## Return Authorisation Standard Application – Expression of Interest

## Instructions

You will need a return authorisation if you intend to return one or more space objects to a specified area or place in Australia, or you are an Australian national and you intend to return one or more space objects to a specified area or place outside of Australia.

You may not require a return authorisation if the return or series of returns are covered by another permit, authorisation or certificate such as an Australian launch permit or overseas payload return application.

Completing your expression of interest

If you are intending to apply for a return authorisation using a standard return application you may submit a return authorisation expression of interest via the attached form. Before completing an expression of interest you should read the return authorisation standard application guidelines. Your expression of interest should be made in writing and in English.

Your Return Authorisation Standard Application – Expression of Interest form will be used to help inform an Application Plan workshop that will be conducted with you at a time that is convenient to you and your organisation.

If you are unsure or you would like further advice about a particular section or sections of the form there is a check box where you can indicate that you would like to discuss that section in more detail during the Application Plan workshop:

**☒ I would like further advice in relation to…..**

We will structure the workshop based on the responses you provide in your expression of interest including the allocation of additional time to discuss sections that you have requested further advice on.

The purpose of the Application Plan workshop is to develop an agreed plan for preparation and submission of your return authorisation application documents. This includes identifying any pending or outstanding documents (based on the information you provide in your expression of interest form), and setting timeframes for submission of your application documents to us. Outcomes from this workshop will be documented in an application plan. You then complete and submit application documents within the timeframes agreed in your application plan.

Assessment timeframes will be discussed and agreed as a part of your Application Plan workshop. We estimate that it will take up to 6 months to assess your completed application and supporting documentation.

You may submit your expression of interest by email to [regulation@space.gov.au](mailto:regulation@space.gov.au).

Getting help

We encourage you to contact us early in planning for any space activity that requires authorisation under the *Space (Launches and Returns) Act 2018*(the Act). Early engagement may help to resolve questions specific to your activity.

If you require further assistance completing this form, contact us by:

Email [regulation@space.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@space.gov.au)

Phone 1800 487 182 (within Australia)

+61 2 6276 1166 (outside Australia)

Useful links:

* [*Space (Launches and Returns) Act 2018*](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2021C00394)
* [*Space (Launches and Returns) (General) Rules 2019*](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019L01118)
* [*Space (Launches and Returns) (Insurance) Rules 2019*](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2019L01120)
* Return Authorisation – Application Guidelines (contained on the Agency website)

## Return Authorisation

Are you an Australian national who has financial or ownership interest in a payload that is intended to return from space, carried by another space object that is foreign owned, to an overseas location?

**An Australian national is an Australian citizen, an Australian resident, a body corporate (for example a company registered in Australia) or a Commonwealth, state or territory government – see section 8 of the Act.**

Yes – **STOP**, this may not be the right form for your intended space activity. Please speak to the Office of the Space Regulator at [regulation@space.gov.au](mailto:regulation@space.gov.au).

No – continue to the next question.

Is the space object you are proposing to return to Australia connected to a launch that will take place in Australia?

Yes – **STOP**, this may not the right application form for your intended space activity. Please speak to the Office of the Space Regulator at [regulation@space.gov.au](mailto:regulation@space.gov.au).

No – continue to the next question.

Are you proposing to return a space object to a specified area or place inside Australia or are you an Australian national proposing to return a space object to an overseas location?

Yes – proceed with completing this expression of interest form.

No – **STOP**, this is not the right application form for your intended space activity. Please speak to the Office of the Space Regulator at [regulation@space.gov.au](mailto:regulation@space.gov.au).

## Information about the applicant

**Section B relates to section 94 of the Space (Launches and Returns) (General) Rules 2019**

Legal name of entity

| Click here to enter text. |
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Business name/Trading name

| Click here to enter text. |
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ABN and/or ACN

| Click here to enter text. |
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Applicant street address

| Click here to enter text. |
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Applicant postal address

| Click here to enter text. |
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Applicant phone number

| Click here to enter text. |
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Email address

| Click here to enter text. |
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Website (if available)

| Click here to enter text. |
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## Organisational structure and personnel

**Section C relates to section 95 of the Space (Launches and Returns) (General) Rules 2019**

Have you filled key roles for the operation and management of your proposed return?

**Key staff include at a minimum the CEO or equivalent, and individuals in a position that will have authority or oversight in relation to the proposed return. These roles can be filled by people inside and outside of your organisational structure.**

YES – Describe your current organisational structure including key staff:

***If available, you can attach an organisation chart in support of your response.***

| Click here to enter text. |
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NO – Provide details in the text box as to what stage you are at with filling key roles and when you are likely to have all positions filled:

| Click here to enter text. |
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Does your organisation and/or key personnel receive any funding or non-financial support from a foreign source?

YES  NO

Do any entities or key personnel involved with your organisation have any current or former associations with a foreign talent program?

YES  NO

Do any entities or key personnel involved with the proposed return have any ties to a foreign government, military or state-owned enterprise?

