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# FUNDING GUIDE

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SUPPORT FOR THE IMPACT OF  
THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

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# BUSINESS

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Quick Reference Summary Guide for:  
Grant Assistance, Funding and Support

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# Introduction

With the current global challenges impacting business and community groups around the world, Governments and other funding providers are quickly moving to provide two types of support:

1. **Immediate and direct funding** to help alleviate the financial impact to business.
2. **Longer term measures** that seek to reduce the long-term economic impacts.

Provided below is a summary of the main grant programs that have been released in the last month or so. Some programs have already closed, so we have not included those and others are very specific, such as funding support for airlines, so we have left off those types as well.

Remember, not all grants and funding are the same. While we often refer to all funding programs as grants, that is not quite technically correct, because the mechanism used to deliver funds may vary, and these each have their own description. When you find a program that looks like a good fit for you, make sure you check to see how the funding is delivered. Here are some of the possible options:

- Rebates
- Duty Concessions
- Tax Concessions & credits
- Vouchers
- Interest Free Loans

Most programs fall into two categories:

1. Entitlement programs – you are eligible to get these programs if you meet the qualification criteria. Many of these programs rely on self-assessment and will only be assessed much later on, once you have received and no doubt, spent the funds. So, it's really important you check to make sure you fit, otherwise you might have to pay it back. Some of these programs are run through the tax system, so you may wish to use a qualified tax practitioner.
2. Competitive grants – where there is a limited amount of funding, it will go to the best applications – those deemed most worthy, who fit best with the criteria and will deliver the best result. Since you are competing for funds, you really need a compelling submission and to stand out from the crowd.

**Remember, it's not about you!** As much as you need the funding, as desperate or worthy as you may be – the funder is providing funding for a reason. If, and only if, you meet their criteria and the policy behind their program, will you be eligible.

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The material in this document aims to provide general guidance only. The intention of the guidance material is to provide useful information that will assist funding seekers to claim the support available. However, it is by no means exhaustive or in the nature of definitive legal or financial advice. We do not guarantee you will secure funding and the information may become outdated or superseded. The guidance material cannot and does not purport to extend or supplement the operation of the legislation. Any examples provided in the guidance material are for illustrative purposes only and are not an exhaustive statement of the application of the legislation to any particular fact situation. It is up to you to manage your financial and tax affairs, and to ensure the accuracy of any information that you provide concerning your claims. You should also be aware of any changes to the law that may affect your rights and responsibilities in claiming the funds.

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## National Programs

### **COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Boosting Cash Flow for Employers**

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$100,000
<b>Location</b>	National

#### **Overview**

This program aims to provide temporary cash flow support to small and medium businesses and not-for-profit organisations that employ staff and have been affected by the economic downturn associated with COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). It forms part of the Australian Government's Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to support households and businesses and address the significant economic consequences of the Coronavirus.

The Government will provide tax-free cash flow boosts of between \$20,000 and \$100,000 to eligible businesses, delivered through credits in the activity statement system, when eligible businesses lodge their activity statements.

Eligible businesses do not need to apply with a separate form. Upon lodgment of their activity statement, the first amount will automatically be credited to the business' account, but no earlier than 28 April 2020. A business that lodges early will not receive the cash flow boost before this date.

The initial cash flow boost amount is based on the amount of your PAYG withholding. Eligible businesses that withhold tax on their employees' salary and wages will receive a credit equal to 100% of the amount withheld, with the following exceptions:

- Monthly lodgers will receive a credit for March 2020 which is 300% of their withholding for that month. This will provide an approximate equivalent to lodgers reporting quarterly.
- Eligible businesses will receive a minimum of \$10,000 across March to June 2020, even if their total withholding is less than \$10,000.
- Total cash flow boosts for March to June 2020 cannot exceed \$50,000.

If the business receive the minimum credit of \$10,000 they will not be eligible to receive any more cash flow boosts until their PAYG withholding exceeds \$10,000 over the eligibility periods.

Eligible entities who received initial cash flow boosts will receive additional cash flow boosts between July to October 2020. These will be delivered in either two or four instalments, depending on their reporting period. The amounts will be equal to the total amount of initial cash flow boosts received.

Please refer to the website for the lodgment submission and due dates.

#### **Who Can Apply**

Eligible applicants include small or medium business entity, including not-for-profit organisations, sole traders, partnership, company or trust that:

- Held an ABN on 12 March 2020 and continues to be active.
- Has an aggregated annual turnover under \$50 million (generally based on prior year turnover).
- Made eligible payments they are required to withhold from (even if the amount they need to withhold is zero).

In addition, applicants must also have either:

- Derived business income in the 2018-19 income year and lodged their 2019 tax return on or before 12 March 2020.
- Made GST taxable, GST-free or input-taxed sales in a previous tax period (since 1 July 2018) and lodged the relevant activity statement on or before 12 March 2020.

Charities registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission are eligible, regardless of when they were registered, if they meet the other eligibility requirements.

Please refer to the website for the complete eligibility requirements.

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible payments include:

- Salary and wages
- Director fees
- Eligible retirement or termination payments
- Compensation payments
- Voluntary withholding from payments to contractors

### **Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### **Provided By:**

**Name:** Australian Taxation Office (ATO)  
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**Web:** <https://www.ato.gov.au>

## COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Coronavirus SME Guarantee Scheme

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$250,000
<b>Location</b>	National

### Overview

This program aims to provide small and medium sized business with timely access to working capital to help them get through the impact of the Coronavirus. It seeks to enhance lenders' willingness and ability to provide credit, supporting many otherwise viable SMEs to access vital additional funding to get through the impact of Coronavirus.

The program forms part of the Australian Government's Economic Stimulus Package which aims to support households and businesses and address the significant economic consequences of the Coronavirus.

Under the scheme, the Government will support unsecured loans of up to \$250,000 to small and medium sized businesses:

- The loans will be available with a term of up to three years.
- A six month repayment holiday will be available on all loans.
- The loans will be unsecured, meaning that businesses will not need to provide an asset as security.
- A range of loan types may be made available, including overdrafts and term loans. Credit card facilities (including charge cards) are not eligible under the scheme.
- Interest rates will be determined commercially by lenders.

Loans backed by the scheme will be made available via commercial lenders. Businesses wishing to apply should contact their current financial institution or any other participating lender.

While the scheme officially commences from April 2020, the bank or other lenders may be able to provide credit sooner, and still benefit from the guarantee. If the SME's current financial institution is not participating, loans will be available via other lenders. Participating lenders are required to offer loans under the scheme to new customers.

The Scheme will be available for new loans made by participating lenders until 30 September 2020.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include all active Australian businesses with turnover of less than \$50 million in the previous financial year, or expected turnover of less than \$50 million in the current financial year. Both self-employed individuals and non-profit businesses are eligible.

### Eligible Activities

Loans must be used for business purposes only, and must be used to support current and upcoming cash flow needs (for example, rent and staff expenses).

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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**Name:** Department of the Treasury  
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**Web:** <https://treasury.gov.au>

## COVID-19 National: Business – Tax Relief Measures

**Status** Open  
**Location** National

### Overview

This program aims to assist Australians experiencing financial difficulty as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Options available to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19 include:

- Deferring by up to four months the payment date of amounts due through the business activity statement (including PAYG instalments), income tax assessments, fringe benefits tax assessments and excise.
- Allow businesses on a quarterly reporting cycle to opt into monthly GST reporting in order to get quicker access to GST refunds they may be entitled to.
- Allowing businesses to vary Pay As You Go (PAYG) instalment amounts to zero for the March 2020 quarter. Businesses that vary their PAYG instalment to zero can also claim a refund for any instalments made for the September 2019 and December 2019 quarters.
- Remitting any interest and penalties, incurred on or after 23 January 2020, that have been applied to tax liabilities.
- Working with affected businesses to help them pay their existing and ongoing tax liabilities by allowing them to enter into low interest payment plans.

Employers will still need to meet their ongoing super guarantee obligations for their employees.

Assistance measures for those impacted by COVID-19 will not be automatically implemented. Anyone impacted by COVID-19 is advised to contact the ATO to request assistance on our Emergency Support Infoline 1800 806 218, when they are ready, to discuss their situation.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

#### Provided By:

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**Web:** <https://www.ato.gov.au>



## COVID-19 National: Business, Individuals – Support for Employees Working from Home

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	30-06-2020
<b>Location</b>	National

### Overview

This program aims to provide support to employees who are working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing them to claim at tax time for the running expenses they incur.

