

Games Residency 4 (2027) - Application Form

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ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

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Screen Queensland Eligibility Checklist

- I am a Bona Fide Queenslander according to [Screen Queensland's definition](#).
- I am not employed by a state or government screen agency.
- I do not have any projects in default with Screen Queensland.
- I can commit to working in the SQ hub, Level 2, 130 Commercial Rd Teneriffe QLD 4005 at least 3 full days a week for the first 39 weeks of the residency.
- I have skills and/or training which allows me to contribute to developing a digital game.
- I am only submitting one application per round.
- I am not currently employed full-time by a games company.
- I am eligible for Self-Employment Assistance and will participate in Small Business Coaching.
- I am eligible for Self-Employment Allowance (currently on Government Income Support) or I can self-support my full participation in the residency for the full duration.
- I am available to participate in all shortlisting and onboarding processes.

Applicants should read the Terms of Trade prior to commencing an application.

Eligibility *

- ☐ I am eligible to apply
- ☐ I am not eligible to apply

If you are unsure, please contact Screen Queensland, (07) 3248 0500 / games@screenqld.com.au

Include further details, if necessary

Are you eligible for Self-Employment Assistance?

The following is required:

- I am at least 18 years of age;
- I am not be prohibited by law from working in Australia;
- I am not an overseas visitor on a working holiday visa or an overseas student studying in Australia;
- I am not an undischarged bankrupt;
- I intend to develop a business in the Games industry, and understand that the business idea has to be assessed as viable and eligible by Birdifi Bridge;
- I will prepare a business plan and cashflow forecast and have it approved by Birdifi Bridge (you will be supported to develop a business plan as part of the onboarding process);
- I intend to operate my business for the required hours each week (as identified in your Business Plan, this should be a primary activity and not a 'side-hustle') for the duration of your participation in Small Business Coaching;
- I have not have received Small Business Coaching in the past 12 months; and

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- I agree to enter into a Small Business Coaching Agreement in the event that I am approved for the residency

To be able to access Self-Employment Allowance, participants must currently be receiving income support payments from Services Australia. You are still able to participate in Small Business Coaching if you are not receiving Government income support, but you will not be able to receive income support payments throughout your residency.

Eligibility *

- ☐ I am eligible for Self-Employment Assistance.
☐ I am not eligible for Self-Employment Assistance.

If you are unsure, please contact Birdifi Bridge 1800 841 828 info@birdifibridge.com.au

Are you happy to be considered for other suitable opportunities beyond this application? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you have an existing business? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPLICANT DETAILS

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Primary Address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Street Address

Address

Suburb State Postcode

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Contact Email *

Contact Phone Number *

ELECTORATE INFORMATION

Federal electorate for applicant *

Other:

State electorate for applicant *

Other:

Local govt electoral zone for applicant *

Other:

Workforce Australia Self-Employment Assistance - PERSONAL ELIGIBILITY

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Job Seeker ID (or Centrelink CRN number) *

Date of birth *

Are you currently receiving Income Support with 'Services Australia'? *

- ☐ Yes - Please specify
- ☐ No - I am in the process of applying, and wish to be considered for income support under the residency
- ☐ No - I am not eligible and will self-support my participation in the residency

If yes, please specify the type

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If yes, are you currently receiving Rental Assistance?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Eligibility Acknowledgement *

- ☐ I understand that eligibility for income support payments while on the residency is contingent on accessing income support payments on the day before commencing Small Business Coaching (delivered as part of the residency).

Past Participation

Have you previously participated in Self-Employment Assistance, including Small Business Coaching or the previous NEIS program? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, when did you finish participating?

Must be a date.

Do you intend to run your Games Business as a primary activity, with the intention of running it full-time within the first 12 months?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If no, please provide more detail.

Are you an undischarged bankrupt? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you have, or propose to have, any business partners? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Provide full names of any proposed partners that are also applying for Self-Employment Assistance:

Provide full names of any proposed partners that are not applying for Self-Employment Assistance:

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Australian Residency

Are you an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If no, please answer the following

Are you an overseas visitor on a working holiday visa?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are you an overseas student studying in Australia?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are you legally able to work in Australia?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If relevant, please provide details of your visa

Education Training

Are you currently enrolled in any training (inc. TAFE / University)? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Have you completed any tertiary education? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

For example: Certificates, Diplomas or University Degrees?

