

## Lockdown support

### Individuals

There are two payments accessible to individuals: the [COVID-19 Disaster Payment](#); and, the [Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment](#).

### How to apply for support

You can apply for the COVID-19 Disaster Payment or the top-up income support payment through your [MyGov](#) account if you have created and linked a Centrelink account. Apply for the Pandemic Leave Payment by phoning Services Australia on 180 22 66.

### COVID-19 Disaster Payments

The COVID-19 Disaster Payment is a weekly payment available to eligible workers who can't attend work or who have lost income because of a lockdown and don't have access to certain paid leave entitlements. If you are a couple, both people can separately claim the payment.

Sole traders may apply for COVID-19 Disaster Payment if you are unable to operate your business from home. However, you will not be eligible if you are also receiving a state business grant such as the NSW 2021 COVID-19 Business Grant or JobSaver.

### Timing of the payment

The disaster payment is generally accessible if the hotspot triggering the lockdown lasts more than 7 days as declared by the Chief Medical Officer (you can find the [listing here](#)). From 2 August 2021, payments will apply from day one of the lockdown and will be paid in arrears once claims open (previously, the payment only applied from day 8 of a lockdown).

However, the disaster payment will also be available:

- **In NSW** from 18 July 2021, to anyone who meets the eligibility criteria. The requirement to be in a Commonwealth declared hotspot has been removed and the payment will apply to anyone in NSW impacted by the lockdowns who meets the other eligibility criteria.
- **In Victoria** from 15 to 27 July 2021, to anyone who met the eligibility criteria. The requirement to be in a Commonwealth declared hotspot was removed and the payment applies to anyone in Victoria impacted by the lockdowns who met the other eligibility criteria.

| Area   | Date of declaration | Disaster payment accessible from |
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| New South Wales: City of Sydney, Waverley, Woollahra, Bayside, Canada Bay, Inner West and Randwick | 23 June 2021        | 1 July 2021                      |

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| New South Wales: Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong   | 26 June 2021  | 4 July 2021    |
| All of New South Wales   |               | 18 July 2021   |
| All of Victoria  | 15 July 2021  | 23 July 2021*  |
| South Australia: Metropolitan Adelaide   | 21 July 2021  | 28 July 2021   |
| Queensland: The City of Brisbane, Moreton Bay Region, Redland City, Logan City, City of Ipswich, Shire of Noosa, City of Gold Coast, Lockyer Valley Region, Scenic Rim Region, Somerset Region and Sunshine Coast Region | 1 August 2021 | 7 August 2021* |

*\*Payment paid in arrears from date of declaration (day 1 of the lockdown).*

How much is the payment?

The COVID-19 disaster payment amount available depends on:

- How many hours of work you have lost in the week, and
- If the payment is on or after the third period of the lockdown.

| Disaster payment amounts          | Hours of work lost                       |            |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------|
|                                   | Between 8 and 20 (or a full day of work) | 20 or more |
| Weeks 2 and 3 of a lockdown*      | \$325                                    | \$500      |
| From week 4 of a lockdown onwards | \$375                                    | \$600      |
| From 2 August 2021**              | \$450                                    | \$750      |

*\* Eligible Victorians and South Australians receive the higher rate from week one of the lockdown (\$375 and \$600)*

*\*\* These higher rates will apply from day one of any potential lockdown in the future*

The payment applies to each week of lockdown you are eligible. On 29 July 2021, the Prime Minister stated that the COVID-19 disaster payment will not be taxable.

## Eligibility

The COVID-19 disaster payment is emergency relief. It is available if you:

- Live or work in an area that is subject to a state or territory public health order that imposes restriction on movement and is declared a Commonwealth COVID-19 hotspot, or

- Have visited an area that is a Commonwealth COVID-19 hotspot and you are subsequently subject to a restricted movement order when you return to other parts of the impacted region or interstate.