To claim a deduction for working from home, all of the following must apply:

- The employee must have spent the money.
- The expense must be directly related to earning their income.
- The employee must have a record to prove it.

This means employees cannot claim a deduction for items provided by their employer or if they have been reimbursed for the expense. If they are not reimbursed by their employer, but instead receive an allowance from them to cover the expenses when they work from home, they:

- Must include this allowance as income in their tax return.
- Can claim a deduction as outlined in the Fact Sheet.

There are three ways to choose to calculate additional running expenses:

- Shortcut method: Claim a rate of 80 cents per work hour for all additional running expenses
- Fixed rate method – claim all of these:
  - a) A rate of 52 cents per work hour for heating, cooling, lighting, cleaning and the decline in value of office furniture.
  - b) The work-related portion of the actual costs of phone and internet expenses, computer consumables, stationery.
  - c) The work-related portion of the decline in value of a computer, laptop or similar device.
- Actual cost method: Claim the actual work-related portion of all the running expenses, which the employee needs to calculate on a reasonable basis.

Please visit the website for more information.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible expenses that can be claimed include:

- Electricity expenses associated with heating, cooling and lighting the area from which the employee is working and running items they are using for work.
- Cleaning costs for a dedicated work area.
- Phone and internet expenses.
- Computer consumables (for example, printer paper and ink) and stationery.
- Home office equipment, including computers, printers, phones, furniture and furnishings – employees can claim either the:
  - a) Full cost of items up to \$300.
  - b) Decline in value for items over \$300.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2020.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Australian Taxation Office (ATO)  
**Ph:** 132865  
**Web:** <https://www.ato.gov.au>

## COVID-19 National, Overseas: Business, Non-Profits – Upwork Work Together Talent Grants

**Status** Open  
**Opens** 28-04-2020  
**Location** National | Overseas

### Overview

This program aims to support businesses working to counter the impact of COVID-19.

It's essentially an Upwork credit that businesses never need to pay back. If the project is selected to receive this grant, the Upwork team will match them directly with remote professional(s) who have the specialized skills they need, and the grant funds pay for some or all of their time to help propel the effort.

Grants of up to USD25,000 are available. The amount of each grant is determined based on each project's scope.

A total funding of USD1 million is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include all types of businesses across the world.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible projects include those whose mission is tied directly to mitigating COVID-19's devastating impact on individuals, communities and economies everywhere.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until all funds are fully allocated.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Upwork  
**Web:** <https://www.upwork.com>

## COVID-19 National: Business – Increasing the Instant Asset Write-Off

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	30-06-2020
<b>Opens</b>	12-03-2020
<b>Location</b>	National

### Overview

This program aims to assist Australian businesses and economic growth in the short-term, and encourage a stronger economic recovery following the Coronavirus outbreak. It is one of the investment measures provided by the Government in backing businesses to invest to help the economy withstand and recover from the economic impact of Coronavirus.

The program forms part of the Australian Government's Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to keep Australians in jobs, keep businesses in business and support households and the Australian economy as the world deals with the significant challenges posed by the spread of the coronavirus.

The Government is increasing the instant asset write-off (IAWO) threshold from \$30,000 to \$150,000 and expanding access until 30 June 2020.

The higher IAWO threshold provides cash flow benefits for businesses that will be able to immediately deduct purchases of eligible assets each costing less than \$150,000. The threshold applies on a per asset basis, so eligible businesses can immediately write-off multiple assets.

The IAWO is due to revert to \$1,000 for small businesses (turnover less than \$10 million) from 1 July 2020.

Expanding the threshold will mean an additional 5,300 businesses who employ around 1.9 million Australians will be able to access the IAWO for the first time.

This measure is estimated to have a net cost of \$700 million over the forward estimates. It will support business investment and is estimated to lower taxes paid by Australian businesses by \$2.5 billion over the next two years.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include all businesses with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$500 million up from \$50 million.

### Eligible Activities

This proposal applies for new or second-hand assets first used or installed ready for use in this timeframe (12 March to 30 June 2020).

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Australian Taxation Office (ATO)  
**Ph:** 0262633030  
**Email:** TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU  
**Web:** <https://treasury.gov.au>

## COVID-19 National: Business – International Freight Assistance Mechanism (IFAM)

**Status** Open

**Location** National | Overseas

### Overview

This program aims to help restore critical global supply chains for high-value Australian agricultural and fisheries producers, who have been heavily impacted by COVID-19 containment measures around the world. It forms part of the Australian Government's \$1 billion Relief and Recovery Fund which will support regions, communities and industry sectors that have been severely affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. The fund was announced as part of the Government's response to the economic impact of COVID-19.

Through the IFAM, the government is partially offsetting the cost of airfreight – reducing airfreight and freight forwarding costs for exporters and ensuring they can get their produce on flights and to international customers quickly. The mechanism is not intended to fully offset the increase in freight costs to pre COVID-19 levels, but by meeting a portion of the airfreight costs, the Government is helping ensure Australian exporters can recover and adapt quickly when COVID-19 crisis begins to abate.

Target countries and departure points will be determined by demand and freight optimisation criteria as advised by the International Freight Coordinator General:

- The mechanism will initially focus on the key markets of China, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and the UAE.
- The initial departure points for freight will be Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

A total funding pool of \$110 million is available.

Exporters can express their interest by sharing their air freight requirements. Please visit the website for more information on [how to register](#). The mechanism provides exporters certainty over the medium-term. It will operate until ordinary commercial markets return, or for six months, whichever is the earlier. If demand, value and need are clear, the mechanism may be extended.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include Australian exporters in the agriculture and seafood sector.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible products may include:

- Seafood, including lobsters
- Premium meat, including beef and pork
- Dairy, including fresh milk and yoghurt
- Horticulture, including premium fruits and packaged salad or vegetables

Given the economics of airfreight, low value products are not likely to be eligible. This will likely include:

- Products that are heavy, bulky and are conventionally shipped by sea.
- Exports to markets not open to airfreight.
- Export by airfreight that is not likely to be economically exported on an ongoing basis.

### Closing Information

This program is currently open for registration of interest. Please see the Overview for the application details.

#### Provided By:

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**Web:** <https://www.agriculture.gov.au>

## COVID-19 National: Business – Supporting Apprentices and Trainees

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	31-12-2020
<b>Opens</b>	02-04-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$21,000
<b>Location</b>	National

### Overview

This program aims to support small business to retain their apprentices and trainees during the Coronavirus health crisis. It forms part of the Australian Government's Economic Response to the Coronavirus which aims to support households and businesses and address the significant economic consequences of the Coronavirus.

Eligible employers will receive a wage subsidy of up to 50% of the wage, reimbursed in arrears:

- Worth up to \$7,000 per quarter (to a maximum of \$21,000), per eligible apprentice or trainee.
- Available for a maximum of nine months, covering wages paid from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020.

Businesses that claim this subsidy for wages paid during the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020 will not be precluded from applying for the JobKeeper Payment from 30 March 2020 – if they are eligible. After this time, they will need to choose which payment best supports their circumstances.

This measure will support up to 70,000 small businesses, employing around 117,000 apprentices.

Employers can register for the subsidy from 2 April 2020. Final claims for payment must be lodged by 31 December 2020.

A total funding pool of \$1.3 billion is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include small businesses employing fewer than 20 employees who retain an apprentice or trainee. The apprentice or trainee must have been in training with a small business as at 1 March 2020.

Employers of any size and Group Training Organisations that re-engage an eligible out-of-trade apprentice or trainee will be eligible for the subsidy.

Employers will be able to access the subsidy after an eligibility assessment is undertaken by an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) provider.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business  
**Ph:** 0262633030  
**Email:** TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU  
**Web:** <https://www.employment.gov.au>

## COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – JobKeeper Payment

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$1,500
<b>Location</b>	National

### Overview

This program aims to support businesses significantly affected by the coronavirus to help keep more Australians in jobs. It forms part of the Australian Government's Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to support households and businesses and address the significant economic consequences of the Coronavirus.

