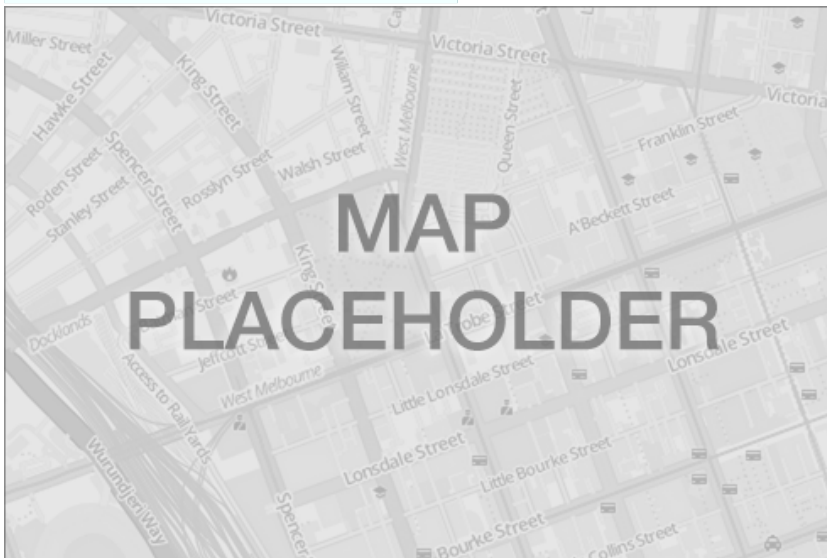
Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Primary Address

Address



Postal Address

Address

Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
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Email Address *

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Must be an email address.

Website

Must be a URL.

Does the applicant organisation have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? *

Yes

No

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Applicant Contact

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

This is the person we will correspond with about this grant.

Position *

e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

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Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Email *

Must be an email address.
This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

Project

* indicates a required field

Government Reporting

The below section is required for NSW Government reporting purposes. Please see below some clarifications on each question to help aid your answers.

- **Title:** Title of your game project
- **Brief Description:** This should be a one line synopsis of the game project. Please ignore the hint text.
- **Anticipated start date:** Start date of production in NSW for this application
- **Anticipated end date:** Completion date of production in NSW for this application
- **Primary location of your initiative:** The game studio location. If you are unsure or it is not yet confirmed, please use your business address.

Title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 25 words.
Provide a name for your initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive.

Brief description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.
Include a brief summary of who will benefit from this initiative, what activities you will do and what outcomes you expect from your activities.

Anticipated start date *

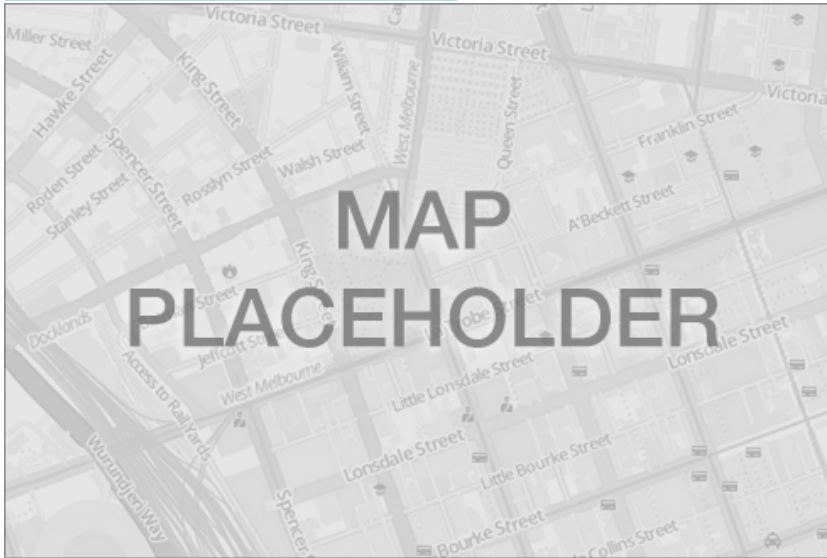
Anticipated end date *

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Primary location of your initiative

Address



Primary location does not need to be a specific address, and can be postcode, suburb, state, etc. If delivered online, please specify the area of focus for delivery.