And you:

- Are an Australian citizen, permanent resident or temporary visa holder who has the right to work in Australia, and
- Are aged 17 years or over, and
- Have lost 8 hours or more of work or a full day of your usual work as a result of the restrictions - losing work includes being stood down by your employer, not being assigned any shifts for the week of restrictions and being unable to work from home. Losing a full day of what you were scheduled to work but could not work because of a restricted movement order includes not being able to attend a full-time, part-time or casual shift of less than 8 hours, and
- Don't have paid pandemic-related leave available through your employer (annual leave is not taken into account for this), and
- Are not receiving income support payments, a state or territory pandemic payment, Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment or state small business payment for the same period. See *'Top up' payments for those on income support* Income support payments include Age Pension, Austudy, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension, Farm Household Allowance, JobSeeker Payment, Parenting Payment, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit, Widow Allowance, Youth Allowance and Income Support Supplement, Service Pension or Veteran Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

A liquid assets test of \$10,000 previously applied to the disaster payment but was removed from Thursday, 8 July 2021.

### **'Top up' payments for those on income support**

A special separate \$200 a week 'top-up' payment is available to those who currently receive an income support payment through social security, ABSTUDY Living Allowance, Dad and Partner Pay or Parental Leave Pay in addition to their existing payment, if they can demonstrate they have lost more than 8 hours of work and meet the other eligibility requirements for the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

If you are a member of a couple you can both apply for this payment.

### **Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment**

The Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment is for those who have been advised by their relevant health authority to self-isolate or quarantine because they:

- Test positive to COVID-19;
- Have been identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case;
- Care for a child, 16 years or under, who has COVID-19; or
- Care for a child, 16 years or under, who has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case; or
- Care for a person who has tested positive to COVID-19.

### **How much is the payment?**

The payment is \$1,500 for each 14 day period you are advised to self-isolate or quarantine. If you are a couple, you both can claim this payment if you meet the eligibility criteria.

## Eligibility

The Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment is available if you:

- Are an Australian citizen, permanent resident or temporary visa holder who has the right to work in Australia; and
- Are aged 17 years or over; and
- Are unable to go to work and earn an income; and
- Do not have appropriate leave entitlements, including pandemic sick leave, personal leave or carers leave; and
- Are not getting any income support payment, ABSTUDY Living Allowance, Paid parental leave or Dad and Partner Pay. Income support payments include Age Pension, Austudy, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension, Farm Household Allowance, JobSeeker Payment, Parenting Payment, Partner Allowance, Special Benefit, Widow Allowance, Youth Allowance and Income Support Supplement, Service Pension or Veteran Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The payment is taxable and you will need to declare it in your income tax return.

If you are uncertain of your eligibility, talk to [Services Australia](#).

If you are concerned about the impact of disaster relief payments on you, talk to us.

## NSW Child-care gap fee

From 19 July 2021, the Government is enabling childcare services in NSW Local Government Areas subject to stay at home orders to waive gap-fees for parents keeping their children at home due to current COVID-19 restrictions. The gap fee is the difference between the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) the Government pays to a service and the remaining fee paid by the family.

The child-care gap fee waiver is only applicable where the childcare service opts in.

The Local Government Areas were expanded and now cover: City of Sydney, Municipality of Woollahra, City of Randwick, Municipality of Waverley, Bayside Council, Blacktown City Council, Blue Mountains City Council, Municipality of Burwood, Camden Council, Central Coast Council, City of Campbelltown, City of Canada Bay, City of Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland City Council, City of Fairfield, George's River Council, City of Hawkesbury, Hornsby Shire, Municipality of Hunter's Hill, Inner West Council, Ku-ring-gai Council, Lane Cove Council, City of Liverpool, Mosman Council, North Sydney Council, Northern Beaches Council, City of Parramatta, City of Penrith, City of Ryde, Shellharbour City Council, Municipality of Strathfield, Sutherland Shire, The Hills Shire, Wollondilly Shire, City of Willoughby, and Wollongong City Council.