Under the program, businesses or not-for-profits impacted by the Coronavirus will be able to access a subsidy from the Government to continue paying their employees. Affected employers will be able to claim a payment of \$1,500 per fortnight per eligible employee from 30 March 2020 until 27 September 2020.

Employers need to pay all eligible employees a minimum of \$1,500 (before tax) per fortnight to claim the JobKeeper payment. This will be paid to the employer in arrears each month by ATO. The first payments to eligible employers will commence in the first week of May 2020.

Businesses can enrol for the initial JobKeeper periods from 30 April 2020 until 31 May 2020 through the ATO's Business Portal, in ATO online services using myGov if a sole trader, or through a registered tax or BAS agent.

A total funding pool of \$130 billion is available.

Please refer to the website for the more information of the application process.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include employers who must meet the following requirements:

- On 1 March 2020, carried on a business in Australia or were a not-for-profit organisation that pursued their objectives principally in Australia.
- Employed at least one eligible employee on 1 March 2020.
- Their eligible employees are currently employed by their business for the fortnights the claim for (including those who are stood down or re-hired).
- Their business has faced a:
  - a) 30% fall in turnover (for an aggregated turnover of \$1 billion or less).
  - b) 50% fall in turnover (for an aggregated turnover of more than \$1 billion).
  - c) 15% fall in turnover (for ACNC-registered charities other than universities and schools).

Please refer to the website for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Australian Taxation Office (ATO)  
**Ph:** 0262633030  
**Email:** TreasuryCOVID-19Coord@TREASURY.GOV.AU  
**Web:** <https://www.ato.gov.au>

## COVID-19 National: Business – Temporary Relief for Financially Distressed Businesses

**Status**      Open                      **Location**              National

### Overview

This program aims to provide support to profitable and viable businesses who are temporarily facing financial distress due to the economic impacts brought about by the spread of the Coronavirus. It seeks to ensure that these businesses have a safety net when the crisis has passed so they can resume normal business operations.

The elements of the package are:

1. Temporary higher thresholds and more time to respond to demands from creditors
  - The Government is temporarily increasing the current minimum threshold for creditors issuing a statutory demand on a company under the Corporations Act 2001 from \$2,000 to \$20,000. This will apply for six months.
  - The statutory timeframe for a company to respond to a statutory demand will be extended temporarily from 21 days to six months. This will apply for six months.
  - The threshold for the minimum amount of debt required for a creditor to initiate bankruptcy proceedings against a debtor will temporarily increase from its current level of \$5,000 to \$20,000. This will apply for six months.
  - The time a debtor has to respond to a bankruptcy notice will be temporarily increased from 21 days to six months. The extension will give a debtor more time to consider repayment arrangements before they could be forced into bankruptcy. This will apply for six months.
  - When a debtor declares an intention to enter voluntary bankruptcy by making a declaration of intention to resent a debtor's petition there is a period of protection when unsecured creditors cannot take further action to recover debts. This period will be temporarily extended from 21 days to six months. This will apply for six months.
2. Temporary relief for directors from any personal liability for trading while insolvent
  - Directors will be temporarily relieved of their duty to prevent insolvent trading with respect to any debts incurred in the ordinary course of the company's business. This will relieve the director of personal liability that would otherwise be associated with the insolvent trading. It will apply for six months.
  - Temporary relief from personal liability for insolvent trading will apply with respect to debts incurred in the ordinary course of the company's business.
3. Providing the Treasurer an instrument making power under the Corporations Act
  - To deliver regulatory certainty at a time when Parliamentary sittings will also be disrupted, the Treasurer will be given a temporary instrument-making power in the Corporations Act 2001 to temporarily amend provisions of the Act to provide relief from specific obligations or to modify obligations to enable compliance with legal requirements during the crisis.
  - The instrument-making power will apply for six months. Any instrument made under this power will apply for up to six months from the date it is made.

For owners or directors of a business that are currently struggling due to the Coronavirus, the ATO will tailor solutions for their circumstances, including temporary reduction of payments or deferrals, or withholding enforcement actions including Director Penalty Notices and wind-ups.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

#### Provided By:

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**Web:** <https://treasury.gov.au>

## COVID-19 National: Business, Individuals – Early Access to Superannuation

**Status** Open  
**Opens** 20-04-2020  
**Location** National

### Overview

This program aims to allow individuals affected by the Coronavirus to access their superannuation in 2019-20 and 2020-21. It forms part of the Australian Government's Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to keep Australians in jobs, keep businesses in business and support households and the Australian economy as the world deals with the significant challenges posed by the spread of the coronavirus.

Eligible Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents are able to apply to access up to:

- \$10,000 of their super until 30 June 2020.
- A further \$10,000 from 1 July 2020 until 24 September 2020.

People accessing their superannuation will not need to pay tax on amounts released and the money they withdraw will not affect Centrelink and Veterans' Affairs payments, or the JobKeeper Payment.

The application is available through ATO online services in myGov. This measure is expected to have a cost of \$1.75 billion over the forward estimates. Please visit the website for more information.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must satisfy one or more of the following requirements:

1. For Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents
  - Be unemployed.
  - Be eligible to receive a job seeker payment, youth allowance for jobseekers, parenting payment (which includes the single and partnered payments), special benefit or farm household allowance.
  - On or after 1 January 2020, either:
    - a) Be made redundant.
    - b) The working hours were reduced by 20% or more.
    - c) If a sole trader, the business was suspended or there was a reduction in your turnover of 20% or more.
2. For temporary visa holders/residents
  - Hold a student visa that they have held for 12 months or more and they are unable to meet immediate living expenses.
  - Be a temporary skilled work visa holder, the working hours have reduced to zero and they remain engaged with their employer.
  - Be a temporary resident visa holder (excluding student or skilled worker visas) and they cannot meet immediate living expenses.

Applicants will not be required to attach evidence to support their application; however, they should retain records and documents to confirm their eligibility.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Australian Taxation Office (ATO)  
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**Web:** <https://www.ato.gov.au>



## COVID-19 National: Business – Backing Business Investment (BBI)

**Status** Open  
**Opens** 12-03-2020  
**Location** National

### Overview

This program is a time limited 15-month investment incentive which aims to support business investment and economic growth over the short-term, by accelerating depreciation deductions to help the economy withstand and recover from the economic impact of Coronavirus. It is one of the investment measures provided by the Australian Government to assist Australian businesses and economic growth in the short-term, and encourage a stronger economic recovery following the Coronavirus outbreak.

The program forms part of the Australian Government's Coronavirus Economic Stimulus Package which aims to keep Australians in jobs, keep businesses in business and support households and the Australian economy as the world deals with the significant challenges posed by the spread of the coronavirus.

Businesses with a turnover of less than \$500 million will be able to deduct 50% of the cost of an eligible asset on installation, with existing depreciation rules applying to the balance of the asset cost.

This measure is estimated to have a cost of \$3.2 billion over the forward estimates. It will support business investment and is estimated to lower taxes paid by Australian businesses by \$6.7 billion over the next two years.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include businesses who must:

- Have an aggregated turnover of less than \$500 million.
- Not have already applied other depreciation deductions or the instant asset write off.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible assets include new assets that can be depreciated under Division 40 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (i.e. plant, equipment and specified intangible assets, such as patents) acquired after announcement and first used or installed by 30 June 2021.

Does not apply to second-hand Division 40 assets, or buildings and other capital works depreciable under Division 43.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Australian Taxation Office (ATO)  
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**Web:** <https://treasury.gov.au>

## COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – NBN Co COVID-19 Relief and Assistance Package

**Status** Open  
**Closes** 30-09-2020  
**Location** National

### Overview

This program aims to help internet providers to support their residential and small and medium business customers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of this package, NBN Co will be implementing relief measures, including:

#### 1. Helping low-income families

- To help unconnected low-income families with school children get connected, nbn will waive its \$37 monthly wholesale charge for internet providers for many services on the 25/5 Mbps speed tier between April and September.
- This is intended to enable internet providers to create more affordable offers to connect these families as Term Two of school starts across the nation.
- Approximately \$50 million will go towards helping internet providers to support low-income households with school-aged children who do not currently have an active nbn connection at home.

#### 2. Helping essential and emergency services

- nbn will offer internet providers enhanced service levels, and prioritised connections and fault resolutions for these customers via case management through nbn's Business Operations Centre.
- To further support the expected increase in telehealth activity, internet providers will be offered support to grant health providers on basic or standard nbn services with upgrades to eligible higher speed tiers at no additional charge.
- \$50 million is allocated for this stream.

