

Rebate Overview

The New, Revised DTI Film Financing Incentive Became Effective on 1st February 2008 and has just been extended for another 4 years up to 2018.

The following is an overview of the two revised Film Financing Incentives available from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

Foreign Film and Television Production and Post Production Incentive

- This incentive is available to foreign-owned productions with the intention of improving South Africa's location competitiveness and increase post production work that will contribute to increased employment and skill levels.
- It provides a tax free rebate of 20% of the Qualifying South African Production Expenditure (QSAPE).
- Shooting on location in South Africa and conducting post production with a Qualifying South African Post Production (QSAPPE) Expenditure of R 1.5 Million and more increases the incentive to 22,5% on QSAPE and QSAPPE.
- Shooting on location in South Africa and conducting post production with a Qualifying South African Post Production (QSAPPE) Expenditure of R 3 Million and more increases the incentive to 25% on QSAPE and QSAPPE.
- Expenditure (QSAPE) & (QSAPPE) to qualifying productions in any of the following formats: feature films, telemovies, television drama series, documentaries and animation.
- There is no cap on these incentives.
- Qualifying Requirements:
 - A minimum QSAPE of R12 million or above.
 - 50% or a minimum of 4 weeks of principle photography to take place in South Africa unless 100% of principle photography takes place in South Africa and is less than 4 weeks.
 - The Qualifying Post Production Expenditure as above.
 - The DTI must receive a specified credit for its contribution.

South African Film and Television Production Incentive

- This incentive was introduced to provide more financial support for locally-owned productions and official co-productions to increase local content.
- The incentive is available to both South African productions and official treaty co-productions and provides a tax free rebate of 35% for the first R6 million of QSAPE, and 25% of the remaining QSAPE.
- There is no cap to this rebate.
- The following formats are eligible: feature films, telemovies, television drama series, documentaries and animation.
- Qualifying Requirements:
 - A minimum total production expenditure (TPE) of R2,5 million or more with a minimum of 75% of TPE being QSAPE.
 - 50% or minimum of 2 weeks of principle photography to take place in South Africa.
 - The DTI must receive a specified credit for its contribution

The following formats are **not** eligible for either incentives:

- Reality TV,
 - Discussion, panel, variety programmes or programmes of a like nature
 - Current affairs & News
 - Advertising programme or commercial
 - Public events including sports events
 - A training or “how to” programme
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