## NSW Eviction moratorium

The NSW Government has introduced a targeted eviction moratorium to protect residential tenants. The moratorium applies where:

- You have lost work/income because they or a member of their household contracted COVID; or
- The household's take home weekly income has reduced by 25% or more (including any government assistance received) compared to the weekly income received in the 4 weeks prior to 26 June 2021; and
- You continue to pay at least 25% of the rent payable.

## 60 day freeze on evictions

Tenants who can't pay their rent in full because they are impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak can't be evicted between now and 11 September 2021.

## Financial support for landlords

Residential landlords who decrease rent for impacted tenants can apply for a grant of up to \$1,500 or land tax reductions depending on their circumstances. The land tax relief will be equal to the value of rent reductions provided to financially distressed tenants for up to 100% of the 2021 land tax year liability.

## Business

### New South Wales

The NSW and Federal Governments have released a series of measures to support business during extended lockdowns of four weeks or more.

- Up to \$100,000 in weekly JobSaver cashflow support payments
- Up to \$15,000 through the expanded NSW 2021 COVID-19 business grants program
- NSW micro-business grants
- NSW payroll tax deferrals and a 25% payroll tax waiver
- NSW rent protections and grants
- NSW sector support for the arts and accommodation sector

### JobSaver: Cashflow Support of up to \$100,000

JobSaver is a weekly payment between a minimum of \$1,500 and maximum of \$100,000 based on 40% of the NSW payroll payments of your business (including not-for-profits).

Eligible businesses without employees that meet the eligibility criteria (such as sole traders with no employees), will be able to access a payment of \$1,000 per week.

The cashflow support will cease when lockdown restrictions are eased or when the Commonwealth hotspot declaration is removed.

Funding is also limited to specific purposes.

### How to apply

Applications can be made online through [Service NSW](#) and close at 11:59pm on 18 October 2021.

If your business has successfully applied for the COVID-19 business grant, your business will be automatically eligible for JobSaver but will need to provide the additional information on payroll and headcount.

To apply for JobSaver, you will need your business's Australian income tax return, Notice of Assessment or other documentation demonstrating the business had a national aggregated annual turnover of between \$75,000 and \$250 million for the 2020 income year.

If your business is not on the [highly impacted industries](#) list, you will also need to submit a letter from us demonstrating that that you meet the decline in turnover test.

If your business is in the performing arts sector, please see the [NSW Performing Arts COVID support package](#) – CreateNSW is streamlining all applications through them.

### Eligibility

- Have an active ABN; and
- Can demonstrate that your business was operating in NSW as at 1 June 2021; and

- Had an aggregated turnover between \$75,000 and \$250 million for the year ended 30 June 2020; and
- Maintain employee headcount as at 13 July 2021 – the number of people you employed in NSW including full time, part time and long-term casuals that have been employed by the business for more than 12 months; and
- Have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 30% over a minimum 2-week period from the start of the Greater Sydney Lockdown (from 26 June 2021), compared to the same period in 2019. The application will ask you for your lowest fortnightly turnover in this period.

Some businesses are ineligible for JobSaver. These include businesses predominantly earning passive income (rent, interest, or dividends), businesses owned by sovereign entities (foreign Governments), businesses in liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings, businesses that did not have an ABN as at 1 June or backdated their ABN, government agencies, local governments, banks, and universities.

### **How is the 40% of payroll calculated?**

Your payroll is based on your most recent Business Activity Statement (BAS) lodged with the ATO prior to 26 June 2021 for the 2020-21 financial year. Use the figure at item W1, removing any amounts withheld on behalf of contractors. To determine weekly payroll, divide the amount by the number of days in the BAS period and multiply this by 7.

For businesses with employees outside of NSW, you will need to calculate the amount based on just the NSW employees using the same method you use to report on your BAS.