#### 3. Helping small and medium-sized businesses

- nbn will provide financial support to internet providers for new connections of specified business-grade services, helping businesses to re-establish themselves when the pandemic passes.
- \$50 million is allocated for this stream.

A total funding pool of \$150 million is available.

The relief and assistance package will be made available to retailers in accordance with applicable terms and conditions from April to 30 September, with retailers to determine when and what offers they develop for their customers.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 September 2020.

#### Provided By:

**Name:** NBN Co  
**Ph:** 1800687626  
**Web:** <https://www.nbnco.com.au>

## COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Google COVID-19 Support (Ad Grants and Credits)

**Status** Open

**Location** National | Overseas

### Overview

This program aims to support small- and medium-sized businesses (SMBs), health organisations and governments, and health workers on the frontline of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Google's commitment includes:

- \$250 million worth of ad grants to more than 100 government organisations across the globe, including the World Health Organization.
- \$20 million in ad grants to community financial institutions and NGOs specifically to run public service announcements on relief funds and other resources for SMBs.
- \$340 million in Google Ads credits available to all SMBs with active accounts over the past year. Credit notifications will appear in their Google Ads accounts and can be used at any point until the end of 2020 across Google's advertising platforms.
- A \$200 million investment fund that will support NGOs and financial institutions around the world to help provide small businesses with access to capital.
- A pool of \$20 million in Google Cloud credits for academic institutions and researchers to leverage computing capabilities and infrastructure as they study potential therapies and vaccines, track critical data, and identify new ways to combat COVID-19.
- Direct financial support and expertise to help increase the production capacity for personal protective equipment (PPE) and lifesaving medical devices.

A total funding pool of USD800 million is available.

Please visit the website for more information.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the application details.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Google

**Web:** <https://blog.google>

## COVID-19 National: Business – Facebook Small Business Grants Program

**Status**      Opening

**Location**    National | Overseas

### Overview

This program aims to support small businesses who may be experiencing disruptions resulting from the global outbreak of COVID-19.

It seeks to help businesses:

- Keep the business workforce going strong.
- Help with the rent costs.
- Connect with more customers.
- Cover operational costs.

A total funding pool of USD100 million in cash grants and ad credits will be available for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where Facebook operate.

More information will be published as soon as they become available.

### Closing Information

This program is not yet open for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

### Provided By:

**Name:**      Facebook

**Web:**        <https://www.facebook.com>

## COVID-19 National: Business, Non-Profits – Rent Relief Package

**Status** Open  
**Location** National

### Overview

This program aims to help renters by providing new rental waivers and deferrals for commercial tenants hit by the impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

The package includes the following measures:

- Landlords will have to reduce leases in proportion to the reduction in the tenant's business. The waivers will have to account for at least 50% of the reduction in business.
- Rent reductions will be based on the tenant's decline in turnover to ensure that the burden is shared between landlords and tenants.
- Evictions will be put on hold over the next six months for commercial and residential tenants in financial distress, who are unable to meet their commitments.
- Deferrals – rental payments that will need to be made, but can be put off – must be spread over the remaining time on a lease and for no less than 24 months. That means that if a tenant had three months remaining on a lease, they would still have at least a year to make any deferred rent payment.
- The Government is also waiving rents for all its small and medium enterprises and not-for-profit tenants within its owned and leased property across Australia.

The program also includes a mandatory code of conduct for commercial tenancies. The purpose of the Code is to impose a set of good faith leasing principles for application to commercial tenancies (including retail, office and industrial) between owners/operators/other landlords and tenants.

This code applies to tenants that are:

- A small to medium sized business with an annual turnover of up to \$50 million.
- Eligible for the JobKeeper Payment.

The Government's Rent Relief Policy applies from 24 March 2020 and will continue until the Australian Government lifts restrictions that are currently in place to slow the spread of COVID-19.

It will be available to all small and medium sized enterprises and not-for-profit tenants, subtenants and licensees that lease from non-corporate Commonwealth entities.

More information will be published as soon as they become available.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Department of Finance  
**Ph:** 132846  
**Web:** <https://business.gov.au>

## COVID-19 National: Business – Australian Banking Association Small Business Relief Package

**Status** Open  
**Location** National

### Overview

This program aims to support businesses that been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and lock downs by offering deferral of loan repayments for six months. Australian banks will defer loan repayments for six months for businesses who need assistance because of COVID-19.

They are also offering loans, including overdrafts, with no repayments for the first six months, at very low interest rates, supported by the Government, through an SME Loan guarantee. Other assistance can include fees waived, loans restructured, and further credit offered to get through the pandemic.

Businesses with total business loan facilities of up to \$10 million (up from the \$3 million small business threshold) will also be able to defer business loan repayments for six months.

Banks are also taking a more flexible approach to other loan terms and conditions. During this period banks have also agreed to not enforce business loans for non-financial breaches of the loan contract (such as changes in valuations).

This extension of bank support to larger businesses will apply to an additional \$100 billion of business loans.

Businesses with total loans of more than \$10 million may also be eligible for help, but this will need to be considered on a case-by-case basis as they are often much more complex in their structure.

Customers will self-assess whether their business has been adversely impacted, no further verification will be required.

Please visit the website for more information.

### Who Can Apply

Applicants are advised to contact their bank for eligibility criteria.

One major criterion is if the business have loan facilities of up to \$10 million.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Australian Banking Association  
**Ph:** 0475741007  
**Web:** <https://www.ausbanking.org.au>

## NSW Programs

### **COVID-19 NSW: Business, Non-Profits – Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant**

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	01-06-2020
<b>Opens</b>	17-04-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$10,000
<b>Location</b>	New South Wales

#### **Overview**

This program aims to provide financial support to ease the pressures on small business as a result of COVID-19. The program seeks to support the ongoing operations of small businesses highly impacted from COVID-19 pandemic. These highly impacted industries include:

- Accommodation and food services
- Administrative and support services
- Arts and recreation services
- Information media and telecommunications
- Retail (excluding food retailing)
- Transport
- Rental, hiring and real estate
- Education and training
- Wholesale trade

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available. A total funding pool of \$750 million is available.

#### **Who Can Apply**

Eligible applicants include small business owners and non-profit organisations that must:

- Have between 1-19 employees and an annual turnover of more than \$75,000.
- Have total Australian wages below the NSW Government 2019-20 payroll tax threshold of \$900,000.
- Have an ABN as at 1 March 2020, are based in NSW and employ staff as at 1 March 2020.
- Be highly impacted by the NSW Government Covid-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020 issued on 30 March 2020, defined as a decline in turnover of 75 per cent compared to the equivalent period (of at least two weeks) in 2019.
- Have unavoidable business costs not otherwise the subject of other NSW and Commonwealth Government financial assistance measures.

#### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities include:

- Meeting business costs, including utilities, salaries, rent.
- Seeking financial, legal or other advice to support business continuity planning.
- Developing the business through marketing and communications activities.
- Other supporting activities related to the operation of the business.

#### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 1 June 2020.

#### **Provided By:**

**Name:** Service NSW and Treasury NSW  
**Ph:** 137788  
**Web:** <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au>

## COVID-19 NSW: Business – Coronavirus Payroll Tax Relief

**Status** Open  
**Location** New South Wales

### Overview

This program aims to provide payroll tax relief measures as part of the NSW Government's economic stimulus package to help businesses impacted by COVID-19.

These measures include:

1. Payroll tax deferral arrangement for all businesses

- Payroll tax customers have the option of deferring their payroll tax payments until October 2020.
- All customers are still required to lodge the 2019-20 annual reconciliation by the due date.
- Any outstanding liability for the 2019-20 financial year and the monthly payments for the July, August and September periods will be deferred until October 2020.
- Customers will have the option of paying their outstanding liability in full or entering into an instalment plan after October 2020. Information regarding how to apply for an instalment plan will be available in September 2020.

2. 25% reduction for businesses with grouped Australian wages of \$10 million or less

- Payroll tax customers whose total grouped Australian wages for the 2019-20 financial year are \$10 million or less, will have their annual tax liability reduced by 25% when they lodge their annual reconciliation.
- When lodging your annual reconciliation, businesses will still need to provide details of the wages paid for the entire financial year.
- For customers that are or have been a member of a group during the 2019-20 financial year, they will also need to provide the group details of all group members in their annual reconciliation.