If Yes, please specify the tertiary education you have attained

SCREEN QUEENSLAND INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Please provide details of yourself as a creative practitioner and game developer.

Primary Skillset meaning your strongest game development discipline (for example Game Design, Programming, Production, Business, Art, Marketing, Audio, QA, etc)

Secondary Skillset meaning developed skillsets that compliment but aren't limited to specific game development disciplines.

Aspiring Skillset meaning game development disciplines you are currently seeking to advance in.

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Primary Skillset	Secondary Skillset/s	Aspiring Skillset/s	Name	Qld Resident	CV and Photo	Website/Portfolio Link	Do you identify with any diverse groups that are under-represented in the Australian screen industry?
Programming and Design Lead							☐ Female identity ☐ Non-binary ☐ Age (55+) ☐ Aboriginal identity ☐ Torres Strait Islander identity ☐ Cultural and Linguistic diversity ☐ Person with a disability ☐ LGBTQI + ☐ Regional or Remote Queensland ☐ Low socio-economic status
						Must be a URL.	

Personal Statement

Cover Letter/Intro Video

Let us get to know you. Please provide a short letter or video showcasing who you are as a game developer. Demonstrate your skills, process, values, journey so far and where you see yourself in 5 years.

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Upload the file/link here *

Attach a file:

Video is to be a maximum of three minutes long

Would you like to be considered for relocation assistance to participate in the Residency?

This is a resource for regional applicants (those living more than 150km outside of the major metropolitan hubs of Brisbane and the City of Gold Coast) looking to participate in the residency where Screen Queensland can support you with relocation funding. Please reach out to our team to discuss your options.

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

WRITTEN REFERENCES

Reference One: *

Attach a file:

Reference Two: *

Attach a file:

These could be professional or personal references outlining your capability, shared work experience and/or good work attitude.

Workforce Australia Self-Employment Assistance - BUSINESS ELIGIBILITY

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Provide a description of your existing business, or business idea, in 200 words or less

Word count:

Details could include: using your Games skillset to generate income, a potential game idea, studio concept, target audience, platform, monetisation strategy, etc

If you have an ABN for your business enter it here

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register

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ABN
Entity Name
ABN Status
Entity Type
Goods & Services Tax (GST)
DGR Endorsed
ATO Charity Type [More information](#)
ACNC Registration
Tax Concessions
Main Business Location

Must be an ABN.

If this is an existing business, when did you start trading (earning income) and how much net income (total income minus expenses) did you earn in the last full Financial Quarter?

Business Details

Provide a description of your business idea in 200 words or less

Details could include: using your Games skillset to generate income, a potential game idea, studio concept, target audience, platform, monetisation strategy, etc

Business Details

Will your business be established, located and operated solely in Australia? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Will your business comply with all relevant laws and regulations, including Commonwealth, state, territory or local authority requirements? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Will you have a controlling interest in your business while participating in Self-Employment Assistance? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Will your business be independent? Meaning you have majority ownership and managerial control, with more than one customer? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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Is your business capable of withstanding public scrutiny? Meaning it will not bring Workforce Australia, Birdifi Bridge or Screen Queensland into disrepute. Further it is not a business that includes any of the following:

- psychic related businesses (such as mobile Tarot reading, psychic or hypnotic surgery, aura washing, clairvoyance, numerology)
- gambling
- managing greyhound or other racing syndicates
- graphic or violent films and violent multimedia material
- sales or distribution of weapons (for example, guns)
- providing a platform for promoting political, religious (for example, theology, teaching of beliefs, evangelistic, ministries) or philosophical points of view
- racial or religious vilification
- sex industry related activities, nudity, products or publications (print and electronic)
- businesses that use offensive language or genitalia, or any other part of the anatomy in an offensive way, in their names or describe or display logo graphics
- businesses that support illegal drug use or the construction or sale of equipment that could be used for illegal drug use
- tattooing that is not compliant with legislation, including health regulations.

