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Research Management System

User Guide – Submitting an Application in RMS

Target Audience – Applicants

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Introduction

- The target audience for this user guide are users who will be submitting an application for a scheme round within the National Competitive Grants Program.
- This is an introductory user guide for submitting applications in RMS to assist applicants with navigating and submission of an application in RMS.
- **Important:** This user guide is not a replacement for the Instructions to Applicants that are released for each scheme round. The Instructions to Applicants can be found for the relevant scheme via GrantConnect at <https://www.grants.gov.au>.
- You will be able to access RMS via <https://rms.arc.gov.au>.
- RMS will be compatible with the latest versions of Google Chrome and Microsoft Internet Explorer. Compatibility with different browsers or older versions of Google Chrome and Microsoft Internet Explorer is not guaranteed.

PART 1 – Creating a new Application in RMS

- Login to RMS via the Login Homepage <https://rms.arc.gov.au> using your **registered account email address** and your password.
- An additional user guide for RMS is available which provides information on creating new accounts, resetting passwords, and updating your personal profile. The “RMS User Management Guide“ is available at <https://www.arc.gov.au> > [Grants](#) > [RMS information](#).



The screenshot shows the login page for the Research Management System (RMS) of the Australian Research Council. At the top left is the Australian Government crest. To its right, the text reads "Australian Government" and "Australian Research Council". Below this, the title "Research Management System - Login" is centered. The main content area contains a login form with two input fields: "Email Address" and "Password". Below the "Password" field is a "Login" button. At the bottom of the form area, there are two links: "Request New Account" and "Reset Password".

Figure 1 – RMS Login Homepage

- Enter your email address and your password. Click on the Login button
- Enter the Multi-factor Authentication (MFA) code

1.1 – Creating an application

- Upon login, users will be taken to the main page called the Action Centre.

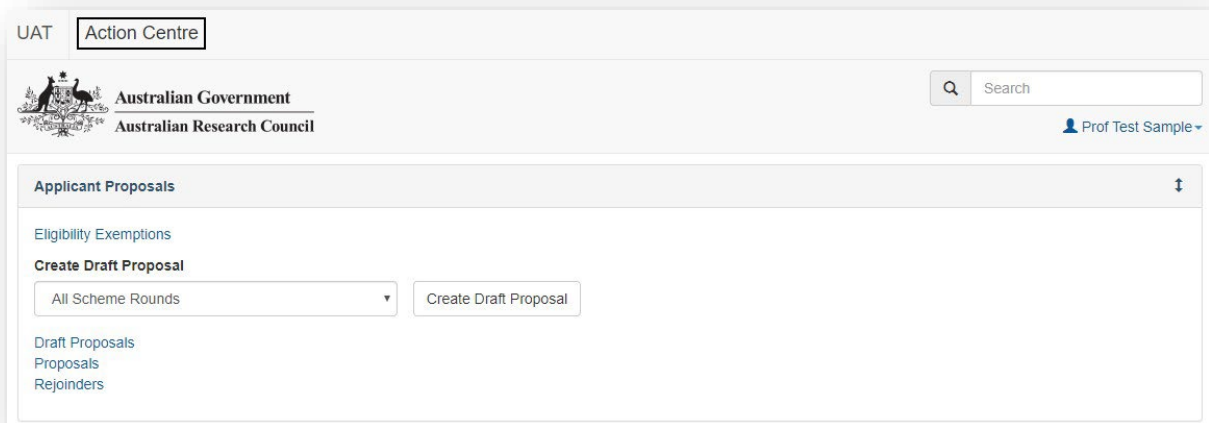


Figure 2 - The Action Centre

- To create a draft application, go to the Applicant Proposals section within the Action Centre.
- Select the appropriate scheme round from the drop-down menu and then click on Create Draft Application button.

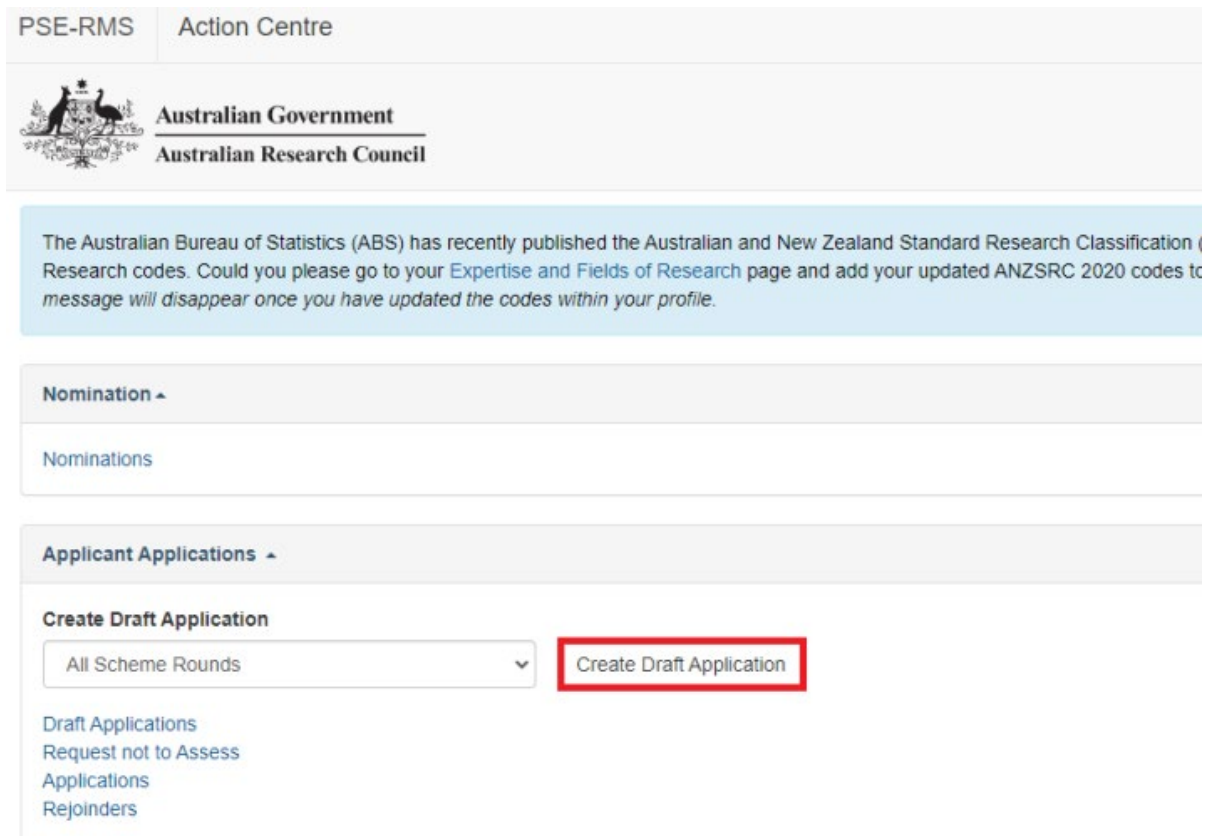


Figure 3 – How to create a draft application

- A draft application will automatically be created and the user will be taken automatically to the draft application.
- When a draft application is created an Application ID is automatically created and this is displayed in several places in your form (see Figure 4).

