



An Australian Government Initiative

The R&D Tax Incentive

At a glance



Is your business innovative and looking to grow?

If your business is doing research and development then the Australian Government's **R&D Tax Incentive** may help offset some of the costs. To find out more talk to AusIndustry.

The **R&D Tax Incentive** is:

- ▶ Generous
- ▶ Easy to access
- ▶ Open to businesses of all sizes and in all industry sectors.

Why would you do R&D?

- ▶ Innovative businesses are more profitable, productive and competitive
- ▶ R&D is a driver of innovation and can help you:
 - Develop new products and services
 - Improve business processes
 - Solve problems and improve efficiency.

What does the R&D Tax Incentive offer?

A generous tax offset for small and large businesses.

- ▶ A 45 per cent refundable offset for most small and medium companies (with a turnover less than \$20 million)
 - A cash refund is available for eligible firms in tax loss
- ▶ A 40 per cent non-refundable offset for all other companies.

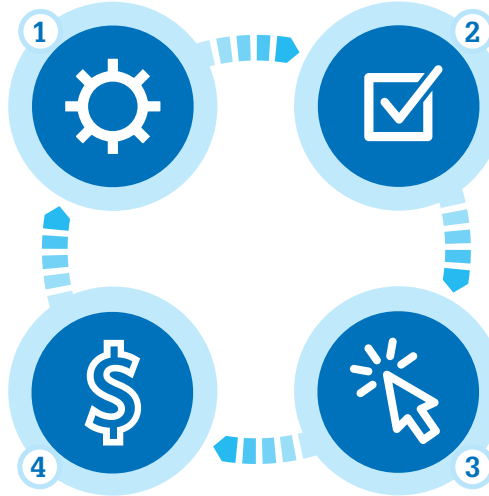
Additional benefits include:

- ▶ Option to gain certainty through an Advance Finding
- ▶ Overseas R&D activities are claimable (certain conditions apply).

How do I access the program?

1 Conduct eligible R&D activities

- Check the AusIndustry website for more guidance
- Contact an AusIndustry office or the ATO for advice
- Use our online eligibility tool



2 Register with AusIndustry

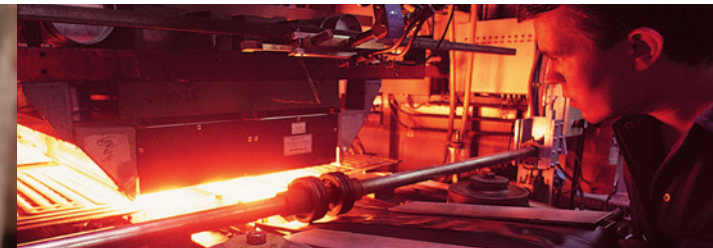
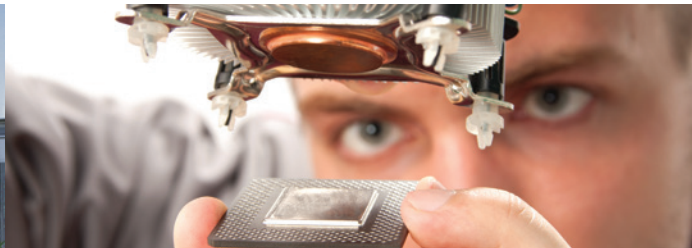
- Keep records of your R&D activities and amounts you can claim
- Fill out the online registration form
- Register within 10 months of the end of your income year

4 Pay less tax

- Improve your bottom line
- Grow your business
- Re-invest in R&D

3 Lodge your company tax return with the ATO

- Check what amounts you can claim on the ATO website
- Use the ATO's *Research and Development Tax Incentive Calculator*
- Claim in your company tax return



The essentials

Are you:

- ▶ An Australian or foreign company, and an Australian resident for income purposes undertaking R&D or considering investing in R&D?
- ▶ A foreign corporation carrying on R&D activities through a permanent establishment in Australia?

Then you should look closely at the ***R&D Tax Incentive***.



Where can I find out more?

Contact AusIndustry for information on registration and eligibility of R&D activities

- ▶ Visit the website · ausindustry.gov.au
- ▶ Call the AusIndustry Hotline · 13 28 46
- ▶ Email the AusIndustry Hotline · hotline@ausindustry.gov.au

Contact the ATO for information on eligible entities and amounts you can claim

- ▶ Visit the website · ato.gov.au/randdtaxincentive
- ▶ Call the ATO · 13 28 66
- ▶ Email the ATO · innovationtax@ato.gov.au

About AusIndustry

AusIndustry is a specialist program delivery division within the Department of Industry · industry.gov.au

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