

## MUSIC EXPORT GROWTH SCHEME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An applicant must satisfy all the following criteria to be eligible to receive a MEGS Grant:

1. Have submitted an online application form detailing all required information before the published deadline.
2. Be a UK based independent business (excluding businesses / organisations based in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands unless UK registered).
3. Be a SME as defined at [UK Government Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Definition](#).
4. Be able to demonstrate that the business is trading from the UK.
5. Be able to receive the requested Grant under the UK Subsidy Control Minimal Financial Assistance ([Subsidy Control: a guide for beneficiaries - GOV.UK](#))
6. Be able to confirm that it has not received any other contributions from public funds towards the project activity to be supported through a MEGS Grant if successful.

The proposed activity must satisfy the following criteria to be eligible to be supported through a MEGS Grant:

7. All expenditure relating to the activity must be fully defrayed (i.e paid) no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.
8. The activity must be fully completed no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.
9. The activity must enhance the international competitiveness of the applicant business with an expectation that it will result in tangible economic benefit to the UK.
10. Any artist or band to be supported through the activity must be eligible to work in the UK – if the artist(s) is not a UK National then they must have the right to work in the UK through to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027 ([Prove your right to work to an employer: Overview - GOV.UK](#)).
11. 50% of the total cost of completing the activity must be paid for by the applicant or another source (but not from other public funds).

**Eligibility criteria 1-11 will be checked through details provided through the online application form.**

In addition, an Applicant and, to the best of the Applicants knowledge, the artist or band that will be supported through the proposed Project or Activity if the MEGS grant is approved:

12. must not have undertaken any activities in the 3-year period prior to submitting this grant application that are likely to be damaging to the reputation of the Scheme or bring the reputation of the Scheme into disrepute; and

13. must confirm that for a three-year period after the date of any MEGS grant award will not commit any dishonest negligent act or omission, or take any other action otherwise likely to be damaging to the reputation of the Scheme or bring the reputation of the Scheme into disrepute.

Actions which are likely to be damaging to the reputation of the Scheme or bring the reputation of the Scheme into disrepute include but are not limited to:

- Conviction of serious criminal activity - including but not limited to offences relating to terrorism, violence, organised crime, sexual offences, fraud, or corruption, which will inform our consideration of your application
- Being found by a court or tribunal to have breached the Equality Act 2010 or Human Rights Act 1998
- Ongoing investigations relevant to the application

**Eligibility criteria 12-13 will be confirmed by the applicant as part of the Self Declaration included in the online application form and will be subject to verification checks by the Department for Business and Trade in line with the [Music Export Growth Scheme \(MEGS\) privacy notice](#). This will include a review of publicly available social media and news content to verify the Self-Declaration. If any concern is raised through the verification check this may result in a grant application being considered ineligible or payment of a grant being suspended or clawed back, then the applicant will be provided with an opportunity to provide further detail before a final decision is made.**