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Early stage innovation company (ESIC) decision tool

All fields marked with * **(Required)** are mandatory

What do you want to do? * **(Required)**

I want to work out if a company is an ESIC

I want to work out if I am eligible for the ESIC tax offset

When was the company incorporated in Australia? * **(Required)**

01/01/2018



Was the company registered in the ABR within the last three income years (the latest being the current year)? * **(Required)** ?

Yes

No

Were the total expenses incurred by the company and its 100% subsidiaries \$1 million or less in the previous income year? * **(Required)** ?

Yes

No

Alt+Q

Did the company and its 100% subsidiaries have total assessable income of \$200,000 or less in the previous income year? * **(Required)** ?

Yes

No

Will any of the company's equity interests be listed on a stock exchange just after the new shares are issued? * **(Required)** ?

Yes

No

Is the company undertaking innovation activities solely on its own? * **(Required)** ?

Yes

No

Would you like to assess if the company qualifies as an ESIC using: * **(Required)**

100-point innovation test?

Principles-based test?

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Is the company genuinely focussed on developing an innovation for commercialisation? * **(Required)** ?

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Does the business relating to the innovation have high growth potential? *
(Required)

Can the company demonstrate it has the potential to successfully scale up that business? * **(Required)**

Can the company demonstrate it has the potential to address a broader than local market through that business? * **(Required)**

Can the company demonstrate it has the potential to have a competitive advantage for that business? * **(Required)**

 

The company will qualify as an ESIC

The company qualifies as an ESIC. Depending on the investor's circumstances, investments made in the company at this time will be eligible for the tax offset. The company's eligibility as an ESIC will need to be re-tested with any changes in the company's circumstances.

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