If your business does not submit a BAS with a W1 amount, use your 2019-20 NSW payroll tax reconciliation return. If your business does not submit a BAS, you will need to contact ServiceNSW to discuss alternatives.

Where an employer's headcount changed because of circumstances outside the control of the employer (such as voluntary resignations, death of an employee) it will not be taken as a reduction in employee headcount on 13 July.

### **I don't have employees, can I still qualify?**

If your business does not have employees (such as sole traders) but meets all the other eligibility tests, you can apply for JobSaver but only if the individuals associated with and deriving income from the business have not received a Commonwealth COVID-19 Disaster Payment since 18 July 2021. You also need to ensure that the business is the primary income source for the associated person.

### **I have stood down my employees, do they still qualify for the headcount test?**

Yes. If you have stood down your full time, part time or long-term casual employees, they are counted in the headcount. During a stand down the employment relationship remains (their role has not been terminated), the employee is not paid (unless they are taking paid leave), and they continue to accrue annual leave. See the [FairWork website](#) to clarify how and when an employer can stand down employees.

### **An employee has resigned, does this impact my headcount?**

No. If the employee is no longer with the business due to circumstances outside of your control, such as resignation or death, this will not impact the headcount test.

If however you forced the employee to resign or terminated their employment, this will impact on your headcount and eligibility for JobSaver and the COVID-19 business grant. Any actions taken by the business that reduce headcount will need to be reported to Service NSW.

### **How is aggregated annual turnover measured?**

Aggregated turnover is generally your business's annual turnover plus the annual turnover of any business connected with you or that are an affiliate of yours. If you have any related entities that carry on a business, please contact us and we'll work with you on calculating this figure.

Annual turnover generally includes income that has been generated in the ordinary course of carrying on a business. You would normally use GST-exclusive figures for this purpose. ATO guidance suggests that JobKeeper and cash flow boost amounts would probably be ignored as part of this calculation.

### How is decline in turnover measured?

In general, GST turnover concepts are used to determine whether the business has suffered a decline in turnover of at least 30%.

However, ServiceNSW has not provided clear guidance on how GST turnover should be calculated for the purpose of this grant. If it is not clear whether your business can pass this test, it may be necessary to contact ServiceNSW to discuss the situation.

### I don't have a 2019 comparison period, can I still get help?

Businesses that are not able to meet all the eligibility criteria can still potentially qualify for the grant, but it is necessary to contact ServiceNSW to discuss the situation before applying. Alternatives may be available where:

- You can demonstrate over a shorter period prior to 26 June 2021 that your aggregated income would have been \$75,000; or
- Your turnover in the test period in 2019 was not representative of your normal turnover, for example because of bushfires.

You are likely to need us to verify any alternative scenarios for you as part of your application.

### 2021 COVID-19 Business Grant of up to \$15,000

The COVID-19 Business Grant provides up to \$15,000 to eligible businesses (including not-for-profits and sole traders) with annual wages of up to \$10 million.

The value of the grant is determined by the impact of the lockdown on your turnover. Your business will need to prove a decline in turnover across a minimum 2 week period from 26 June 2021 to 17 July 2021.

| Decline in turnover | Grant    |
|---------------------|----------|
| 70%+                | \$15,000 |
| 50% or more         | \$10,500 |
| 30% or more         | \$7,500  |

### How to apply

Applications are made online through [Service NSW](#) and close at 11:59pm on **13 September 2021**.

