

## FAQs – New Finance Plan Template

<p><b>Why has Screen Australia updated the Finance Plans?</b></p>	<p>Screen Australia has updated the finance plan to (i) improve efficiency and workflow for production funding applicants; (ii) make it a more user-friendly template; and (iii) to consolidate a number of existing finance plans templates for different programs.</p>
<p><b>What are the main changes?</b></p>	<p>The core changes are new dropdown menus to confirm documentation status and sources/types of finance. The template also now includes a tab of definitions for commonly used industry financing terms which appear as dropdown options in the finance plan.</p> <p>The previous Grant funding section has been removed (each Grant funding contribution is now to be added as a separate line item). Explanatory notes and comment flags have also been revised.</p>
<p><b>What Programs do the new Finance Plans cover?</b></p>	<p>The revised finance plans will cover the following programs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feature Film Production</li> <li>• General Television Drama</li> <li>• Children’s Television Drama</li> <li>• Documentary Production: Producer Program</li> <li>• Documentary Production: Commissioned Program</li> <li>• Online Production</li> <li>• First Nations Feature Production</li> <li>• First Nations TV Drama Production</li> <li>• First Nations Documentary Production</li> </ul>
<p><b>What Programs don’t the new Finance Plans cover?</b></p>	<p>The revised Finance Plans do not cover Emerging Gamemakers Fund or Games Production Fund (the agency may update this template in future). The relevant finance plan which applies to these programs can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>Why are there two separate template Finance Plans?</b></p>	<p>The ‘Finance Plan – Theatrical Feature Film’ is specifically for feature films that are intending to apply for the Producer Offset 40% rebate (which is for feature films that were produced for commercial exhibition to the public in cinemas).</p> <p>The ‘Finance Plan - General’ is for other formats intending to apply for the Producer Offset 30% rebate (which is for otherwise eligible projects such as programs produced for television or a subscription service). The ‘Finance Plan – General’ is also to be used for all projects which are not eligible for the Producer Offset.</p>

	<p>For more information on the eligibility requirements for the Producer Offset and the different rebate levels, please see the <a href="#">Producer Offset Guidelines</a>.</p> <p>Where the Producer Offset is not involved, please disregard the relevant sections that deal with the Producer Offset.</p>
<b>Will Screen Australia accept old versions of the Finance Plan?</b>	<p>After the date of this Screen News note, it is Screen Australia's expectation that applicants use the new finance plan template when submitting a funding application.</p>
<b>Why are certain fields in the Finance Plan template locked?</b>	<p>Due to the volume of applications received by Screen Australia for production funding, it is very important that there is consistency between Finance Plans. Any project-specific requirements that do not fit within this template can be discussed with your Investment Manager during assessment and/or contracting.</p>
<b>Who can I contact to talk about the revised finance plan?</b>	<p>Applicants can contact the Program Operations department on 1800 507 901 if they have a query regarding using the revised finance plans in their funding applications.</p> <p>If you have a technical question about the finance plan, contact <a href="mailto:web@screenaustralia.gov.au">web@screenaustralia.gov.au</a></p>