Ineligible Games

The NSW Digital Games Rebate Guidelines states that the following list of games (but not limited to) are ineligible for rebate:

- Games involving gambling, for example games falling within the definition of 'gambling service' as defined in Section 4 of *the Interactive Gambling Act, 2001 (Cth)*
- Games involving 'gambling' and 'unlawful game' as defined in the *Unlawful Gambling Act 1998 (NSW)*
- Games developed for advertising or corporate marketing
- Games made for internal training purposes
- Curriculum material
- Games that are likely to be Refused Classification (classified RC) under the Classification (*Publications, Films and Computer Games*) Act 1995, the National Classification Code and the classification guidelines.
- Games that are not completely digital (board games or hybrid digital/physical games).

Please confirm that you understand that the above games are ineligible for rebate under the NSW Digital Games Rebate Guidelines and are not submitting an application against the eligibility criteria *

I confirm that I am not submitting an application for an ineligible game

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Game Details

Former title/s (if applicable)

What is this application for? *

- New game Major update of an existing game

Milestone schedule documentation *

Attach a file:

A detailed report outlining the development milestones predicted to occur over a maximum three (3) year period. Multiple games cannot be included; however, multiple updates of the same game can be bundled (games as a service development)

Genre

E.g. Action, Adventure, Casual, RPG, Simulation, Strategy, First-Person, MMO, MOBA, Roguelike, etc

Business model utilised *

E.g. Premium, Free-to-play, Subscription/Premium tier, Paid in-game currency and items

Intended Game Platform *

- Console Desktop XR Mobile

Other

Intended Game Platform (sub categories)

Please specify the platform(s) you are developing for:

- PC Mac Linux

Intended Game Platform (sub categories)

Please specify the platform(s) you are developing for:

- iOS Android

Intended Game Platform (sub categories)

Please specify the platform(s) you are developing for:

- PlayStation Xbox Nintendo

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Meta Quest Vive Apple Vision Pro PlayStation VR (PSVR) AR/Mixed Reality Hardware based

Intended game storefront *

Please advise of all intended storefronts. E.g. Steam, Itch.io., Nintendo eShop, Xbox Game Pass, PlayStation Store. External Game Launcher etc

Publisher or Distribution partners if known

E.g. Devolver, A24

Supporting Publisher or Distribution Partner documentation

Attach a file:

Documentation outlining the details of the publisher or distribution partner who are helping the development reach the market

Is the project being developed for public release? *

Yes No

Rebate Period Details

We require some key dates to calculate your incentive amount.

Applications are provisional and if production has already commenced on the game, only work carried out on or after the date of application will be eligible for the Rebate. The start date cannot occur prior to submission of this application. The exception is applications registered between 28 February 2025 and 11 April 2025 where expenditure incurred on or after 16 October 2024 can count towards Qualifying NSW Expenditure to meet the minimum threshold of AU\$350,000.

Please note, projects that are ongoing with intended updates must reapply after the period end date as a major update.

Start Date *

Must be a date.

Should be date of submission

End Date *

Must be a date.

Maximum of three (3) years.

Estimated year in which you will submit final claim for the Rebate *

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Estimated month in which you will submit final claim for the Rebate *

Production Period Details

In the event you have already commenced development of the game project and wish to apply for the rebate of expenditure going forward, please list the original dates of production for the project.

Original Project Start Date *

Please provide the date on which the development commenced

Game or major update launch date *

Please provide the go-live date

Finance

Is this project fully financed? *

Yes

No

As you have advised that this project is not fully financed, please provide documentation to satisfy that the development can be financed and completed using future revenue streams *

Attach a file:

What are the sources of finance? *

Publisher Platform Venture capital Applicant investment

Other

Please select all relevant options

Finance plan *

Attach a file:

Please attach a finance plan

Commerical attachment agreement

Attach a file:

Please provide any relevant agreements which show commercial attachment (if applicable)

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Budget

* indicates a required field

Estimated Qualifying NSW Digital Games Expenditure (in AUD)

Please ensure the Estimated Qualifying NSW Digital Games Expenditure adheres to the program guidelines.