### Eligibility

The 2021 COVID-19 business grant is available if you:

- Have an active ABN; and
- Can demonstrate that your business was operating in NSW as at 1 June 2021; and
- Have had total annual Australian wages of \$10m or less as at 1 July 2020; and
- Have had an aggregated annual turnover between \$75,000 and \$50m (inclusive) for the year ended 30 June 2020; and

- Have unavoidable business costs from 1 June 2021 for which there is no other government support available; and
- Maintain employee headcount as at 13 July 2021 – the number of people you employed in NSW including full time, part time and long-term casuals that have been employed by the business for more than 12 months; and
- Have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 30% over a minimum 2-week period from 26 June 2021 to 17 July 2021 compared to the same period in 2019. The application will ask you for your lowest fortnightly turnover in this period.
- For businesses and not-for profits on the NSW border with Victoria impacted by lockdown orders that began on 27 May 2021, use the turnover period from 27 May 2021 to 17 July 2021 compared to the same period in May and/or June and/or July 2019.

Some businesses are ineligible for the grant. These include businesses predominantly earning passive income (rent, interest, or dividends), businesses owned by sovereign entities (foreign Governments), businesses in liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings, businesses that did not have an ABN as at 1 June, government agencies, local governments, banks, and universities.

### **Can I get the JobSaver and the business grant?**

If your business meets the eligibility conditions, you can access both the grant and JobSaver.

If your business does not have any employees, you cannot access the grant if persons associated with the business, and who derive income from it, have applied for, or are receiving, the Commonwealth COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

If your business is in the performing arts sector, please see the [NSW Performing Arts COVID support package](#) – CreateNSW is streamlining all applications through them.

### **I don't employ staff, can I still get the grant?**

For sole traders and other businesses without employees, you can access the grant if you meet the other eligibility criteria **but** only if persons associated with the business, and who derive income from it, have not applied for, and are not receiving, the Commonwealth COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

*We can work with you to help assess your eligibility and apply for the grant!*

### **\$1,500 Micro-Business Grants**

The micro-business grant provides \$1,500 per fortnight while lockdown restrictions apply to sole traders and other small businesses with aggregated annual turnover between \$30,000 and \$75,000. The grants are available from week one of the lockdown until restrictions are eased.

### **How to apply**

Applications are made online through [Service NSW](#). Applications close at 11:59pm on 18 October 2021.

Where your business operates through a trust structure, you will need to provide additional information to demonstrate that a national aggregated annual turnover of more than \$30,000 and less than \$75,000 is derived through the trust.

### **Eligibility**

- Have an active ABN registered in NSW or can demonstrate your business was operating in NSW as at 1 June 2021; and
- Have had an aggregated annual turnover of more than \$30,000 and less than \$75,000 for the year ended 30 June 2020; and
- Have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 30% over a minimum 2-week period from the start of the Greater Sydney Lockdown (from 26 June 2021), compared to the same period in 2019; and



- Have business costs for which there is no other government support available; and
- Have not applied for either the 2021 COVID-19 Business Grant or JobSaver; and
- Have less than 20 full time equivalent employees at 1 June 2021; and
- If you are an employer, maintain your headcount as at 13 July 2021; and
- If you do not have employees, such as a sole trader, the business making the application is your primary source of income.

Businesses that received the \$1,500 small business fees and charges rebate can apply for this grant.

If your business does not have any employees, you cannot access the grant if persons associated with the business, and who derive income from it, have applied for, or are receiving, the Commonwealth COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

Ineligible businesses include those predominantly earning passive income (rent, interest, or dividends), or businesses in liquidation or individuals in bankruptcy proceedings.

### **There is a problem with my 2019 comparison period, can I still get help?**

Businesses that are not able to meet all the eligibility criteria can still potentially qualify for the grant, but it is necessary to contact ServiceNSW to discuss the situation before applying. Alternatives may be available where:

- The business was not operating for the full year to 30 June 2020 (e.g., new businesses) and you can prove the turnover requirements over a shorter period of time.
- Your business was affected by drought, bushfires or other natural disasters.
- A business change (acquisition, disposal or restructure) impacted the business' turnover.
- You're a sole trader or partnership and turnover was impacted by sickness, injury or leave.

You are likely to need us to verify any alternative scenarios for you as part of your application.