The screenshot shows a web interface for the Australian Research Council (ARC) RMS system. At the top, the text 'RMS TS150100001 - DEMO Administrative Summary' is displayed next to a 'Save' button. Below this is the Australian Government and ARC logo, a search bar, and a user profile 'Prof Test Sample'. The 'Action Centre' section shows the Application ID 'TS150100001'. A horizontal bar contains several form parts: 'A) DEMO Administrative Summary (Invalid)', 'B) DEMO Classification and Other Statistical Information (Invalid)', 'C) DEMO Project Description (Invalid)', 'E) DEMO Project Cost (Invalid)', 'F) DEMO Budget Justifications (Invalid)', 'H) DEMO Research Support (Invalid)', and 'I) DEMO Statements on progress of ARC-funded Projects'. The 'I' part is highlighted in green, while the others are in red. The Application ID 'TS150100001' is also shown in a separate box at the bottom left.

Figure 4 – Draft application created showing the Application ID

1.2 – Application Form Parts

General Information:

- The application is made up of form parts and these will be displayed at the top of the application form.
- Form parts will be either RED or GREEN in colour.
- A form part that is RED indicates that it is invalid and you cannot submit your application until all parts are validated.
- A form part that is GREEN indicates that it is valid, **but** this does not mean that all questions are answered. A form part may contain only nonmandatory questions and therefore will appear GREEN before any information has been entered.
- Applicants should check all form parts are completed and information entered before submission to their Research Office.
- To navigate between form parts simply click on the form part tab.

Personnel and Organisation Form Parts:

- The Personnel form part for each applicant will not appear until the applicant has been invited and accepted. See Part 2 for information on inviting participants.
- Each applicant can access their own section by clicking on the Personnel form part and then clicking on the arrow and selecting their name in the drop-down list.

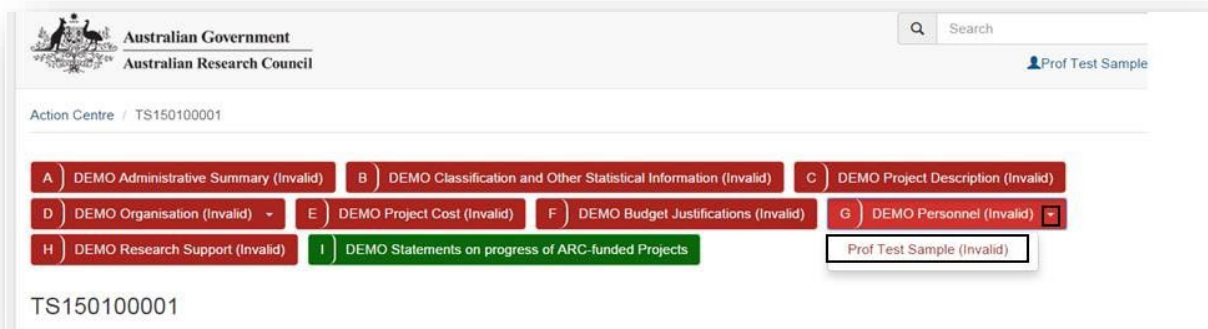


Figure 5 – Accessing your Personnel form part in the Application

- Where a scheme has a form part for Organisations these are accessed in the same way as personnel, by clicking on the arrow and selecting from the drop-down list.
- As you are working through the application, ensure that you save at regular intervals. The save button is located at the top of the screen.

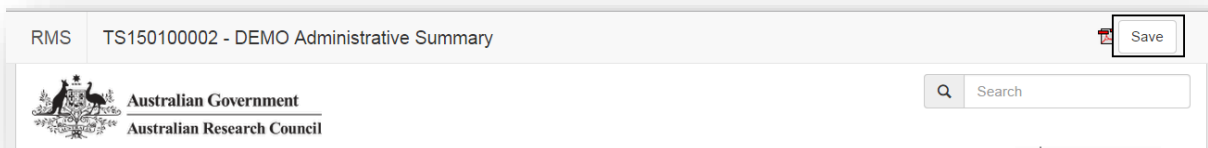


Figure 6 – Location of the Save button

PART 2 – Adding participants

2.1 – Inviting participants

- The creator of the application will not automatically be added as a participant on the draft application. You will need to add yourself to the application if you are to be a named participant.
- Navigate to the Administrative Summary part of the application form to the Person Participant Summary question.
- Select your participating role type in the drop-down menu and enter in your email address. Your email address must be the registered account email that is stored in your personal details in RMS.
- Click Add.
- As the creator of the application, you do not need to accept an invitation you will be added automatically to the application.
- Continue to add participants by selecting their role and entering their email address.
- An invited participant will appear under the Invited Participants heading.
- Once an invited participant has accepted their invitation, they will appear under the Participants heading.
- **IMPORTANT:** All participants should be added to applications using their **registered account email address**. Each invited participant will receive an automated email after they have been invited to participate. If you do not have an RMS account and have been invited to participant, please use the link in the email to create an RMS account.

