

Summary of Key Changes to NSRF Guidelines for Round Three

Section	Change
1 Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wording changes for clarity only
1.3 Roles and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to reflect the changes to the Ministerial Panel membership
2 Key Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to reflect dates for Round Three
3 How to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional wording included to say a full list of applications received will be listed on the Department's website for greater transparency.
3.1 Application period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to reflect Round Three close date Additional wording included to say applicants are encouraged submit applications in advance of the deadline. Some wording relocated to 3.2 Application requirements section
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3.3 How to submit an application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some wording relocated to 3.2 Application requirements section. Wording changes for clarity only.
3.4 Appraisal process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section removed as it was wording contained elsewhere in the Guidelines.
3.4 RDA Committees' support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This section has been renamed <i>Regional Development Australia Committees' Support</i> Wording has been re-ordered and amended to emphasise the role of RDAs in identifying worthwhile projects and develop competitive applications.
4 Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wording has been added to reduce the cash co-funding for remote and very remote applicants to at least one dollar for every three dollars of NSRF grant funding sought. Wording has been added stating Northern Territory Applicants can use Aboriginal Benefits Accounts (ABA) funds towards their partner funding contribution. A note has been added to refer applicants to Attachment B for the definition of Remote and Very Remote for the purposes of NSRF. Wording updated to state evidence confirming all partner funding is required to be considered eligible. Additional wording advising the mandatory evidence required from not-for-profit organisations. Additional wording included under Section 4.2 which states consortiums must be led by an eligible Applicant which has a financial or in-kind commitment to the project. Section 4.5 has been re-worded to clarify those items not eligible as part of the project costs. Other wording changes for clarity only.
4.6 Documents to be provided to support eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This section has been removed. Mandatory documentation required as part of the eligibility check is now stated in the Eligibility Section. Remaining documentation that the Department would expect to see in support of an application is identified in Section 5: Assessment Criteria.

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5. Assessment Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment Criteria have been reworded to provide greater clarity to applicants on how to address this criteria and supporting documentation required. • Information previously contained in this section relating to examples of economic benefit and indicators for disadvantage will be included in the Frequently Asked Questions for Round Three.
6.3 Decisions to be funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional wording included to explain two additional considerations which the Ministerial Panel may take into account when making their decision which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the level of funding already allocated to an Applicant in previous rounds of NSRF; and ○ the geographical distribution of funding in this and previous rounds of NSRF.
6.4 Advice to the Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wording has been amended slightly for clarification.
7.3 Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wording has been amended slightly for clarification.
9.1 Conflict of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The definition of a conflict of interest has been removed. It will be included in the Frequently Asked Questions for Round Three.
10 Contact Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wording has been amended slightly for clarification.
11 Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment A has been amended to include a definition of not-for-profit organisations. • Attachment B has been added. This provides a definition of Remote and Very Remote and lists those localities considered to be Remote and Very Remote for the purposes of NSRF.