3. Threshold increase - 2020-21 financial year

- The tax-free threshold will increase from \$900,000 to \$1 million for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2020.

Please visit the website for more information.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### Provided By:

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## COVID-19 NSW: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – City of Sydney Council Relief Grants Program

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	30-06-2020
<b>Opens</b>	06-04-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$50,000
<b>Location</b>	New South Wales

### Overview

This program aims to support small businesses, artists, cultural organisations, social services, and community groups who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A special funding round is available for the following programs:

- Small business grants: Up to \$10,000 per business
- Cultural sector resilience grants: Up to \$10,000 per sole trader; \$20,000 per organisation
- Creative fellowships fund: Up to \$20,000 each
- Community services grants: Between \$5,000 and \$50,000
- Quick response grants: Between \$2,000 and \$5,000

Other assistance offered are:

- City fee waivers and rent reviews
- Fees waived for health and building compliance activities
- Rent review on a case by case basis for tenants that require support
- Standard contractual terms and return booking and banner fees waived for venue bookings
- Waived market permit and filming fees
- A flexible approach to parking and other infringements

All programs closed for applications on 27 April 2020 (5pm) except for the Quick Response grants which will close on 30 June 2020 (5pm) or when funds run out whichever comes first.

A total funding pool of \$72.5 million is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Small business grant: For-profit organisations, including for-profit arts enterprises.
- Cultural sector resilience grants: Sole traders or not-for-profit organisations.
- Creative fellowships fund: Sole traders, an individual or groups of individuals auspiced by a cultural organisation.
- Community services grants: Not-for-profits (including social enterprises), or an individual or groups of individuals auspiced by a relevant organisation.
- Quick response grants: Individuals, sole traders, unincorporated community groups, not-for-profits or for-profit organisations.

Applications from government departments and agencies maybe accepted as appropriate.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include the following:

- Small business grants: Supply of new products or services or changes to the businesses' delivery method, development of new online and e-commerce capabilities, support for training and professional development, refurb their premises or buy new equipment or software.
- Cultural sector resilience grants: Provides immediate financial support for those who have had to cancel, postpone or reduce operations, programs or events.
- Creative fellowships fund: To help keep arts and creative professionals working during a time of reduced opportunities. Projects can be presented during or after the pandemic.

- Community service grants: Allows organisations to support vulnerable community members with food, digital access and social inclusion.
- Quick response grants: Small-scale projects responding to urgent need in their communities.

Please refer to the website for the complete list of eligible activities/costs of each category.

### **Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

#### **Provided By:**

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## QLD Programs

### **COVID-19 QLD: Business and Non-Profits – Market Diversification and Resilience Grants Program**

<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Closes</b>	20-04-2020
<b>Opens</b>	12-03-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$50,000
<b>Location</b>	Queensland

#### **Overview**

This program aims to provide assistance for businesses impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. It will benefit Queensland agriculture, food and fishing exporters and their critical supply chain partners, as well as industry organisations working with exporters to build resilience by diversifying into new markets (international or interstate).

The program forms part of the Queensland Government's \$27.25 million Immediate Industry Recovery Package which aims to assist local government, business and industry with resilience and recovery strategies to deal with and mitigate impacts of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

The objectives of the program are to:

- Support Queensland agriculture, food and fishing exporters, their supply chain partners and industry associations wanting to increase business resilience by diversifying into new markets (international or interstate).
- Enhance agriculture, food and fishing businesses' understanding of new markets in order to achieve sustainable long-term growth.
- Contribute to regional economic growth and jobs through increasing exports of agriculture, food and fisheries products.

The program has two components:

#### 1. Equipment purchases

- Grants of up to \$7,500 (excluding GST) are available to support new equipment purchases up to a maximum cost of \$10,000 (excluding GST).
- Applicants must contribute 25% of the total cost of the new equipment.

#### 2. Projects

- Grants of up to \$50,000 (excluding GST) will be available to support project activities.
- Applicants must co-invest 50% of the total cost of their project activities or equipment purchases and should provide evidence of their contributions both in-kind (e.g. reasonable salary costs for key personnel, freight costs) and cash. Cash contributions must be at least 25% of total project costs.

Applicants can only apply for one grant under the program.

A total funding pool of \$500,000 is available.

Round 1 of this program has closed. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is now reviewing and assessing applications, before determining whether a second round of the MDRG program will be offered.

#### **Who Can Apply**

Eligible applicants must be:

- A Queensland-based agriculture, food or fishing exporter.
- A Queensland-based critical supply chain partner (e.g. fishing business, producer, grower, grower collective, wholesaler) to a Queensland-based agriculture, food or fishing exporter.
- A not-for profit industry organisation working with Queensland-based agriculture, food and fishing

exporters.

- A small to medium sized business employing less than 200 full time equivalent employees
- Registered and operating in Queensland, have an ABN and be registered for GST
- Trading viably for at least the past two years.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include (not limited to):

#### 1. Equipment purchases

- Freezers
- Refrigerators
- Vacuum packaging machines
- Storage equipment
- Filleting machines

#### 2. Project activities

- The engagement of consultants to develop and/or implement market diversification strategies
- Staff travel costs to new markets to undertake in-market research or promotional activities
- In-market promotional activities
- Development of print or digital promotional materials
- Product training for in-market supply chain partners
- Training/upskilling employees
- Purchase of new business equipment for example, freezers, vacuum packaging machines, storage equipment, filleting machines
- In-market consumer research

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- Evidence of the impact or potential impact of coronavirus on the applicant organisation's business operations.
- Evidence of current exporting activity; or of relationship with supply chain partner undertaking current export activity.
- Provision of a clear explanation for the selection of a new market/s (either international or interstate).
- Provision of a clear explanation as to how the proposed equipment purchase/project will contribute to business resilience and growth.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

### Closing Information

This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

### Provided By:

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**Web:** <https://www.business.qld.gov.au>

## COVID-19 QLD: Business – Payroll Tax Relief

**Status** Open  
**Location** Queensland

### Overview

This program aims to support businesses by providing a range of payroll tax relief measures as a result of the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19).

These include:

- Refunds of payroll tax for two months.
- A payroll tax holiday for three months (must apply for this one before 31 May 2020).
- Deferral of paying payroll tax for the 2020 calendar year (If a business has already applied for a deferral, there is no need to reapply – it will be extended.)

Once the applications have been processed, OSR will send an email with instructions on what businesses need to do. Business:

- Won't need to pay payroll tax returns for the 2020 calendar year.
- Must continue to lodge returns in OSRconnect - without paying them - during this time.
- Can resume paying returns at any time during the deferral period.

Please refer to the website for the lodgement due dates of each return period.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include employers (or part of a group of employers) who pay more than \$6.5 million or less in Australian taxable wages.

A business is directly or indirectly affected by coronavirus if their current turnover, profit, customers, bookings, retail sales, supply contracts or other factors are negatively affected compared with normal operating conditions.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Office of State Revenue (OSR)  
**Ph:** 1300300734  
**Web:** <https://www.business.qld.gov.au>

## COVID-19 QLD: Business – Manufacturer's Supply Chain Support and Assistance

**Status** Open  
**Location** Queensland

### Overview

This program aims to support Queensland manufacturers and businesses with their resilience and recovery strategies to continue to operate and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Manufacturers or businesses who are having difficulties accessing supplies to continue to operate, employ and meet their customer needs can access a new Queensland Government service.

To seek help and find a solution, manufacturers can complete a short form [here](#).

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include Queensland manufacturers and businesses who are finding it difficult to access vital materials or supplies.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning  
**Web:** <https://www.qld.gov.au>

## COVID-19 QLD: Business, Non-Profits – State Land Rent Relief (COVID-19 Assistance)

**Status** Open  
**Location** Queensland

### Overview

This program aims to provide rent relief for holders of leases, licences and permits on state land, in response to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic.