RMS TS150100001 - DEMO Administrative Summary Save

A DEMO Administrative Summary (Invalid)
 B DEMO Classification and Other Statistical Information (Invalid)
 C DEMO Project Description (Invalid)

D DEMO Organisation (Invalid)
 E DEMO Project Cost (Invalid)
 F DEMO Budget Justifications (Invalid)
 G DEMO Personnel (Invalid)

H DEMO Research Support (Invalid)
 I DEMO Statements on progress of ARC-funded Projects

A2. Person Participant Summary

*Please add all people participating in this proposal.
(This question must be answered)*

Participants

#	Name	Participant Type	Current Organisation(s)	Relevant Organisation	
1	Prof Test Sample	Chief Investigator	Sample University		<input type="button" value="v"/> <input type="button" value="^"/> <input type="button" value="x"/>

Invited Participants

example@test.email	Chief Investigator	Invited	<input type="button" value="x"/>
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Figure 7 – Inviting people to be participants on your application

2.2 – Allocating full control to participants

- The default for each invited participant is to only be able to edit their own information in the Personnel form part of the application.
- For the creator of the application the default is set to full control.
- Full control means:
 - Ability to edit any part of the application
 - Ability to invite participants
 - Ability to remove participants
 - Ability to delete the draft application
 - Ability to revive a deleted draft application
 - Ability to Add/Remove Full Control from other participants
 - Ability to submit to their Research Office
- To change the default access of an applicant, click on the Access button under the Applicant Proposal section in the Action Centre. All applicants on the application will be listed in the Access page.

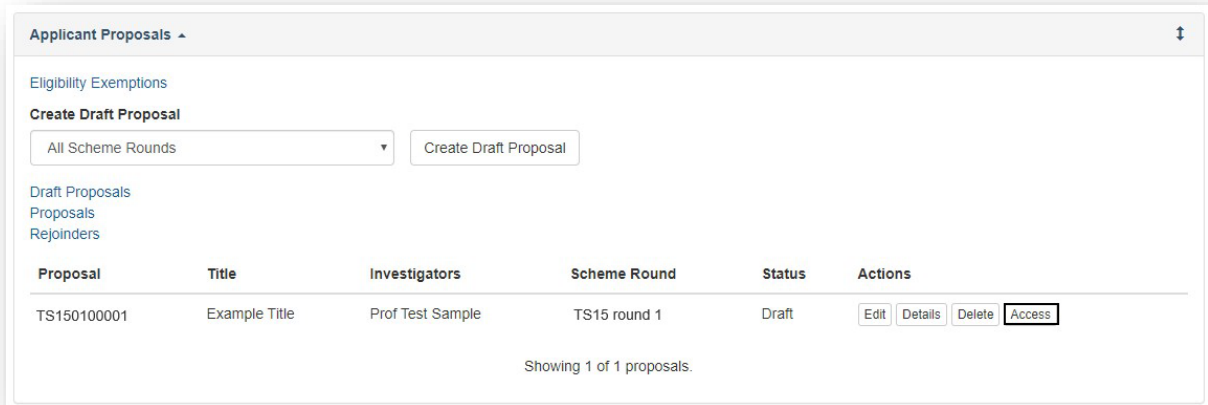


Figure 8 – Where the Access button is located

- Tick the check box under Full Control against the relevant applicant to provide them with full control.

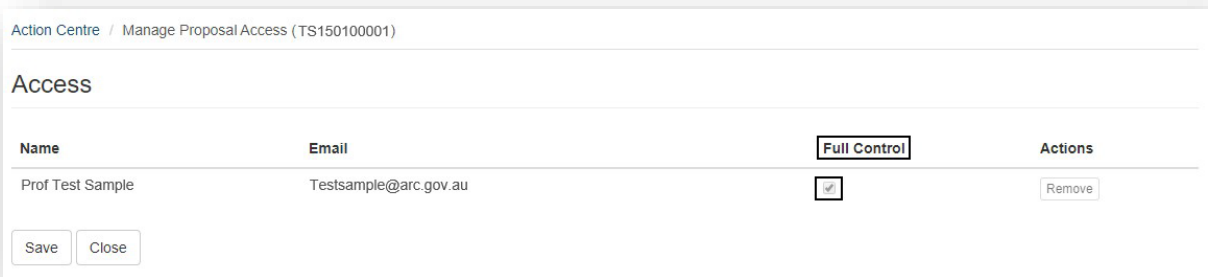


Figure 9 – The Full Control checkbox

- Full Control can also be removed by unchecking the box.
- Click Save.

2.3 – Giving access on an application to a non-participant

- Click on the Access button, as per Figure 8.
- Enter the non-participant's email address in the Email field under Add Access and click on the Add button. A non-participant must have an RMS User Account in order to be given access to an application.



The image shows a web form titled "Add Access". Below the title is a horizontal line. Underneath the line, the word "Email" is displayed in a bold font. Below "Email" is a rectangular text input field. At the bottom left of the form is a button labeled "Add".

Figure 10 – Giving access to a non-participant

- Adding a non-participant will automatically provide them with Full Control. If you wish for them to have view only access, uncheck the Full Control checkbox, as per figure 9.

2.4 – How to accept an invitation to participate on an application

Each invited participant will receive an automated email as shown in Figure 11.



Figure 11 – Automated email that invited participants receive

- To accept the invitation, follow the RMS link and log in to RMS.
- Details of the application you are being asked to participate on will appear under Invitations to Participate on Draft Proposals in the Action Centre.
- Click on the Accept or Reject button under Actions.

RMS Action Centre

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Search

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Invitations To Participate On Draft Proposals

Proposal	Title	Investigators	Scheme Round	Actions
TS150100001		Prof Test Sample	TS15 round 1	Accept Reject

Figure 12 – Location of the Accept/Reject buttons for an invited participant to select

- Once accepted you can access the application in the Applicant Proposals section by clicking on the Edit button under Actions.

Applicant Proposals

Eligibility Exemptions

Create Draft Proposal

All Scheme Rounds Create Draft Proposal

Draft Proposals
Proposals
Rejoinders

Proposal	Title	Investigators	Scheme Round	Status	Actions
TS150100001	Prof	Test Sample	TS15 round 1	Draft	Edit Details

Showing 1 of 1 proposals.

Figure 13 – Accessing the Draft application once you have accepted an invitation to participate

2.5 – Changing the order or role of participants

- To change the order of participants, click on the up/down arrows against that participant.
- To change the role of the participant, click on the drop-down menu under the Participant Type and select the role.

