

Move your freight by rail.



Queensland Rail's **Rail Freight Container Incentive Scheme** provides financial support to help eligible new customers grow their container freight on rail.

About the Scheme

The **Rail Freight Container Incentive Scheme** is designed to make rail an even more cost-effective and efficient option for containerised freight. Eligible customers can receive a rebate on access charges, paid quarterly, based on the actual number of loaded containers moved.

The scheme applies to containerised freight moved across the Queensland Rail network excluding standard gauge.

The scheme will commence on 1 January 2027 and will run for three years, supporting businesses looking to expand their freight operations while contributing to a stronger, safer and more sustainable transport network for Queensland.

Benefits of rail

Choosing rail strengthens your business – delivers efficiency, cost and sustainability gains across your supply chain.



Higher fuel efficiency

Rail typically delivers 3 to 4x better fuel efficiency than road transport, using only one-third to one-quarter of the fuel required for equivalent road movements.



Lower operating costs

Reduced fuel consumption translates into lower per-tonne-kilometre transport costs over time.



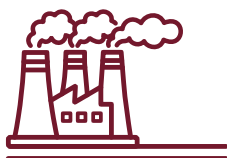
Reduced road congestion

On average, each container freight train in Queensland removes 35 to 40 trucks from the road.



Improved end-to-end efficiency

Fewer trucks on key corridors mean smoother road access to and from rail terminals, reducing bottlenecks and improving overall freight flow.



Lower emissions footprint

Higher fuel efficiency and consolidated loads reduce greenhouse gas emissions per tonne moved.

Eligibility

The rebate scheme is available to new and existing customers introducing new container volumes to rail. This excludes contract renewals or new Access Arrangements with a new rail operator for existing business.

The rebate is not available in conjunction with any other discount scheme (excluding the Mount Isa Line Incentive Scheme). Transport of fuel containers is not eligible for the rebate.

To qualify, customers must:

- move at least 250 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) per annum
- complete and submit a Rail Freight Container Incentive Scheme application form to Queensland Rail for approval.

Rebate value

Rebate values vary depending on the rail sector, access costs and contract details. Eligible customers will receive up to a 50% rebate.

Example rebate values for typical freight movements are shown below:

Eligible customers	Year one (full rebate)	Year two (half rebate)
Route	\$ per container	
North Coast line		
Brisbane to Rockhampton	\$35	\$18
Brisbane to Townsville	\$70	\$35
Brisbane to Cairns	\$80	\$40
Central West		
Brisbane to Yamala	\$55	\$28
Brisbane to Longreach	\$80	\$40
South West		
Brisbane to Warwick	\$40	\$20
Brisbane to Goondiwindi	\$70	\$35
Mount Isa line		
Townsville to Cloncurry	\$230	\$115
Townsville to Mount Isa	\$280	\$140

How it works

1. Sign a new haulage contract with an above-rail operator to move at least 250 TEU per annum.
2. Complete and submit a Rail Freight Container Incentive Scheme application form to Queensland Rail for approval.
3. Move eligible containerised freight on Queensland Rail's network.
4. Receive a quarterly rebate based on actual loaded containers.
5. Continue earning rebates for two years.

**The scheme commences
1 January 2027.**

Find out more

To access the application form, full details and terms and conditions, scan the QR code or visit qr.com.au/forbusiness/access/rfcis



For eligibility enquiries or indicative rebate estimates, contact Queensland Rail.