### **Payroll tax relief**

#### **Payroll tax and lodgement deadline deferred**

NSW payroll tax has been deferred for July and August 2021 until 7 October 2021 for all businesses.

The due date for the 2020-21 annual reconciliation has also been deferred until 7 October 2021.

### **Previous payroll tax deferrals and payment arrangements for 2020-21 due in July 2021 have not been deferred.**

#### **25% payroll tax waiver for businesses between \$1.2m and \$10m**

Businesses with Australian wages of between \$1.2 million and \$10 million that have experienced a 30% decline in turnover, will be provided with a 25% payroll tax waiver in 2021-22. Further details of the reduction will be available by the end of August from [RevenueNSW](#).

### **Rent protections and grants**

Commercial and retail rent protections are in place.

#### **Eviction moratorium**

A short-term eviction moratorium is in place for rental arrears where a residential tenant suffers loss of income of 25% due to COVID-19 and meets certain other criteria. The moratorium applies to tenants with an annual turnover of \$50 million or less.

Commercial and retail landlords will need to attempt mediation before recovering a security bond, or locking-out or evicting a tenant impacted by Public Health Orders.

## Land tax relief

Land tax relief equal to the value of rent reductions provided by commercial, retail and residential landlords to financially distressed tenants is available for up to 100% of the 2021 land tax liability.

See [Residential Tenancies Moratorium Application for rent negotiation](#)

Specific sector based support

Arts community

Applications have opened for the [NSW Performing Arts COVID support package](#) covering performances impacted by NSW Government Public Health Orders from 26 June 2021.

The funding amount per performance is calculated using a formula of average ticket price multiplied by the number of tickets available for sale and a specified percentage tied to the lockdown period.

To be eligible for funding, you must be one of the following:

- An eligible venue
- A producer of an eligible performance scheduled to perform at one of the eligible venues
- A promoter of an eligible performance scheduled to perform at one of the eligible venues.

See the [full details and the list of eligible venues and performances here](#).

## How to apply

Applications are made online through [SmartyGrants](#).

## Accommodation sector

Business in the accommodation have been advised to apply first for the COVID-19 Business Grant.

In addition, there will be a support package for eligible tourism accommodation providers that have lost business during the school holiday period. Assistance will be based on the number of cancelled 'room nights' of:

- \$2,000 for up to 10 room nights
- \$5,000 for 11 or more room nights

To be eligible, you will need to be able to show evidence of cancellations for lost room nights between 25 June and 11 July 2021.

## Gaming machine tax deferrals

All businesses paying hotel or club gaming machine tax will be able to defer the taxes for the 2021-22 financial year:

- Hotels: deferrals for June and September quarter until 21 January 2022.
- Clubs: deferrals for the August quarter until 21 December 2022.

## Queensland

The Queensland Government has announced a \$5,000 Business Support Grant for those impacted by the lockdown from Saturday 31 July 2021. Your business does not have to be in the local government areas locked down but impacted by it.

### How to apply

Applications are made online through [Business Queensland](#). Applications open mid-August.

### Eligibility

The full eligibility details, and details of how to evidence the 30% reduction in turnover, are not available as yet.

The grant is limited to businesses with:

- Turnover of more than \$75,000 per annum, and
- Annual payroll in Queensland of up to \$10 million

## Victoria

A new series of grants have been announced to support Victorian business. Here's what we know so far:

### \$5,000 Business Continuity Fund

\$5,000 grants will be available to businesses that continue to be impacted by capacity limits imposed by public health restrictions. Eligible businesses in the Melbourne CBD will receive an additional \$2,000.

Twenty-four sectors are covered by the grant including gyms, cafes, restaurants, catering services and hairdressers.

To be eligible, your business must have received or been eligible for the [Business Costs Assistance Program](#).

### Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be available through the Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund. Eligible businesses in the Melbourne CBD will also receive an additional \$2,000.

To receive this funding, your business will need to have received or been eligible for the Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021.