The screenshot shows the RMS system interface for 'TS150100001 - DEMO Administrative Summary'. At the top, there are navigation tabs labeled A through I. Tab I, 'DEMO Statements on progress of ARC-funded Projects', is highlighted in green. Below the tabs, the section 'A2. Person Participant Summary' is visible, with a note: 'Please add all people participating in this proposal. (This question must be answered)'. A table titled 'Participants' contains one entry:

#	Name	Participant Type	Current Organisation(s)	Relevant Organisation	
1	Prof Test Sample	Chief Investigator	Sample University		▼ ▲ ✕

Figure 14 – How to change a role type of a participant, move their position in the listing of participants, and remove a participant

2.6 – Removing a participant

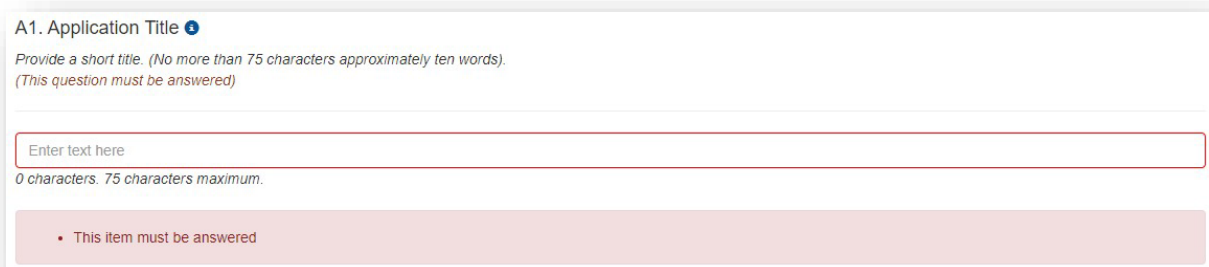
- To remove a participant from the application, click on the cross against the relevant participant.
- If a participant was removed by mistake you will need to reinvite the participant and they will need to accept the invitation again. Saved data will be repopulated and the participant will not need to re-enter this.

PART 3 – Filling out the application form

The following will assist applicants in completing their applications and/or form parts. Applicants must still refer to the Instructions to Applicants for the relevant scheme which can be found via GrantConnect at <https://www.grants.gov.au>

3.1 – Identifying if a question is mandatory

- To identify if a question is mandatory in a form you will see “(This question must be answered)” following the question text.
- A validation message will also appear for the question.



A1. Application Title ⓘ
Provide a short title. (No more than 75 characters approximately ten words).
(This question must be answered)

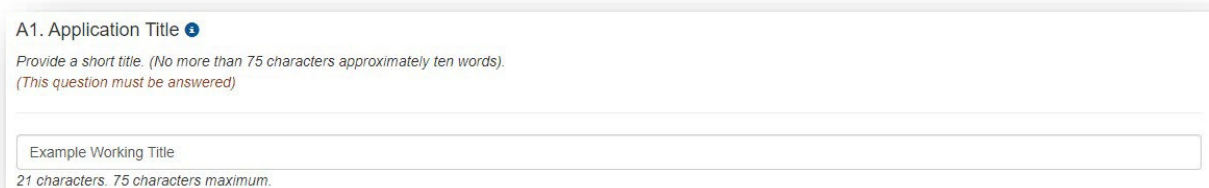
Enter text here

0 characters. 75 characters maximum.

• This item must be answered

Figure 15 – This question is mandatory and shows the validation message

- Once a mandatory question has been answered the validation message will not appear.



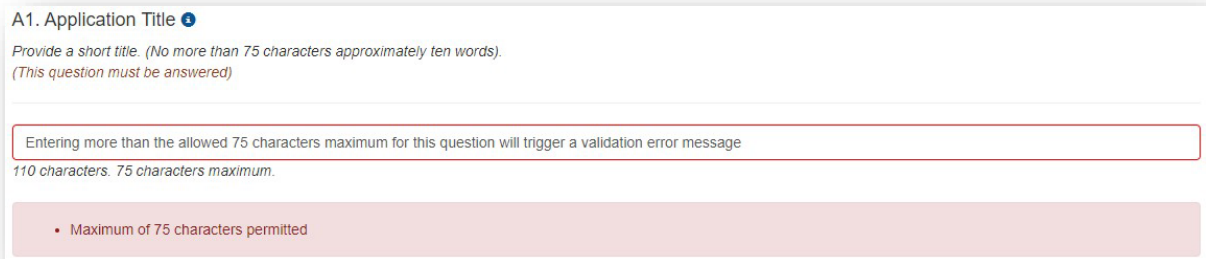
A1. Application Title ⓘ
Provide a short title. (No more than 75 characters approximately ten words).
(This question must be answered)

Example Working Title

21 characters. 75 characters maximum.

Figure 16 – This mandatory question has been answered and the validation message no longer appears

- Validation error messages will also appear if the question has been answered incorrectly. Figure 17 shows a validation error message because there has been more than the allowable number of characters entered. The validation message will appear until the error is corrected.



A1. Application Title ⓘ
Provide a short title. (No more than 75 characters approximately ten words).
(This question must be answered)

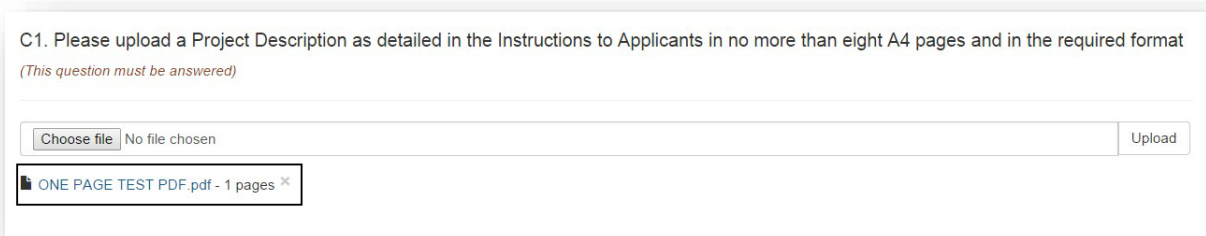
Entering more than the allowed 75 characters maximum for this question will trigger a validation error message
110 characters. 75 characters maximum.

- Maximum of 75 characters permitted

Figure 17 – Validation error message received after too many characters being entered

3.2 – Uploading a PDF

- Some questions may ask applicants to attach a PDF to the question.
- Click on the Choose file button, select the file and then click on the Upload button.
- The file name will appear underneath with the number of pages listed.
- To remove a file, click on the cross and then select OK.



C1. Please upload a Project Description as detailed in the Instructions to Applicants in no more than eight A4 pages and in the required format
(This question must be answered)

Choose file No file chosen Upload

ONE PAGE TEST PDF.pdf - 1 pages ✕

Figure 18 – Uploading a PDF

3.3 – Adding an Organisation to an application

- Go to the Organisation Participant Summary question in the Administrative Summary form part of the application.
- Select the organisation role type from the Select Organisation Role drop down menu.

