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# Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme Information Paper

This information paper is made under subclause 8.3.1 of the Ministerial Directions for the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES).

## Sportspersons and Professional Entertainers

If you are a sportsperson competing for prize money or other financial reward in a sporting event you may be eligible for TFES assistance for the transport of equipment you used in that sport.

If you are a professional entertainer receiving an income, fee or other financial reward from performing at a show or event you may be eligible for TFES assistance for the transport of equipment used in that entertainment event. You may be required to provide evidence of your professional status.

### Eligibility

Services Australia will make decisions on the status of sportspersons and professional entertainers on a case by case basis. Consideration may be given as to the primary purpose of your trip.


Professional entertainers are only eligible for TFES assistance for the transport of equipment used in performing arts which involve artists using their body, voice or objects to convey artistic expression. Equipment used in visual arts such as painting or sculptures are not eligible.

Equipment shipped to the mainland for transshipment is not eligible for TFES assistance.

### Calculation of assistance

TFES assistance is payable on the return leg of a round trip where goods are shipped and then returned within a six month period. If a concessional freight rate or sponsorship is applied to either leg of the trip, then the freight rate may be averaged to calculate the TFES assistance. For example:

- An eligible sportsperson has shipped eligible goods from Victoria to Northern Tasmania and then back to Victoria within a six month period. The sportsperson is charged \$1500 freight on the first leg and \$1100 freight on the return leg. The freight rate used to calculate TFES assistance is the average of the two legs, which is \$1300.



## Talent managers

If you are a talent manager who has incurred and paid the cost of transporting the equipment used by a professional entertainer or sportsperson, you may claim the TFES assistance on their behalf.

You are required to submit a letter of authorisation from the eligible professional entertainer or sportsperson. You must also register as a claimant.

## Other financial reward

Other financial reward may include monetary payment or goods or services which may provide monetary gain if sold or exchanged for money. Examples include:

- An employment or other contract engaging a person to compete (for example a contract to play for a particular sports team as part of a national championship or league that has a round in Tasmania);
- Appearance money or other payment for competing;
- Reimbursement or other contribution in return for competing (for example, payments or store cards for food, petrol, travel or accommodation);
- A sponsorship agreement that requires the sportsperson to participate in specific events while displaying a company logo in return for payment;
- Holiday vouchers for cruises or vacations;
- Equipment related to the profession (e.g. electronics, cars, golf clubs);
- Collectables; and
- Shares.

Other items may be deemed appropriate on a case by case basis.

Examples of non-financial reward include:

- A recognition or participation certificate;
- Trophy, medal or plaque; or
- An item named after the winner.

You will need to provide evidence of prize money, income, fee or other financial reward. Acceptable evidence of prize money includes: entry forms, website details setting out prize money on offer, photographic evidence or other documentation to verify competing. Acceptable evidence of other financial reward includes: copies of contracts, receipts, vouchers, tickets, photographic evidence or other documentation.

For further information, please see Clause 2.6, 2.10 and 2.14 of the TFES Ministerial Directions.