



# FREIGHT ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

## ABOUT THE PACKAGE

Pacific Trade Invest (PTI) Australia's most recent *Pacific Islands Export Survey* revealed that freight costs are one of the top three barriers to export faced by Pacific businesses, a challenge only amplified by a myriad of recent external factors.

To support Pacific exporters in the wake of COVID-19, 2021 saw PTI Australia launch the *Freight Assistance Package*.

Following its initial success and ongoing business pressures in the Pacific, PTI Australia is pleased to once again offer our *Freight Assistance Package* to support businesses.

The *Freight Assistance Package* aims to achieve the following impacts:

- Grow the demand for Pacific goods and services in international markets.
- Support the development of eCommerce in the Blue Pacific.

PTI Australia's *Freight Assistance Package* will offer eligible businesses assistance towards freight costs incurred in the prior 12 months from application.

Grants of up to a maximum of A\$2,500 per enterprise on a 50/50 cost share basis will be awarded to successful applicants.

All applications will be reviewed against the eligibility criteria by a selection panel.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Have a registered business in one of the Pacific Islands Forum countries\* and either be currently exporting to Australia or utilising eCommerce to ship globally.

Or:

- Be an Australian based importer importing products from a registered Pacific Island business.
- Be operating for a minimum of one year.
- Have confirmed buyers in Australian market or eCommerce sales.
- Provide documentary proof of paid freight costs to Australia over the past 9 months. (Bills of Lading, Air Waybills, Freight company invoices and or statements).
- Documentary proof provided is in the name of the applicant / business listed in this application form.
- Demonstrate a business growth strategy.

\*Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

## APPLICATION

To be considered for the PTI Australia's *Freight Assistance Package* please fill in this form by Friday 25 August 2023 (AEDT).

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**Successful applicants will be contacted by a PTI Australia representative once all applications have been received and assessed.**

## COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Please note: PTI Australia is required to report periodically on the impact of its work plans. PTI Australia's Freight Assistance Package recipients are required to provide information on revenue generated. No commercially sensitive information will be released without express permission.