A3. Organisation Participant Summary ⓘ

Add all organisations participating in this application. Refer to the Instructions to Applicants for further information.
(This question must be answered)

#	Name	Participant Type
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-- Select Organisation Role --

-- Select Organisation Role --

Administering Organisation

Other Eligible Organisation

Partner Organisation

Other Organisation

Test Search

Figure 19 – Select an Organisation Role Type

- Enter the name of the organisation in the search field and click on the Search button.
- **Note:** This search field will work on partial name search. Some organisations may be listed with a slightly different name. Please ensure that you conduct a partial name search on an organisation before requesting the addition of a new organisation, as per Section 3.4.
- If the organisation is found using the search function, click on the Add button to add that organisation to an application.

Partner Organisation

Test Search

Name
TEST


Add

Figure 20 – Add an organisation

3.4 – Adding an Organisation using an Australian Business Number

- For the Organisation Participant Summary question, organisations can be added after using the search function.
- If an organisation is not appearing and you know the Australian Business Number (ABN) then click on the please add the organisation for use with RMS link, which is located at the bottom of the Organisation Participant Summary question.
- Enter in the ABN and click the Search button. If the Search button does not become active check that the right number of digits have been entered. All ABNs consist of 11 digits.

RMS Add organisation for use in RMS

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Australian Research Council

Action Centre / Add organisation for use in RMS

Please enter the ABN of the organisation you wish to activate for use in RMS.
If you do not know the ABN of the organisation, or the organisation does not have an ABN, please contact the ARC for assistance.

ABN

Figure 21 – Entering in an ABN number to add an organisation for use in RMS

- Click the Add Organisation for use with RMS button.

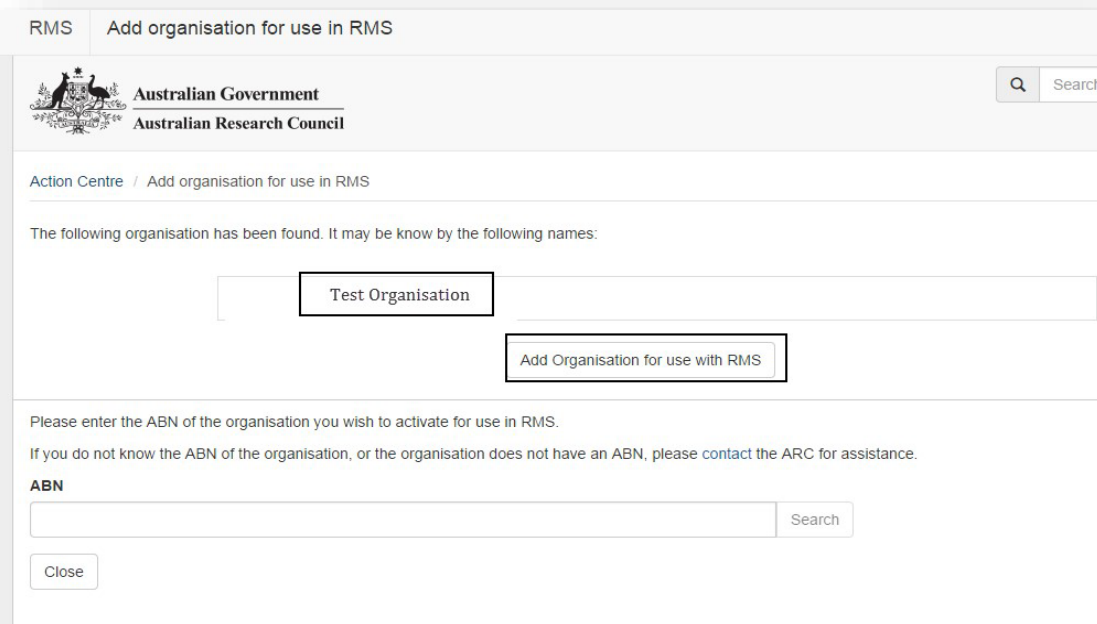


Figure 22 – Adding the organisation for use in RMS

- If an organisation does not have an ABN and is not available for selection via the search option, then click on the contact link for further assistance.

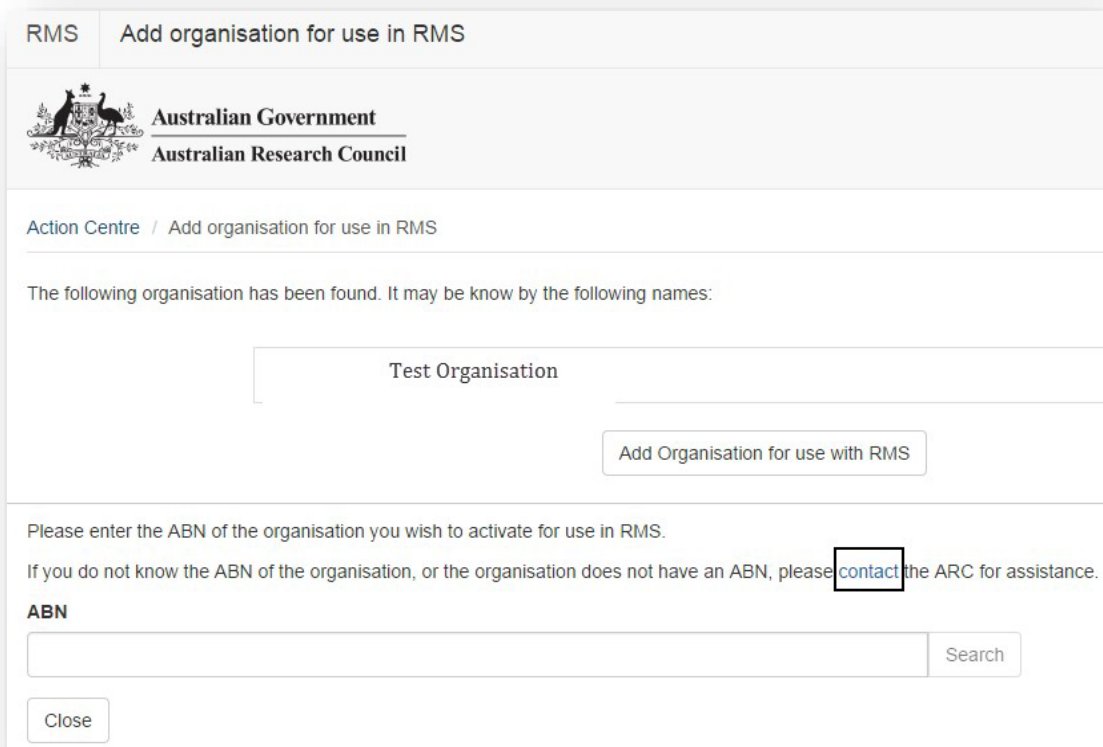


Figure 23 – Click on the contact link for contact details to seek further assistance

3.5 – Adding an International Organisation

- For the Organisation Participant Summary question, organisations can be added after using the search function.
- If an International Organisation is not appearing a request can be submitted to add the organisation to RMS using the request it to be created in RMS link, which is located at the bottom of the Organisation Participant Summary question
- Enter the organisation details and then click on the Request button.