### Small Business COVID Hardship Fund

A new fund will be established for small businesses with a payroll of up to \$10 million that are not eligible under the existing fund and grant programs.

To receive the grant of up to \$5,000, your business will need to demonstrate a decline in turnover of 70% or more.

### Alpine Business Support Program

Additional grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 will be made available to Alpine based businesses through the Alpine Support Program.

The Alpine Support program covers six alpine resorts, Dinner Plain, and key businesses located off mountain in the surrounding towns impacted by restrictions and offer a COVID Safe visitor experience for snowboarders and skiers.

Applications for the [Alpine Support Program](#) are not yet open.

### Top-up support

The Victorian Government provided two 'top up' cash grants for businesses impacted by the lockdown declared on 15 July 2021.

The cash grants are paid automatically to businesses that successfully received a grant from the *Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two* or the *Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021* (including regional businesses). The 16 July 2021 and 21 July 2021 top-up payment amounts are summarised below:

| Fund  |              | Top-up amounts |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| <a href="#">Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund</a>   | 16 July 2021 | \$3,000        |
|   | 21 July 2021 | \$4,200        |
| <a href="#">Business Costs Assistance Program</a> | 16 July 2021 | \$2,000        |
|   | 21 July 2021 | \$2,800        |

You will not need to take any further action. The grant is paid automatically from mid-July.

#### **I did not apply for the original grants but would like to apply for the top-up?**

The top up payments are not available if your business did not receive the original grants.

However, the Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two will re-open for applications by the end of July. If eligible, your business will receive the grant and the top up payments.

#### **Support for commercial tenants and landlords**

From 28 July, commercial landlords must provide rental relief to eligible tenants that matches the tenants' COVID-19 impacted decline in turnover under the reintroduced *Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme*.

To be eligible for relief, commercial tenants must have an annual turnover of less than \$50 million and have suffered a decline in turnover of at least 30% as a result of COVID-19.

#### **To support landlords, the Victorian Government will create a Landlord Hardship Fund.**

Where an agreement cannot be reached between the tenants and landlord, the parties are encouraged to enter negotiations directly, with the Victorian Small Business Commission (VSBC) available to provide mediation if required. See [Commercial tenancy relief for Victorians in small business](#), for further details.

## **Key links**

### **Federal**

### **Announcements**

|          |   |  |
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| 28.07.21 | Prime Minister, Treasurer                             | Media Release - <a href="#">NSW business support package expansion</a> |
| 28.07.21 | Prime Minister, Treasurer, VIC Premier, VIC Treasurer | Media release - <a href="#">Victorian business support package</a>     |

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| 28.07.21 | Prime Minister, Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience, Minister for Families and Social Services, Minister for Government Services | Media Release - <a href="#">COVID-19 Disaster Support Payment boosted</a>                         |
| 15.07.21 | Prime Minister, Treasurer   | Media release - <a href="#">VIC COVID-19 support package</a>                                      |
| 15.07.21 | Prime Minister, Minister for Education & Youth  | Media release - <a href="#">Childcare gap-fee waiver for NSW families in covid-affected areas</a> |
| 13.07.21 | Prime Minister, Federal Treasurer   | Media Release - <a href="#">NSW COVID-19 Support Package</a>                                      |
| 13.07.21 | Prime Minister, NSW Premier, Treasurer, NSW Treasurer   | Media release - <a href="#">NSW COVID-19 Support Package</a>                                      |

## Links

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| Treasury  | Fact sheet - <a href="#">COVID-19 Disaster Payment</a>   |
| Note Treasury is now directing you back to the relevant State or department | Fact sheet - <a href="#">Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment</a>   |
| Services Australia  | <a href="#">Services Australia</a><br><a href="#">COVID-19 Disaster Payment</a><br><a href="#">Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment</a><br><a href="#">Child Care Subsidy</a> |

