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ASIC changes for Adelaide and Canberra Airports

Fact Sheet

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AusCheck is the Australian Government's background checking service. AusCheck provides background checking for different schemes including the Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) scheme.

AusCheck is the issuing body of ASICs for government staff. Prior to 1 July 2026, AusCheck was also providing issuing body services to non-government staff at Adelaide and Canberra Airports, as part of the move to a Single Issuing Body.

On 12 May 2026, the government announced the cessation of the Single Issuing Body.

As a result, from 1 July 2026 AusCheck is no longer the issuing body for non-government staff at Adelaide and Canberra Airports. This means that AusCheck no longer accepts new and renewal ASIC applications or issues ASICs for non-government staff at Adelaide and Canberra airports.

All staff at Adelaide and Canberra Airports still require an ASIC to access secure areas of the airports.

Card management

- Adelaide and Canberra Airport staff can continue to use their AusCheck-issued ASIC until it expires or until there is no longer an operational need for the ASIC.
- Staff with an AusCheck-issued ASIC will still be able to apply for a replacement card if needed through the [AusCheck applicant portal](https://sicportal.auscheck.gov.au/) [https://sicportal.auscheck.gov.au/].
- All AusCheck-issued ASICs that have expired or are no longer needed must be returned to AusCheck (fines of 10 penalty units apply for non-return). You can return your ASIC to AusCheck:

In-person:

- **At ASIC collection:** If an applicant has applied for a replacement ASIC, the old ASIC must be returned in-person when collecting their new (replacement) ASIC.
- **At airport drop-box:**
 - **Canberra Airport** staff or workers can return ASICs to the Canberra Airport reception (8.30am-5.00pm Mon-Fri).
 - **Adelaide Airport** staff or workers can return ASICs to the Pass Issue Office (8.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri).

By post: Cardholders can mail their ASIC to AusCheck at PO Box 25, Belconnen ACT 2616.

New applications

- From 1 July 2026, new or renewal ASICs must be applied for through an alternative issuing body.

- Check with your employer about which issuing body they are now using.
- You can find the full list of issuing bodies on Issuing bodies for Aviation Security Identification Cards (ASICs) [<https://www.auscheck.gov.au/about/issuing-bodies/asic>].

More information

If you would like more information about these changes, please visit the AusCheck website

[<https://www.auscheck.gov.au/portal/asicchanges>].

If you have any questions, please email auscheck@homeaffairs.gov.au or phone us on 1800 287 243.