The screenshot shows a web form for requesting the addition of an international organisation. It contains the following fields and buttons:

- Name:** A text input field with the placeholder text "Legal or trading name".
- Abbreviated Name:** A text input field.
- Organisation Type:** A dropdown menu.
- Country:** A text input field with the placeholder text "Search and select country".
- Buttons:** Two buttons labeled "Request" and "Close" are located at the bottom left of the form.

Figure 24 – Requesting the addition of an International Organisation

- The information will be reviewed by the RMS Helpdesk team and you will be notified when the organisation is available for use in RMS.
- For any information on pending organisation requests please contact ARCSystems@arc.gov.au.

3.6 – Accessing additional information against a question

- If there is additional information available for a question an information bubble will be visible next to the question title:



Figure 25 – The information bubble icon that indicates additional information text

- Click on the information bubble to expand the details

A1. Application Title ⓘ

*Provide a short title. (No more than 75 characters approximately ten words).
(This question must be answered)*

Example Working Title

21 characters. 75 characters maximum.

Figure 26 – A question with an information bubble – click on the bubble to access further information

A1. Application Title ⓘ

- The title should be an accurate reflection of the research and will be visible to assessors.
- **Avoid** the use of acronyms and quotation marks.
- **Do not** use all upper case characters.
- This title may be modified and used for public release.

*Provide a short title. (No more than 75 characters approximately ten words).
(This question must be answered)*

Example Working Title

21 characters. 75 characters maximum.

Figure 27 – Information bubble expanded

- Click on the cross at the top right of the information detail to close.

3.7 – Accessing your personal details from within the form

- Where a question auto-populates information from the personal details you have stored in RMS, a link will be available to access your personal details within your RMS profile.
- You can use the link within the application form or choose to navigate back to the Action Centre and click on the relevant link under Person Profile.
- As an example of the link within the form, the below question (Personal Details) contains a link entitled Manage Personal Details. Clicking on this link will automatically take you to your Personal Details page in a new tab.

Part D - Personnel and ROPE (Prof Test Sample)

D1. Personal Details

To update personal details, click the 'Manage Personal Details' link below. Note this will open a new browser tab. When returning to the form ensure you 'Refresh' the page to capture the changes made to your profile.

This data is automatically populated from your RMS profile [\(Manage Personal Details\)](#)

Figure 28 – Accessing your details to update information that populates into the application

- You can proceed to update your details and press Save. Close the tab and refresh your application page by clicking Save. Details that were updated will now appear.
- In addition to personal details, the Research Output section of the personal profile can be accessed through the application form. For more information on how to enter Research Outputs please see the 'User Guide: Research Outputs in RMS' located on the ARC [RMS Information](#) page.

3.8 – Generating a PDF of the application

- To generate a PDF of your application, click on the PDF icon displayed at the top right-hand corner.

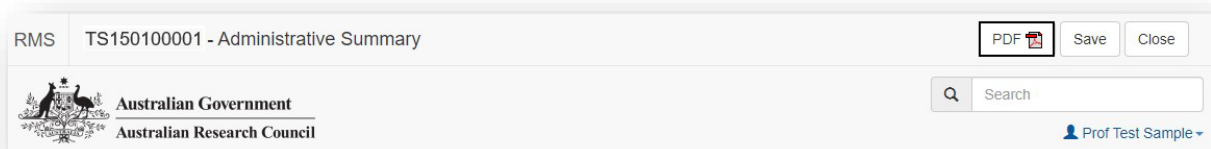


Figure 29 – Click on the PDF icon to generate a PDF of your application

- The PDF will generate and display in a separate tab.

3.9 – Adding information to the budget

Adding budget items

- Navigate to the Project Cost form part.
- The budget will automatically be set to Year 1. To access other years, click on the relevant year tab
- To enter in items, click on the plus button against the relevant budget category.

Part E - DEMO Project Cost

E1. What is the proposed budget for your Project?
*(Please provide details of the budget proposed for your project.)
(This question must be answered)*

Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

Description	
Total	
Personnel	+
Teaching Relief	+
Equipment	+
Maintenance	+
Travel	+
Fieldwork Expenses	+
Other	+

- The Proposal has not requested any monies from the ARC.
- Funding must be requested for more than one year.

Figure 30 – How to add an item in the budget

- A text field box will appear for you to enter in your budget item description. Click the OK button to add the item to your budget.

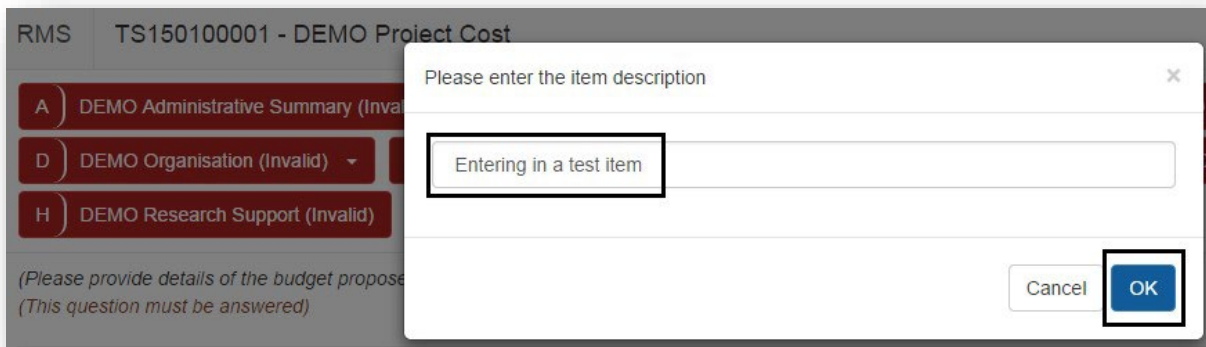




Figure 31 – Entering a description for a budget item

- The budget item will now appear in the budget, and you will be able to enter in a value.
To edit the budget item, click on the pencil button. To delete a budget item, click on the trashcan button.