## Legislation & Regulation

|                            |  |   |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| 30.06.2021<br>Royal Assent | COVID-19 Disaster Payment                | <a href="#">COVID-19 Disaster Payment (Funding Arrangements) Bill 2021</a>  |
| 08.07.21                   | Removing Disaster Payment liquidity test | <a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Prime Minister and Cabinet Measures No. 3) Regulations 2021</a> |
| 08.07.21                   | COVID-19 Disaster Payment                | <a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Prime Minister and Cabinet Measures No. 2) Regulations 2021</a> |

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| 20.07.21 | Additional grants non-assessable non-non-exempt income | <a href="#">Income Tax Assessment (Eligible State and Territory COVID-19 Economic Recovery Grant Programs) Amendment Declaration (No. 1) 2021</a><br><a href="#">Income Tax Assessment (Eligible State and Territory COVID-19 Economic Recovery Grant Programs) Declaration 2020</a> |
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## New South Wales

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| 28.07.21 | Premier, NSW Treasurer                        | Media Release - <a href="#">Major Jobsaver boost to expand covid-19 support</a>  |
| 22.07.21 | Minister for finance and small business       | Media Release - <a href="#">Payroll tax reductions and deferrals to support businesses</a>                               |
| 14.07.21 | Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation | Media release - <a href="#">NSW Government assistance for renters and landlords</a>                                      |
| 14.07.21 | Minister of State                             | Media release - <a href="#">Lifeline for performing arts and live music</a>  |
| 13.07.21 | Premier, NSW Treasurer                        | Media release - <a href="#">COVID-19 fighting fund to protect businesses, save jobs and support NSW through lockdown</a> |

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| NSW Fair Trading | <a href="#">Residential tenancy support package</a><br><a href="#">Residential Tenancies Moratorium Application for rent negotiation</a>   |
| RevenueNSW       | <a href="#">COVID-19 (coronavirus) and payroll tax</a><br><a href="#">Relief measures to help anyone impacted by COVID-19</a><br><a href="#">2021 Gaming Machine Tax Changes</a>     |
| Service NSW      | <a href="#">Business COVID-19 Support</a><br><a href="#">2021 COVID-19 business grant</a>  |
| CreateNSW        | <a href="#">NSW Performing Arts COVID Support Package</a><br><a href="#">SmartyGrants</a><br><a href="#">\$75 million stimulus package for performing arts and live music sector</a> |

## NSW Legislation & Regulation

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| 14.07.21 | Rental moratorium – commercial, retail | <a href="#">Retail and Other Commercial Leases (COVID-19) Regulation 2021</a> |
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| 14.07.21 | Rental moratorium – residential | <a href="#">Residential Tenancies (COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response) Amendment Regulation 2021</a> |
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**Queensland**

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| 02.08.2021 | QLD Treasurer | <a href="#">Lockdown support for Queensland businesses</a> |
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| Business Queensland | <a href="#">2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants for lockdown-impacted businesses in Queensland</a> |
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**Victoria**

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| 28.07.21 | Prime Minister, Treasurer, VIC Premier, VIC Treasurer | Media Release - <a href="#">Victorian Business Support Package</a> |
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| 28.07.21 | Premier, Minister for Small Business | Media Release - <a href="#">Commercial Tenancy Relief For Victorian Businesses</a> |
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| 16.07.21 | Prime Minister, Treasurer | Media release - <a href="#">Cash Support For Victorian Businesses During Lockdown</a> |
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| BusinessVictoria | <a href="#">News - Extra support for Victorian small and medium businesses</a><br><a href="#">News - 21 July 2021 Business Support</a><br><a href="#">21 July 2021 Top-Up Payment</a><br><a href="#">16 July 2021 Top-Up Payment</a><br><a href="#">Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021</a><br><a href="#">Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two</a><br><a href="#">Alpine Support Program</a> |
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| Small Business Commission | <a href="#">Commercial tenancy relief for Victorians in small business</a> |
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