Depending on their rental category, applicants may be eligible to receive a:

1. Rent waiver if they operate a business

- If receiving rental invoices quarterly, the government will waive the payment of rental invoices due in the following periods:

a) 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020

b) 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020

- If receiving rental invoices annually, the following arrangements apply:

a) If businesses have paid their annual rental invoice for the 2019-20 billing period, that part of the annual rental amount for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020 will be refunded to them. Their account will also be credited as long as they email [ltladmin@dnrme.qld.gov.au](mailto:ltladmin@dnrme.qld.gov.au) by 15 May 2020.

b) The annual rent invoice for the 2020-21 billing period will be adjusted to remove the rental amount due from 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020. This rent invoice will be sent on 1 November 2020 and payment will be due on 1 December 2020.

- If the calculated refund or adjustment results in the rental payment being lower than the minimum rent payable for the rental category, businesses will only receive a refund or adjustment down to the minimum rent.

- Businesses do not need to take any action to receive the rent waiver. The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy will automatically waive the rent.

2. Rent deferral

- Under the proposed plans, those that are not eligible for a rent waiver and they receive rental invoices quarterly, their rent payable for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020 will be automatically deferred for payment until 1 September 2020.

- No action is necessary.

Please visit the website for more information.

### Who Can Apply

Under the proposed plans, the following categories of leases, licences or permits will be eligible for a rent waiver:

- Category 11 (primary production)

- Category 13 (business)

- Category 14.2 (large sporting and recreational clubs with over 2,000 members)

- Category 15 (communication sites)

- Category 16 (divestment i.e. industrial estates)

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### Provided By:

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## COVID-19 QLD: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Coronavirus Land Tax Relief

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	30-06-2020
<b>Location</b>	Queensland

### Overview

This program aims to support landowners who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by providing land tax relief measures. These measures include:

- A land tax rebate reducing land tax liabilities by 25% for eligible properties for the 2019-20 assessment year.
- A waiver of the 2% land tax foreign surcharge for foreign entities for the 2019-20 assessment year.
- A three-month deferral of land tax liabilities for the 2020-21 assessment year.

Landowners do not need to apply for the foreign surcharge waiver or the three-month deferral. The Office of State Revenue will reassess land tax to apply the waiver and provide a refund where the assessment amount has already been paid. However, landowners will need to apply for the land tax rebate. Any land tax relief provided to commercial landlords must be passed onto eligible tenants.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must be:

1. Landowners who lease all or part of a property to one or more tenants and all the following apply:
  - The ability of one or more tenants to pay their normal rent is affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
  - Will provide rent relief to the affected tenant(s) of an amount at least commensurate with the land tax rebate.
  - Will comply with the leasing principles even if the relevant lease is not regulated.
2. Landowners and all the following apply:
  - All or part of their property is available for lease.
  - The ability to secure tenants has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Require relief to meet their financial obligations.
  - Will comply with the leasing principles even if the relevant lease is not regulated.

If landowners are eligible for the land tax rebate under both the above circumstances, it is expected they will apply the rebate paid firstly to provide rent relief to their tenants. They can then apply any remaining rebate to their own financial obligations (e.g. in relation to debt and other expenses).

The land tax rebate will only apply to each property that meets the above eligibility requirements and conditions, rather than the rebate applying to entire taxable landholdings.

Where there are multiple tenants for a single property, including mixed-use developments, if the eligibility requirements and conditions are met for at least one tenancy, then the whole property is eligible for the land tax rebate.

Please refer to the Fact Sheet for the complete list of the eligibility requirements.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2020.

#### Provided By:

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## COVID-19 QLD: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Relief for Commercial and Residential Tenants

**Status** Open  
**Location** Queensland

### Overview

This program aims to support landlords and tenants, both commercial and residential, impacted by the COVID-19 disaster.

Temporary legislative changes will be made to protect eligible tenants, including eviction moratoriums and rent freezes.

These measures include:

#### 1. Relief for commercial tenants

- Any land tax relief provided to commercial landlords must be passed onto eligible tenants.
- The State Government is providing a range of support packages to businesses affected by COVID-19. These should be considered alongside support being provided by the Federal Government and private sector service providers including banks and utility companies.

#### 2. Relief for residential tenants

- A crisis payment of up to \$500 a week for up to four weeks (\$2,000 maximum), is now available to Queenslanders who are homeless, or at imminent risk of becoming homeless and have exhausted these options:
  - a) Are renting a property currently or will shortly move into a new tenancy.
  - b) Have lost their job and have applied to Centrelink for the COVID-19 income support.
  - c) Are waiting for their application with Centrelink to be approved.
  - d) Have evidence negotiating a payment approach with their lessor/landlord directly, or via their property manager, as well as evidence of conciliation with the Residential Tenancies Authority but cannot reach agreement.
- Putting a freeze on evictions due to rent arrears for six months (from 29 March 2020) for Queensland tenants experiencing financial distress due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Please visit the website for more information.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Queensland Treasury  
**Ph:** 1800497161  
**Web:** <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au>

## COVID-19 QLD: Business, Individuals – Electricity Relief for Households and Businesses

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$500
<b>Location</b>	Queensland

### Overview

This program aims to provide electricity relief for households and businesses during the COVID-19 crisis. It forms part of the Queensland Government's \$3 billion COVID-19 economic relief package to support Queenslanders' health, jobs and businesses affected by COVID-19.

There are two packages available:

1. \$100 Million Power Bill Relief Package

- For small and medium business enterprises, with a \$500 rebate off energy bills.
- This will be automatically applied on business electricity bills.

2. \$300 Million Household Utility Assistance Package

- This is in addition to the Government's Asset Ownership Dividend package, worth \$100 million, and will see households receive a \$200 utility payment to assist with electricity and water bills this year.
- The entire \$200 utility rebate – for both electricity and water costs – will be provided through the household electricity bill.
- The amount will be automatically applied to the bill.
- Around two million households across the state will receive the package.

Please refer to the Fact Sheet for more information.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Power Bill Relief Package: All small businesses who consume less than 100,000 kilowatt hours (kWh).
- Household Utility Assistance Package: Homeowners, tenants, customers who receive an electricity bill from their landlord or body corporate, and customers in communities with card-operated meters.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Queensland Treasury  
**Ph:** 1300654687  
**Web:** <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au>

## VIC Programs

### COVID-19 VIC: Business – Coronavirus Payroll Tax Relief

**Status** Open  
**Location** Victoria

#### Overview

This program aims to provide payroll tax relief to businesses in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). It forms part of the Victorian Government's \$1.7 billion economic survival and jobs package, which has been developed to help Victorian businesses and workers survive the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

There are two separate relief measures available:

1. Additional payments under the JobKeeper program are now exempt from payroll tax
  - All businesses registered for payroll tax that make additional payments to employees as part of the JobKeeper program are eligible for this emergency relief measure.
  - Any additional payments businesses make to bridge the gap between an employee's normal wage and the \$1,500 per fortnight required to qualify for JobKeeper payments are exempt from payroll tax:
    - a) For employees who have come to an agreement with their employer to be stood down and not perform any work, the full \$1,500 paid to them is exempt from payroll tax.
    - b) For employees paid less than \$1,500 per fortnight, the payroll tax exemption applies to the difference between their wage and the \$1,500. For example, to qualify for a JobKeeper payment, an employer must pay an additional \$500 to an employee who earns \$1,000 a fortnight. This additional payment of \$500 is exempt from payroll tax.
  - Businesses do not need to apply for this emergency relief measure.
  - Businesses that have already lodged their monthly returns for April 2020 and included additional payments in their estimated taxable wages can make adjustments as part of their payroll tax annual reconciliation in July 2020.
  - The additional payments are not included in rateable remuneration for the purposes of calculating WorkCover Premiums.
2. Eligible businesses will have their payroll tax waived for the 2019-20 financial year
  - Businesses with annual Victorian taxable wages up to \$3 million will have their payroll tax for the 2019-20 financial year waived.
  - SRO will directly contact eligible businesses in relation to an emergency tax relief refund of payroll tax already paid in the financial year and will send eligible businesses more information about these relief measures.
  - Emergency tax relief refunds will be made starting 27 March 2020.
  - Eligible businesses must continue to lodge returns but do not need to make further payments for this financial year.

Businesses with annual Victorian taxable wages up to \$3 million can also defer, until January 2021, paying payroll tax for the first quarter of the 2020-21 financial year. The eligibility threshold applies to each employer, so any member of a group that pays Victorian taxable wages of less than \$3 million per annum is eligible for the relief. A total funding pool of \$550 million is allocated for this program.

#### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis during the 2019-20 financial year.

#### Provided By:

**Name:** State Revenue Office Victoria  
**Ph:** 132161  
**Web:** <https://www.sro.vic.gov.au>

## COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme

**Status** Open  
**Location** Victoria

### Overview

This program aims to alleviate financial hardship faced by tenants and landlords as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). It forms part of the Victorian Government's \$1.7 billion economic survival and jobs package, which has been developed to help Victorian businesses and workers survive the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

For commercial tenants and landlords, the scheme will provide the following support:

- A six-month moratorium on commercial tenancy evictions for the non-payment of rent for small to medium enterprises with an annual turnover under \$50 million that have experienced a minimum 30% reduction in turnover due to coronavirus (COVID-19), commencing from 29 March 2020.
- A freeze on rent increases during the moratorium for commercial tenants.
- A rental payment waiver or deferral proportionate to commercial tenants' income reduction due to coronavirus (COVID-19), to be negotiated between the tenant and landlord.
- A mediation service for commercial tenants and landlords, accessed through the VSBC, to support fair tenancy negotiations.

The Government will also provide land tax relief to commercial or industrial landlords that provide rent relief to their tenants, provided:

- The tenant's annual turnover doesn't exceed \$50 million.
- The business is an eligible business in the Commonwealth's JobKeeper program.
- The business is suffering financial stress or hardship as a result of the pandemic.

The Government will also provide land tax relief to residential landlords who provide rent relief to eligible tenants.

A total funding pool of \$500 million is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible tenants are those that qualify for the Commonwealth's JobKeeper program.

Tenants must be a small or medium sized business, including not-for-profits and sole traders, with annual turnover of up to \$50 million.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis for a period of six months, commencing on 29 March 2020.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Victoria Small Business Commission (VSBC)  
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## COVID-19 VIC: Business – Business Support Fund

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	01-06-2020
<b>Opens</b>	30-03-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$10,000
<b>Location</b>	Victoria

### Overview

This program aims to help small businesses survive the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and keep people in work.

It forms part of the Victorian Government's \$1.7 billion economic survival and jobs package, which has been developed to help Victorian businesses and workers survive the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available per business.

A total funding pool of \$500 million is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include businesses that must:

- Have been subject to closure or highly impacted by shutdown restrictions announced by the Victorian Government to-date.
- Employ people.
- Have a turnover of more than \$75,000.
- Have payroll of less than \$650,000.
- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and held that ABN at 16 March 2020 when the State of Emergency was declared.
- Have been engaged in carrying out the operation of the business in the Australian State of Victoria on 16 March 2020.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:

- Meeting business costs, including utilities, salaries, rent.
- Seeking financial, legal or other advice to support business continuity planning.
- Developing the business through marketing and communications activities.
- Other supporting activities related to the operation of the business.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 1 June 2020.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Department of Premier and Cabinet  
**Web:** <https://www.business.vic.gov.au>

## COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Coronavirus Land Tax Relief

**Status** Open  
**Location** Victoria

### Overview

This program aims to provide land tax relief for commercial and residential landlords in response to coronavirus. It forms part of the Victorian Government's \$1.7 billion economic survival and jobs package, which has been developed to help Victorian businesses and workers survive the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

There are two separate relief measures:

- Land tax relief for eligible commercial and residential landlords.
- Land tax relief for landowners with at least one taxable non-residential property and total taxable landholdings below \$1 million.

Commercial and residential landlords who meet the eligibility criteria for tax relief, can access a 25% discount on the land tax for that property, and choose to defer the balance of their assessment until up to 31 March 2021.

This relief is also available to land owners who are unable to secure a tenant (residential or commercial) because of coronavirus.

Eligible landlords can apply for the land tax reduction through My Land Tax from 1 May 2020. These landlords can also defer the remainder of their 2020 land tax to up to 31 March 2021. SRO will contact all eligible taxpayers in relation to this measure. Taxpayers do not need to do anything at this stage.

A total funding pool of \$420 million is available. As agreed by National Cabinet, these new measures will come into effect from 29 March for a period of six months.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include landlords who must meet the following requirements:

1. If the property is rented
  - The tenant's ability to pay their normal rent must be impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.
  - If the tenant is commercial (includes retail, office and industrial), the tenant must be:
    - a) A small or medium enterprise (annual turnover up to \$50 million).
    - b) Eligible to receive the Australian Government's JobKeeper Payment.
  - Both the landlord and tenant must have agreed to a reduced rent.
  - The rent reduction (in dollar terms) must be at least 25% of the 2020 proportional land tax for that property.
2. If the property is not rented
  - The property must be available for lease/rent.
  - A tenant for the property cannot be secured because of the coronavirus pandemic.

For the tax deferral, a land owner must own at least one non-residential property and total taxable landholdings below \$1 million.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the application details.

#### Provided By:

**Name:** State Revenue Office  
**Ph:** 132161  
**Web:** <https://www.sro.vic.gov.au>

## COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits – Moonee Valley City Council COVID-19 Recovery Grants

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	30-06-2021
<b>Opens</b>	29-04-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$20,000
<b>Location</b>	Victoria

### Overview

This program aims to support the Moonee Valley City community and its local businesses to adapt and bounce back through the global COVID-19 pandemic. It is designed to support the adaptation, continuation and recovery of the local community groups and local businesses.

The program offers two streams of funding:

1. Business recovery grants categories
  - Adapting to changing needs: Up to \$10,000
  - Business collaboration: Up to \$5,000
2. Community recovery grants categories
  - Adapting community services: Up to \$5,000
  - Community connection and collaboration: Up to \$5,000
  - Emergency partnerships: Up to \$20,000

Projects are to take place immediately with urgent applications being prioritised. If applications relate to long term recovery they will be assessed when appropriate in relation to the current pandemic conditions. All projects must be completed within 12 months of the project start date.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- Business recovery grants: Local businesses (with less than 50 FTE employees) sole traders, social enterprises and traders associations based and operating in Moonee Valley.
- Community recovery grants: Community groups and not-for-profit organisations based in Moonee Valley that are incorporated or supported by an auspice.

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have no outstanding acquittals, debts or financial disputes with the City of Moonee Valley.
- Have values are consistent with Council's values to promote diversity, tolerance and an inclusive community as outlined in the Moonee Valley 2040 Strategy's Principles.
- Are not electronic gaming machine (EGM) venue operators or sports betting companies.
- Be a social enterprise which is defined by social traders as a business that trades to intentionally tackle social problems, improve communities, provide people access to employment and training, or help the environment.
- Be businesses that can demonstrate financial impacts caused by pandemic restrictions.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

1. Adapting to changing needs
  - Online innovation, web design and redevelopment, e-commerce platforms, mobile app development, etc.
  - Assistance to develop alternative service delivery models and products (for example delivery and takeaway adaptation)
  - Professional development, online learning and webinars, training courses
  - Other adaptation projects in line with funding priorities
2. Business collaboration
  - Businesses working together

- Online business networking
- Resources sharing
- Other collaboration projects in line with funding priorities

### 3. Adapting community services

- Assistance to develop service delivery models and products and meet emerging needs and issues
- Web design and redevelopment, video conferencing subscription, virtual experiences, hosting webinars
- Professional development, online learning and webinars, training
- Other emerging pandemic needs in line with funding priorities

### 4. Community connection and collaboration

- Funding for community initiatives addressing:
  - a) Building community resilience
  - b) Bridging isolation and building connections (social support)
  - c) Online events, placemaking, story-telling and creative expression
  - d) Celebrating and connecting when the time is right
  - e) Other emerging pandemic needs in line with funding priorities

### 5. Emergency partnerships

- For the continuation of essential community service organisations, especially targeting:
  - a) Food security
  - b) Housing support
  - c) Family violence support
  - d) Mental health
  - e) Social isolation
  - f) Other emerging pandemic needs in line with funding priorities

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- Need
  - a) How well does the application align with the category priorities and aims?
  - b) Demonstrated impact from COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- Benefit
  - a) Are the outcomes of the project clearly identified?
  - b) How well does the project address the identified needs?
- Delivery
  - a) Is the budget clear and realistic?
  - b) Does the project demonstrate sufficient planning?