Activities performed during the pre-production phase are only eligible if applicants substantiate their expenditure in creating systems that are released and playable for the general public. For example, creating a prototype for a gameplay system such as combat, that supports the basis of the core gameplay loop used in the eligible game.

Expenditure on the pre-development stage, being activities that are usually undertaken with the aim of determining whether a digital game is commercially feasible, is excluded.

Estimated Qualifying NSW Digital Games Expenditure (in AUD) *

Must be a dollar amount.
Minimum \$350,000

Please input below your expected rebate amount requested (this should be 10% of your Total Estimated Qualifying Expenditure above).

Total Amount Requested *

*

What is the total financial support you are requesting under this grant?

Development Budget *

Attach a file:

Please provide a budget for your development, the budget must include a column detailing the estimated NSW eligible spend

Project Details: Spend, Employment, Benefits

* indicates a required field

Scope and Expenditure

Please provide a one-page pitch or overview outlining the creative content that has been used to plan and execute your development, including any major update mechanics and features. This information will support the assessor in understanding what the game is.

Creative Content Documentation *

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Attach a file:

Is there any pre-production development or gameplay systems being developed during a pre-production phase? *

Yes

No

How does the pre-production development or gameplay system relate to the final release? *

Please outline the scope of development work which has been undertaken to date *

This may include concept development, prototypes, vertical slice and production

What is the total expenditure on the project to date *

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

Please describe the work required to reach launch stage for a new game stage and/or completion of major update to an existing game *

Employment

Estimated number of staff to be employed in NSW on the project *

Must be a number.

Estimated games staff person-days to be worked in NSW on the project *

Must be a number.

Number of trainees to be engaged on the project *

Must be a number.

Please attach list of key personnel who will work on the project

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Attach a file:

Vendor Details

If you are engaging one or more NSW games development companies, please list below:

Vendor quotes (if applicable)

Attach a file:

Are any of the vendors providing reinvestment or a financial contribution of any kind towards the project's budget? *

Yes

No

What is the value of the reinvestment or financial contribution from the vendor(s) *

Must be a dollar amount.

Please attach any reinvestment agreements *

Attach a file:

Benefits to NSW Economy and Games Industries

Please summarise training, skills and career development opportunities provided by the project to established or emerging game developer practitioners in NSW *

Word count:

Must be no more than 120 words.

Please summarise other benefits provided by the project to the NSW games industries, such as expansion of facilities, new capital expenditure, research and development or knowledge transfer *

Word count:

Must be no more than 120 words.

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Reporting

Please note that Screen NSW requires applicants that are not the NSW game developer to secure an agreement with the NSW game developer that they will:

- provide figures at the time of acquittal on numbers employed/total person days on the project and training opportunities provided
- respond to a Screen NSW annual survey of game developer companies for two years after the games project is completed.

I agree to provide this information or secure the above agreement with the NSW game developer vendor *

Yes

Other Incentives or Funding

* indicates a required field

Are you applying for the Federal Digital games tax offset (DGTO) in relation to this project? *

Yes

No

Are you applying to other Australian states or territories for funding or incentives for this project? *

Yes

No

Please provide details *

Was the availability of the NSW 10% digital games rebate a factor in your decision to proceed with this project in NSW? *

Yes

No

Was the work for this project footloose? i.e. Were you considering doing any of this work in other jurisdictions? *

Yes

No

NOTE: Projects that are not footloose are still eligible for the Rebate

If yes, which other jurisdictions were you considering? *

Declaration and Authorisation

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Declaration

By submitting this application form I hereby declare that:

- I have read the Guidelines relating to this program.
- I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information in this submission is correct and has been approved by the board of directors or equivalent body, and that I have the delegated authority to sign this submission and that no other applicants will make submissions for this project.
- I acknowledge that Screen NSW has the right to withdraw the offer of funding or demand the return of any funds already paid if it is discovered that any of the information provided is false.
- I acknowledge and agree that the NSW Government may make public statements relating to the location of the project in NSW and the estimated number of jobs created by the project as per this registration.

Authorisation

I agree *

Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title First Name Last Name

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Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position *

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Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

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Must be an Australian phone number.

We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

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Must be an email address.

Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

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- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and Screen NSW expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- it must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and Screen NSW does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- it has read the Funding Guidelines for the Program and has fully informed itself of the relevant program requirements.