



Appendix D – Government support for the manufacturing industry

Government programmes targeted to the manufacturing industry

Scheme	Administered by	Industries	Type of assistance	Aim of programme
Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme (ACIS)	AusIndustry	Automotive	Tax concession (import duty credits)	Encourage investment and innovation as tariffs are lowered from 15% to 10%
Biotechnology Innovation Fund (BIF)	AusIndustry	Biotechnology	Grants	Increase the rate of commercialisation of biotechnology projects developed in Australia
Certain Inputs to Manufacture (CIM)	AusIndustry	Manufacturing	Tax concession (import duty credits)	Reduce input costs
Enhanced Project By-Law Scheme (EPBS)	AusIndustry	Mining, resource processing, food processing, food packaging, manufacturing, agriculture and gas supply	Tax concession (tariff duty concessions on inputs)	Encourage the use of Australian industry in global supply chains
Food Innovation Grants	DAFF	Food manufacturers	Grants	Improve innovation in the food industry

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National Australian Technology Showcase (ATS)	AusIndustry and state/territory agencies	SMEs with innovative technologies	Indirect assistance (promotion and networking)	Increase exports and increase employment by promoting member technologies on the domestic and international markets
Pharmaceuticals Partnerships Programme (P3)	AusIndustry	Pharmaceuticals	Grants	Promotes high quality R&D, collaborations between multinational firms and local companies
Space Concession	AusIndustry	Space sector	Tax concession allowing duty-free imports for usage in space projects	Increase the competitiveness of Australia's space industry
Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Expanded Overseas Assembly Provisions (EOAP) Scheme	AusIndustry	TCF	Tax concessions (duty concessions to firms who assemble garments and footwear overseas from predominantly Australian inputs and then import for consumption in Australia)	Assist the ongoing development of Australian TCF industries and enable them to retain their value-adding and high-skilled activities
Textile, Clothing and Footwear Product Diversification Scheme (PDS)	AusIndustry	TCF	Tax concession (non-tradeable duty credit)	Give TCF manufacturers additional incentive to achieve growth in value-added production, to globalise sourcing arrangements and diversify product range.

Government economy-wide assistance relevant to the manufacturing industry

Scheme	Administered by	Industries	Type of assistance	Aim of programme
Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business (BESB)	AusIndustry	Small Business	Indirect (training and mentoring, field officers etc)	Encouraging entrepreneurship by supporting improvement to Australia's small business operating skills
Business Entry Point (business.gov.au)	DITR	All	Indirect (information)	To bring all government requirements and assistance programmes together in one place
Commercial Ready	AusIndustry	Small Businesses	Grant programme	Encourage innovation by supporting early stage R&D in SMEs
Commercialising Emerging Technologies (COMET)	AusIndustry	Businesses in all industries looking to commercialise innovations	Grants, early start	Encourage innovation
Early Stage Venture Capital Limited Partnership (ESVCLP)	AusIndustry and the Pooled Developments Fund Board	All	Tax benefits for investors.	Increase the supply of funding to the early-stage venture capital sector through the introduction of an investment vehicle with flow-through taxation treatment and no tax liability on the investment gains for investors.
Export Market Development Grants (EMDG)	Austrade	All SMEs	Grants (up to 50% of promotion expenses)	Encourage SMEs to develop export markets
Indigenous Capital Assistance Scheme (ICAS)	DEWR	All indigenous businesses	Access to financial support and subsidises interest rates and bank fees	Increases employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians by providing access to commercial finance and culturally appropriate support services
Indigenous Self Employment Programme (ISEP)	DEWR	All indigenous small businesses	Indirect (advice and support), training and loans.	Assist Indigenous Australians to establish their own small business

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Indigenous Small Business Fund (ISBF)	DEWR	All indigenous small businesses	Grants (funding for the development and expansion of Indigenous businesses and enterprises)	Assist Indigenous people to learn about business, develop good business skills and expand their business
Industry Cooperative Innovation Programme (ICIP)	AusIndustry	Requires a consortium of at least three businesses, any industry	Grants	Fosters innovation projects that enhance the productivity, growth and international competitiveness of Australian industries. Focuses on meeting strategic industry needs.
Information Technology Online (ITOL) Programme	DCITA	All businesses, particularly SMEs	Grants	To accelerate the national adoption of collaborative e-business, especially by SMEs
Innovation Investment Fund (IIF)	AusIndustry	Venture capital fund managers	Grants	Develop venture capital funding industry
New Apprenticeships Scheme	DEST	All employers	Subsidies/grants	Encourage skills development
New Exporter Development Programme (NEDP)	Austrade	SMEs	Indirect assistance (advice and information)	Help SMEs develop the skills and knowledge required to seek out and be ready for export opportunities.
Pooled Development Funds (PDF) programme	AusIndustry	Small and medium-sized enterprises	Tax benefits for funds and shareholders. Indirect assistance to SMEs by providing incentives for investment	Grows SMEs by increasing the supply of equity capital
Pre-Seed Fund	AusIndustry	Universities and public sector research agencies	Grants and indirect assistance for commercialisation of research projects	Encourage commercialisation of research discoveries
R&D Start	AusIndustry	Businesses undertaking R&D	Grants to undertake R&D and commercialisation	Encourage R&D
R&D Tax Concession	AusIndustry/ ATO	Businesses undertaking R&D	Tax concession allowing companies to deduct up to 125% of relevant expenditure	Encourage R&D

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Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund (RRIF)	AusIndustry	Local government (with benefit to small and home-based businesses)	Grants to local governments, indirect assistance to small business	Reduce regulatory compliance burdens for SMEs
Supplier Access to Major Projects (SAMP)	Industry Capability Network	All suppliers	Indirect (Identify opportunities, provide assistance)	Assist Australian businesses to become involved in major projects (both Australian and overseas).
Small Business Field Officers (SBFO) programme	AusIndustry	Small business	Indirect assistance (referral and general advisory services)	Foster the growth of small businesses
Venture Capital Limited Partnerships (VCLP) programme	AusIndustry	Offshore venture capital investors	Tax concession (capital gains tax)	Increase investment in Australian venture capital by encouraging non-residents to invest.