Figure 32 – Click on the pencil icon to edit a budget item or on the trashcan icon to delete

- Continue to fill out budget line items ensuring that you save regularly. All budget validation error messages will automatically appear at the bottom of the budget. Once these issues have been resolved, the validation messages will not appear.

		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Description						Australian Research
Total						
Personnel				+		
Entering in a test item				 		
Teaching Relief				+		
Equipment				+		
Maintenance				+		
Travel				+		
Fieldwork Expenses				+		
Other				+		

- The Proposal has not requested any monies from the ARC.
- Funding must be requested for more than one year.

Figure 33 – Validation error messages will appear under the budget table

- Budget line items that are added will appear in all years.
- Values entered in against budget line items will only appear in the year that it was entered and not across all years.

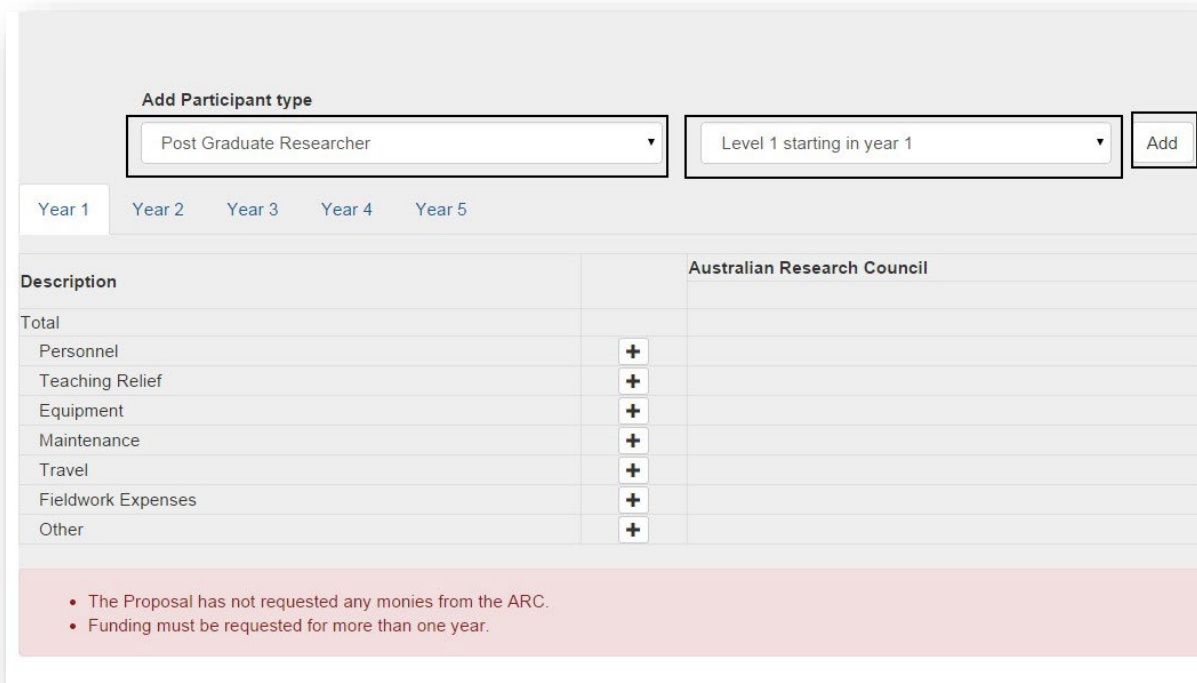
Always refer to Instructions to Applicants for the specific scheme for more information on which items to add as a budget line item.

- Some budget line items are entered through the personnel section of the form, for example Teaching Relief. This information is automatically populated when the relevant Personnel question is answered. Please ensure to review the budget prior to submission to your Research Office.

Adding a participant type to the budget (including unnamed participant types)

- Some schemes may have additional participant type/s to add into the budget.
- To add a participant type, select from the drop-down menu under Add Participant Type and then click on Add.

- Some types will also have levels that can be selected in addition to the start year. Select the level and start year from the drop-down menu next to the selection for participant type and then click on Add. This will automatically populate into the budget.



Add Participant type

Post Graduate Researcher Level 1 starting in year 1 Add

Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

Description		Australian Research Council	
Total			
Personnel	+		
Teaching Relief	+		
Equipment	+		
Maintenance	+		
Travel	+		
Fieldwork Expenses	+		
Other	+		

- The Proposal has not requested any monies from the ARC.
- Funding must be requested for more than one year.

Figure 34 – Participant types can be added by using the drop-down menu and clicking the add button

- Note that where only a single level is available, only Level 1 starting in year 1 will be listed in the drop-down menu.

Participant budget items will be added to the budget automatically along with an allocated value amount. Where permissible following an item being added automatically, the value can be amended.

3.10 – Submitting an application to your Research Office

- Once all the form parts are completed, saved and are validated (changed from red to green), the application is ready to be submitted to the Research Office.



Figure 35 – Once all the information is added to each form part and all form parts are green, the application is ready to submit to the Research Office

- Before submitting your application to the Research Office, the Project Leader must:
 - review all form parts to ensure the information to be submitted is accurate.
 - ensure all form parts are complete and valid; and
 - generate a PDF (Whole Application document PDF).
- Once the above has been confirmed, click on the Submit to Research Office button from the action centre.