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Work Hours

To participate in the Screen Queensland Games Residency, there is a requirement that you are consistently able to be on site for 1 core day per week for program initiatives. This day will be the same calendar week day each week and identified upon revealing the availability of all successful applicants. This 1 core day per week will be part of your stipulated time commitment to the Residency Program.

Participants must commit to work from the Games Residency Office for at least 60% of the week for the first 39 weeks of the Residency Program.

Will you work in your business on a fulltime basis (35hrs/week)? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If No, will you work on your business part-time because of any of the following:

- ☐ Part-time / casual employment
☐ Part-time studies
☐ Caring responsibilities
☐ Capacity to work due to medical condition/s
☐ Will work full-time (35 hours by the end of 12 months coaching)
☐ None of the above

More Information?

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Confirmation

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By ticking yes, I confirm my ability to participate in the schedule below: *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Stage

Description

Date

Exploring Self Employment in the Games Industry

This 4-day workshop is designed to explore Self Employment in the Games Industry with shortlisted residents. Wednesday will be conducted online, all other days are in-person.

Tuesday 1 December to Friday 4 December 2026

Self-Employment Assistance Onboarding

Develop a business plan.

Complete application and sign agreement for Small Business Coaching.

Business plan due: Friday 11 Dec 2026

Commence Residency

Residents develop games with the support of industry mentorship and Self-Employment Assistance business coaching.

Wednesday 6 January 2027

DECLARATION

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Applicant declaration

- The applicant declares they have read and understood Screen Queensland's [Terms of Trade](#).
- The applicant agrees and understands that any Residency acceptance is discretionary and any approvals are subject to availability.
- The applicant has the firm intention and is able to proceed with the proposed Residency activities and declares that the information provided, together with all attachments are, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, true and correct.
- The applicant undertakes to advise Screen Queensland of any significant changes to the proposed participation, the information supplied or the materials submitted regarding the Residency.

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- The applicant warrants that it owns or holds all relevant rights in the original works and or copyright materials necessary to proceed with the proposed Residency work as envisaged by this application and will keep Screen Queensland indemnified against all actions, suits, proceedings, claims or demands made against Screen Queensland by reason of any breach of the above.
- It is agreed that Screen Queensland will not be liable for any action or claim based on any industrial or intellectual property of the applicant arising out, or in connection with Screen Queensland's receipt, custody or consideration of the applicant's submission.
- The applicant acknowledges and agrees that Screen Queensland may download, copy, store and use any material supplied or proffered by the applicant as part of this application and may provide access to such material to nominated third parties (as applicable).
- Screen Queensland reserves the right to change any element of the application process and the underlying program at any time, in its absolute discretion.
- The applicant acknowledges and agrees that typing their name on this form and submitting the form will constitute signature by electronic communication under the Electronic Transactions (Queensland) Act 2001.

Disclosure of project information:

- You acknowledge and agree that Screen Queensland and Birdifi Bridge may publish for promotional purposes only, information about your project in Queensland Government media releases, on [Screen Queensland's website](#), on [Birdifi Bridge's website](#) or in their respective newsletters. This information may include project name, genre and synopsis, names and past credits of individuals comprising the key creative team. It is your responsibility to update Screen Queensland if there has been any changes to the information submitted in your application form.

Privacy Notice and Consent:

- By submitting an application, you agree that we will deal with the personal information you provide in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#), as amended from time to time, [and this Privacy Notice and Consent Form](#).
- By submitting an application, you agree that your details will be added to our marketing database and that you may receive communications related to Screen Queensland's events, programs and services from time to time. If you do not wish to be added to our marketing base, please click the opt-out check box below.

By submitting this application, you consent for us to share your information with Birdifi Bridge, a Workforce Australia Self-Employment Assistance provider. We share this information with Birdifi Bridge to assess your eligibility for Self-Employment Assistance and to start your onboarding process.

Marketing Database Consent

☐ I do not wish to have my details added to the marketing database

Authorised Signatory

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Position *

Submission Date *