

Get cash back on SkyEcho2 ADS-B!

The Australian Government is currently offering to cover 50% of the cost of Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) equipment, including the portable SkyEcho2 from uAvionix.

In order to apply for the rebate you need to first go to the Australian Government Business Grants and Programs webpage: <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/automatic-dependent-surveillance-broadcast-rebate-program> and create an account on their portal.

There is a sample application form that you can download from the page and peruse.

- Before you apply for the rebate you need to have purchased the SkyEcho2 Electronic Conspicuity device and have handy a digital copy of the paid tax invoice and evidence of payment that you can upload with your application.
- You must be the owner of the gyro to claim the rebate and you can only claim one rebate per gyro.
- You cannot claim the rebate if you purchased the SkyEcho2 before 20 December 2021.
- You will also need to have proof that your gyro is registered with ASRA. I uploaded a picture of my plastic ASRA registration placard and a copy of my gyro registration renewal invoice that I downloaded from the ASRA membership webpage.

One of the first questions asked in the application is if you have an ABN. If, like a fellow pilot, you have a business unrelated to flying with an ABN and you answer **yes**, your application will be rejected and you will be required to resubmit it. I telephoned the help line (13 28 46) about this and was told that almost all other applications for government rebates were businesses and therefore in the case of the ADS-B rebate the question was causing a lot of confusion. Most gyro pilots applying should be choosing **no** for ABN and choosing "*individual*" for the next question on what type of entity you are. Further down where it asks "Why do you not have an ABN" my selection was " *I am an individual and the supply was made in the course or furtherance of an activity done as a private recreational pursuit or hobby*".

For the "Project Address" I used the street address of the gyro hangar (ie airfield) and stated that 100% of the project was to be undertaken at that site.

Don't forget to include your bank account details for direct deposit of your rebate.

The SkyEcho2 ships with a suction mount to connect to the inside of the cabin without tools and disconnects from the suction mount by twisting it 90 degrees. (See pic1 M24 mount) I have an M16 open cockpit gyro so removed the 2 screws connecting the suction mount to the SkyEcho2 baseplate and bolted the baseplate directly to the passenger dashboard (see pic2 and Pic3 M16 mounts). I just claimed for the \$1020 purchase price of the SkyEcho2 from uAvionix Australia. (Note the purchase price has recently increased to \$1095 (inc express shipping)).

Installation costs are not needed for the SkyEcho2 but in any case, all claims for installation costs need to be using an approved installer and with the government supplied template.

I submitted the rebate application on 15 September.

I was notified by email on 26 Sept that the application was successful.

I received the \$510 rebate in my bank account on 13 October.

Once you receive your SkyEcho2 device you will need to email aircraftregistration@casa.gov.au with your gyro registration plus details, make/model and serial number as well as the SkyEcho2 details (make/model/serial number) in order to get an ICAO address for your gyro (you need the Hexadecimal (6 digit) one for the SkyEcho2 in order to configure it).

Applications for rebates will be considered until 31 May 2023 or “**until funding is exhausted**”. I would suggest that if you are thinking of purchasing a SkyEcho2 Electronic Conspicuity device, do it sooner than later if you are interested in the 50% rebate.