YES  NO

If you answered YES to any of the questions above please provide further details in relation to the nature of the foreign affiliation:

| Click here to enter text. |
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**I would like further advice in relation to the organisational structure and personnel**

## Information about return of a space object

**Section D relates to section 96 of the Space (Launches and Returns) (General) Rules 2019**

Describe the space object to be returned and the purpose for which it was launched:

| Click here to enter text. |
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What is the proposed place or area your space object will be returned to?

| Click here to enter text. |
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What is the proposed return period for your space object?

| Click here to enter text. |
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**I would like further advice in relation to the return**

## Return management plan

**Section E relates to section 97 of the Space (Launches and Returns) (General) Rules 2019**

Have you completed a return management plan?

YES – Attach a copy of your plan to your expression of interest then proceed to section **F.**

NO - Detail the current status of your plan and when you are likely to have it completed:

| Click here to enter text. |
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**I would like further advice in relation to the return management plan**

## Risk hazard analysis

**Section F relates to section 98 of the Space (Launches and Returns) (General) Rules 2019**

Do you have a suitably qualified expert, who is approved by the Minister, who will perform your risk hazard analysis?

YES - **NAME:**

| Click here to enter text. |
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NO - Detail what steps you have taken, if any, to obtain the services of a suitably qualified expert:

| Click here to enter text. |
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Do you have, for each proposed return, a risk hazard analysis performed by a suitably qualified expert who has been approved by the Minister?

YES – Attach a copy of your risk hazard analysis to your expression of interest then proceed to section **G.**

NO - Detail the current status of your risk hazard analysis and when you are likely to receive it:

| Click here to enter text. |
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**I would like further advice in relation to the risk hazard analysis**

## Return safety plan

**Section G relates to section 99 of the Space (Launches and Returns) (General) Rules 2019**

Have you completed a return safety plan?

YES – Attach a copy of your plan to your expression of interest then proceed to section **H.**

NO - Detail the current status of your plan and when you are likely to complete it:

| Click here to enter text. |
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Do you have a suitably qualified expert, who has been approved by the Minister, who will provide written confirmation of your return safety plan?

YES - **NAME:**

| Click here to enter text. |
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NO - Detail what steps you have taken, if any, to obtain the services of a suitably qualified expert:

| Click here to enter text. |
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**I would like further advice in relation to the return safety plan**

## Emergency plan

**Section H relates to section 100 of the Space (Launches and Returns) (General) Rules 2019**

Have you completed an emergency plan for responding to accidents, incidents and other kinds of emergencies involving the return of your space object?

YES – Attach a copy of your plan to your expression of interest then proceed to section **I.**

NO - Detail the current status of your plan and when you are likely to have it completed:

| Click here to enter text. |
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**I would like further advice in relation to the emergency plan**

## Environment

**Section I relates to section 101 of the Space (Launches and Returns) (General) Rules 2019**

Are you required to obtain environmental approvals to conduct your proposed return under any State, Territory and/or other Commonwealth law?

YES - If available, please attach a copy of the approvals to your expression of interest and proceed to section **J** of the form. If not available, detail when you are likely to receive the approvals in the box below then proceed to section **J** of the form.

| Click here to enter text. |
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NO

Don’t Know

If the return is to an area or place in Australia, have you completed an environmental plan assessing the likely impact of your proposed return on the environment?

**You will be required to provide details on how you will monitor and mitigate any adverse environmental effects.**

YES - If available, please attach a copy of your environment plan to your expression of interest and proceed to section **J**. If not available, detail when you are likely to have your environment plan completed in the box below then proceed to section **J**.

| Click here to enter text. |
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NO

Don’t Know

If the return is to an area or place outside Australia, are you required to complete an environmental plan by another country in which your space object is proposed to be returned?

YES - If available, please attach a copy of your environment plan to your expression of interest and proceed to section **J**. If not available, detail when you are likely to have your environment plan completed in the box below then proceed to section **J**.

| Click here to enter text. |
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NO

Don’t Know

**I would like further advice in relation to environmental requirements**

## Technology security plan

**Section J relates to section 102 of the Space (Launches and Returns) (General) Rules 2019**

Have you completed a technology security plan?

YES - Attach a copy of your plan to your expression of interest then proceed to section **K.**

NO - Detail the current status of your plan and when you are likely to have it completed:

| Click here to enter text. |
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Do you have a cybersecurity expert who will provide a written assessment of the adequacy of your cybersecurity strategy?

YES - **NAME:**

| Click here to enter text. |
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NO - what steps you have taken, if any, to obtain the services of an independent cybersecurity expert:

| Click here to enter text. |
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**I would like further advice in relation to technology security**

## Further information

Are there any critical dates that you would like to make us aware of regarding the proposed return of your space object?

| Click here to enter text. |
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Is there any further information that you would like us to know in relation to your proposed return of a space object that hasn’t already been addressed in this expression of interest?

| Click here to enter text. |
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## Your contact details

Name

| Click here to enter text. |
| --- |

Phone number

| Click here to enter text. |
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Email address

| Click here to enter text. |
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**Depending on the information detailed in your expression of interest we may book an Application Plan workshop after the information in the form has been reviewed.**

What is your preferred conference method?

**Microsoft Teams video conference**

**Phone**

Detail what day/days you prefer a workshop to be booked on and preferred time of day:

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Morning**

**Afternoon**

**Anytime Monday to Friday**

List the names and email addresses/phone numbers of people in your organisation that you would also like to be included on any meeting invites:

| Click here to enter text. |
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