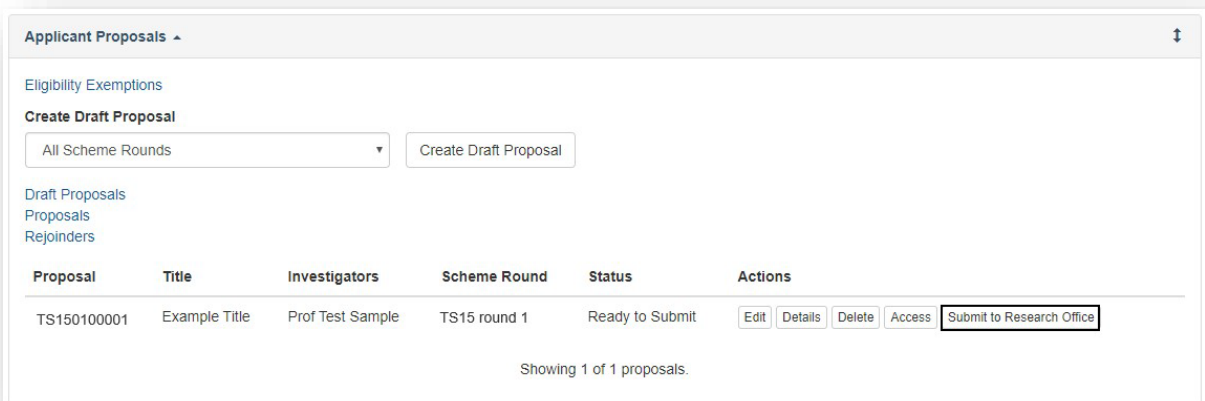
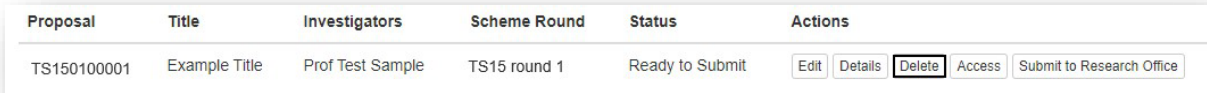


Figure 36 – Submitting your draft application to the Research Office

3.11 – Deleting a draft application

- If you have created a draft application in error and you no longer want to view the details, it can be deleted using the Delete button to the right of the Application ID



Proposal	Title	Investigators	Scheme Round	Status	Actions
TS150100001	Example Title	Prof Test Sample	TS15 round 1	Ready to Submit	Edit Details Delete Access Submit to Research Office

Figure 37 – Click on the delete button to delete your draft application

- Once an application is deleted it will no longer be visible in the Action Centre

3.12 – Reviving a deleted draft application

- To retrieve a deleted draft application, click on the Draft Proposals under the Applicant Proposals section.

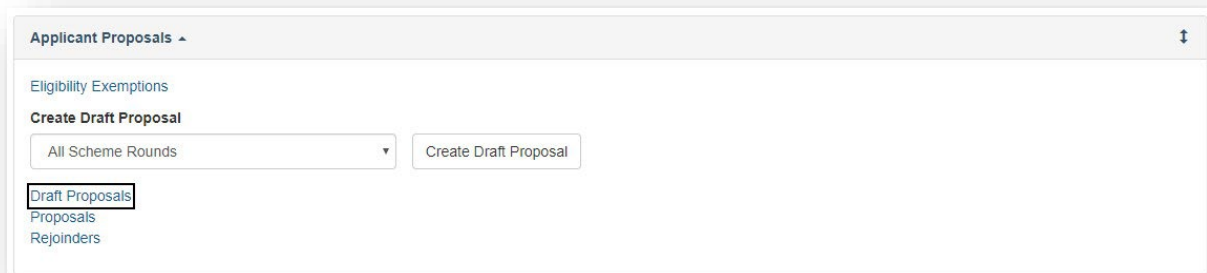


Figure 38 – Accessing a deleted draft application

- The deleted application will show as a Deleted under the Status heading.
- Click on the Revive button under Actions.

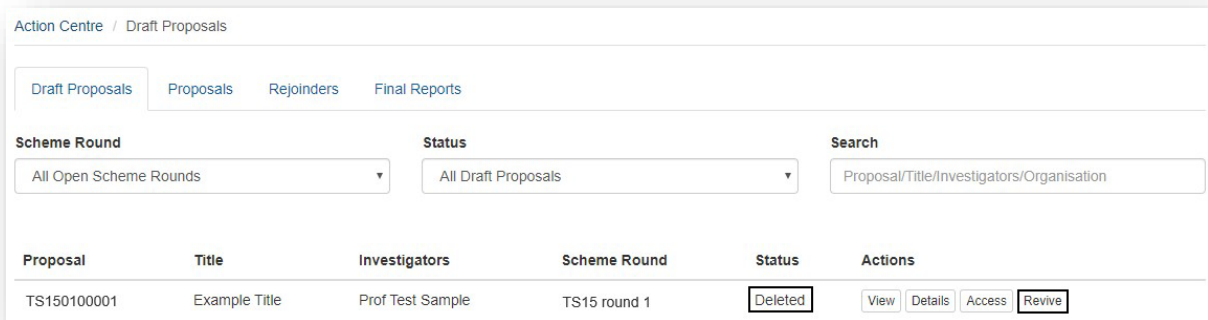


Figure 39 – A deleted application can be revived by clicking the Revive button

- The application will now have Draft under the Status heading and you will now be able to click on the Edit button to continue working on the application.

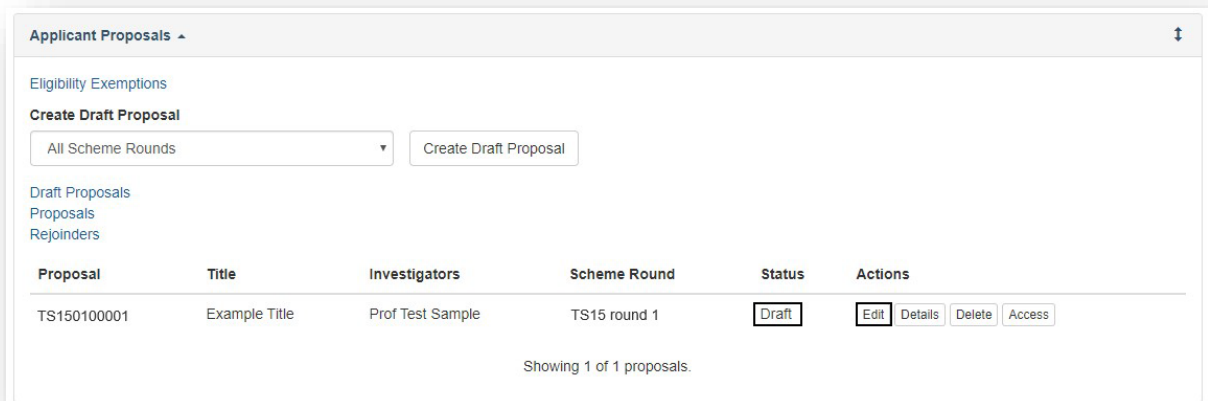


Figure 40 – An application that was deleted and now revived will show as Draft status.

PART 4 – Contacting the ARC for additional help

- If you are experiencing any technical issues or require help with navigating RMS whilst completing your application, please contact the RMS Helpdesk at ARC-Systems@arc.gov.au.