# Story and Online Development revisions 1 July 2023
## Frequently Asked Questions

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## What will happen to development applications submitted by 5pm AEST 1 June 2023?

All submitted applications will go through eligibility and submission material checks as usual, and proceed to assessment if eligible.

## What will happen to applications that have commenced in the Screen Australia portal but are not submitted by the deadline?

All applications currently commenced, but not submitted in the Story Development application portal, can still be submitted for assessment but must be completed and submitted by 5pm AEST 1 June 2023.

Any applications not submitted by 5pm AEST 1 June 2023 will be noted as inactive, and will not move forward to assessment or decision. This will not count for, or against, any future application. You will need to start a new application in July if you intend to submit an application for your project.

Screen Australia cannot grant extensions to projects in the current application form beyond the submission deadline of 1 June 2023.

Unfortunately, you will be unable to save or transfer any information currently in your open application to the new one, so please save any documents/information you are working on so you can include it in your new application.

## I have submitted a Stage 1 Story Development application.  Is there still a Stage 2 for my project to be accepted to if successful?

During this time of transition, if your project is successful at Stage 1, it will be funded at that stage, rather than being invited to Stage 2.

## What if I start a new application now and submit it by the deadline?

New applications can be started and submitted at any time before the deadline, but must be complete and meet all eligibility requirements in order to proceed to assessment.

## When will Screen Australia accept new applications?

Screen Australia will accept new applications for Generate and Premium Story Development, and Online Development, on 1 July 2023.

## When will the new guidelines be available to view?

The revised guidelines for Generate and Premium Story Development, and the new guidelines for Online Development, will be published on the website on 1 July 2023.  The Application portal will open at the same time.

Story Development guidelines will be found in the same funding areas they are currently featured. Online Development will sit under the Online funding area.

## Will there be a change to eligibility criteria?

No, the program's current eligibility criteria for the Story Development Generate and Premium, or Online Development, will not be changing.

## Will there be changes to submission material?

Submission material will be a combination of what is requested in current stage 1 and stage 2 applications.  The revised submission materials will make it a smoother, faster process for applicants to apply, and for assessments and decisions to be made, in one stage instead of two.

## What will the decision turnaround time be once I submit an application under the new guidelines?

Once an application is deemed eligible by our Program Operations team, the assessment turnaround time for decision will generally be six weeks.

## Should I submit my application before the 01 June deadline or waiting till July?

It is up to the applicant to decide when the most strategic time is to submit an application. If you are under no time constraints, we recommend applicants do not rush to meet the 1 June 2023 deadline but rather wait till the new program opens in July 2023.

## My project has already been approved for funding; how do I acquit?

There are no changes to the way you acquit your project in the current system. You can still acquit your project via completing and submitting the Acquittal form attached to your project's application in SmaryGrants. You can access the Acquittal form via the following steps:

- Log into the application portal using the SmartyGrants log-in details the application is housed under.
- Go to 'My Submissions'
- All active applications will all be listed here with the open forms to complete attached underneath.

## My project has already been approved for funding; how do I apply for further funding?

As of 01 June 2023, if you have already completed and submitted your acquittal form, your project's previous application will be closed for further submission. To apply for further funding for your project, please first contact development@screenaustralia.gov.au to discuss your project, and then submit a new application via the application portal.

## If my project has previously been declined, can I apply again for the renewed program?

A project that has previously been declined once can apply again, but you must be able to demonstrate substantive changes in your new application. However, if your project has previously been declined twice you are not eligible to apply with the same project again.

## Who can I contact if I have further questions?

We advise you to wait until the new guidelines are published before reaching out about new applications.

**If you would like to discuss your current Story Development or Online development applications further, please contact development@screenaustralia.gov.au or online@screenaustralia.gov.au.**