

Payroll Tax Exemption

- › Providing producers with an incentive to make feature films in South Australia

what is the scheme?

The South Australian Government offers a payroll tax exemption to producers shooting feature films in South Australia. The incentive may reduce a project's total payroll liability by up to 4.95%.

who is eligible?

Production companies who make feature films in South Australia and incur a South Australian payroll tax liability.

A payroll tax liability generally arises in South Australia when an employer (or a Group of employers) has an annual wages bill in excess of \$600,000 (or \$50,000 a month) for services rendered by employees anywhere in Australia if any of those services are rendered or performed in South Australia. For further details see: <https://www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au/taxes-and-duties/payroll-tax>

what projects are eligible?

Under Schedule 2 Part 3 Division 3 of the Payroll Tax Act 2009, an exemption will apply to:

*"a motion picture production company, being wages paid or payable to a person who is involved in the production of a **feature film**. The motion picture production company needs to satisfy the Minister for Finance that:*

- / the film will be produced wholly or substantially within South Australia;*
- / the production of the film will involve or result in the employment of South Australian residents; and*
- / the production of the film will result in economic benefits to the State of South Australia."*

If you are undertaking film or television production activity in South Australia at a level that incurs a payroll tax liability but you do not meet the above requirements please contact the SAFC.

how are applications assessed?

Applications are assessed by Revenue SA and/or the Minister for Finance based on the information provided by the applicant and SAFC.

how do I apply?

Applications and support materials are submitted via the SAFC online application form on the SAFC website.

when can I apply?

Applications for Payroll Tax Exemption can be made at any time.

Note: Applicants can apply for an exemption before incurring the tax or for a refund after incurring the tax. If your project is financed with any of the Producer, PDV or Location Offsets you may wish to consider the implications of either method and seek professional advice from your accountant and/or contact Screen Australia's Offset Unit.

where can I find out more?

- Visit the Funding & Support section of www.safilm.com.au
- Contact the SAFC on 08 8394 2000
- Visit www.legislation.sa.gov.au and www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au

The fine print

As with all South Australian Film Corporation programs, the following guidelines must be read in conjunction with the South Australian Film Corporation General Guidelines & Terms of Trade and relevant application form. At its sole discretion the SAFC may vary its Guidelines and Terms of Trade, including variations to percentages and caps for its funding. Applicants are required to discuss their applications with the South Australian Film Corporation prior to submitting an application.

SAFC General Guidelines & Terms of Trade and the relevant application form can be found at www.safilm.com.au

The Payroll Tax Exemption is administered by the South Australian Government. Applicants are required to lodge their applications with the South Australian Film Corporation who will process the application on the applicant's behalf.