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2021, 5pm.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Moonee Valley City Council  
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## COVID-19 VIC: Business – Liquor Licence Fees Waiver

**Status** Open  
**Location** Victoria

### Overview

This program aims to reimburse businesses that have paid for a renewable liquor licence for 2020, as part of the Victorian Government's economic survival package in response to COVID-19.

Businesses that have paid the 2020 renewal fee for their liquor licence or BYO permit will be reimbursed this fee, and those yet to pay will have their fee waived.

For those licensees/permittees who have already paid their 2020 renewal fee, the State Revenue Office will administer a reimbursement by cheque.

For licensees/permittees who are yet to pay their 2020 renewal fee, this fee will be waived. If they are yet to pay and want to retain their liquor licence or BYO permit, they need to advise the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation via email by 31 March 2020.

This renewal fee waiver is for the 2020 renewal period only.

Please visit the website for more information.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### Provided By:

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## COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Working for Victoria Fund

**Status** Open  
**Location** Victoria

### Overview

This program aims to help Victorians, including people who have lost their jobs due to the economic impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19), find new work opportunities. It forms part of the Victorian Government's \$1.7 billion Economic Survival Package which is designed to connect workers with new opportunities that will help our community and contribute to Victoria's ability to respond to the pandemic.

Under the program, eligible workers can apply their skills to new roles or take up training opportunities for specific roles. At the same time, organisations and employers looking for workers can find experienced and screened staff who are ready to work.

To participate:

#### 1. Jobseekers

- Must register their details on the Working for Victoria site to access new work opportunities.
- From there they will start receiving targeted updates about available employment opportunities that match their interests, skills and experience.

#### 2. Employers

- Must register their requirements for talent, and they will be contacted and assisted to post jobs on the Working for Victoria site and access the Working for Victoria talent pools.
- Can advertise eligible new positions to workers who sign up for Working for Victoria.
- Positions should be for at least three months; and must be paid at the award rate or equivalent wage rate of the existing workforce, whichever is higher.

The Victorian Government has partnered with Sidekicker to match potential applicants with work aligned to their skills and experience. They are also working with a range of employers across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors to identify and up-scale employment and facilitate jobs matching to create new roles that help Victoria respond to coronavirus (COVID-19).

A total funding pool of \$500 million is available.

Please visit the website for more information.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible participants include:

- People who have recently lost their job, been stood down or have reduced shifts as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and who have Australian working rights.
- Employers across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

### Closing Information

This program is currently open for registration of interest.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Department of Premier and Cabinet  
**Ph:** 132215  
**Web:** <https://www.vic.gov.au>

## COVID-19 VIC: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Creative Victoria Sustaining Creative Workers Initiative

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	01-06-2020
<b>Opens</b>	30-04-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$10,000
<b>Location</b>	Victoria

### Overview

This program seeks to support the continued work of Victoria's independent creative practitioners who have been negatively impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19).

The program aims to:

- Deliver quick-response funding to Victorian professional independent creatives negatively impacted by coronavirus.
- Provide stabilisation and improve sustainability of independent creative practice, so that adaptation to the newly emerged environmental context is possible.
- Achieve a state-wide reach.

The program has four streams of funding:

- Stream 1: First Peoples creatives/artists, micro organisations/businesses from across Victoria with a minimum track record of five years in professional public outcomes.
- Stream 2: Metro and Outer Metro Melbourne creatives/artists, micro organisations/businesses with a minimum track record of five years in professional public outcomes.
- Stream 3: Deaf and disabled creatives/artists and arts workers or disability-led micro organisations/businesses from across Victoria.
- Stream 4: Regional Victorian creatives/artists, micro organisations/businesses (with the exception of the groups above) with a minimum track record of five years in professional public outcomes. (Applications for this stream must be submitted through Regional Arts Victoria)
- For Stream 4, applicant's postcode must reflect their residence or location of the organisation/business in one of the 48 local government area classified as 'regional' by the Victorian State Government. Please see list [here](#).

Grants available are:

- Up to \$5,000 for individuals, sole traders and freelancers.
- Up to \$10,000 for collectives, micro-organisations and businesses.
- Up to \$2,500 in additional access funding for applications from Deaf and Disabled creatives, artists, arts workers and disability-led organisations/businesses.

Only one application is accepted per applicant over this period.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include Victorian-based independent creative practitioners, sole traders, freelancers and creative micro organisations/businesses, with at least five years of professional experience (with the exception of Stream 3), that have been negatively impacted by coronavirus.

Applications are encouraged from a wide range of creative disciplines including, but not limited to, visual arts/craft, literature, contemporary dance/physical performance, community creative practice, circus, cabaret, music, sound art, theatre, fashion, design, screen and digital games, multidisciplinary and experimental work.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the specific eligibility requirements of each stream.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:

- Planning and adaptation to the newly emerged environmental context.
- Research and development.
- Products and/or skills development.
- Exploration of new ways to engage audiences for existing or new work.
- Development/exploration of markets for the applicants' creative work.

### **Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- Professional merit
- Potential impact

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

### **Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 1 June 2020 or until the funding pool is exhausted.

### **Provided By:**

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## WA Programs

### COVID-19 WA: Business – Payroll Tax Relief

**Status** Open  
**Location** Western Australia

#### Overview

This program aims to support Western Australian businesses impacted by the coronavirus. It forms part of the WA Government's \$607 million Stimulus Package which seeks to support WA households and small businesses in the wake of COVID-19.

The Government is introducing three payroll tax measures:

#### 1. Threshold increase

- The threshold will be increased to \$1 million on 1 July 2020. This replaces the previously announced increase planned for 1 January 2021.
- The threshold increase will be reflected in Revenue Online when it comes into effect in July.
- The initial threshold increase to \$950,000 that came into effect on 1 January 2020 is already reflected in Revenue Online for employers lodging monthly and quarterly returns. Employers who cancel their registration as a result of the increase will need to wait until the annual reconciliation function is available in August 2020 for adjustments to be made to their tax liability.

#### 2. Defer payment of returns

- Small and medium businesses affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) can apply to extend the time to pay their 2019-20 payroll tax until 21 July 2020.
- If the application is approved:
  - a) The payments will be deferred from the March return (due 7 April 2020) or the first return period after that date in which the business is affected.
  - b) Businesses may continue to lodge returns in Revenue Online without making payment.
  - c) For all deferred months, your returns must be lodged and your liability paid by 21 July 2020.

#### 3. Grant payment

- A one-off grant of \$17,500 will be available for employers, or groups of employers, whose annual Australian taxable wages are more than \$1 million and up to \$4 million.
- For a group of employers, a single grant will be payable to the designated group employer.
- Eligible taxpayers do not need to apply for the grant.
- Grants will automatically be paid by cheque from July but there will be delays for taxpayers whose tax status changed in 2018-19 or who became liable for payroll tax during the 2018-19 or 2019-20 assessment year. Eligible taxpayers should log in to Revenue Online to ensure their postal address is correct.

#### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants (for deferment of payment of payroll) include businesses who are:

- A non-grouped business with annual Australian taxable wages not exceeding \$7.5 million.
- A grouped business with the group's annual Australian taxable wages not exceeding \$7.5 million.

For the purposes of the program, a business is directly or indirectly affected if the current turnover, profit, customers, bookings, retail sales, supply contracts or other factors, compared with normal operating conditions, have been directly or indirectly affected by COVID-19.

#### Provided By:

**Name:** Office of State Revenue  
**Ph:** 0892621300  
**Web:** <https://www.wa.gov.au>

## COVID-19 WA: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Screenwest Taking Care of Business Fund

<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Closes</b>	14-04-2020
<b>Opens</b>	31-03-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$75,000
<b>Location</b>	Western Australia

### Overview

This program is a one-time special purpose sustainability fund aimed at assisting Western Australian production companies and producers to sustain their business and to continue to contribute to the screen industry during the COVID-19 crisis. It forms part of the WA Screen Industry Sustainability Package which is in response to the current crisis facing the Western Australian screen industry triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants are available in four funding tiers:

#### 1. Tier 1

- Up to \$75,000.

- For well-established, high-volume, Western Australian production companies that have significant and well-established infrastructure and overheads in place.

#### 2. Tier 2

- Up to \$30,000.

- For Western Australian production companies that have moderate infrastructure and overheads.

#### 3. Tier 3

- Up to \$15,000.

- For Western Australian production companies/producers that have made a significant contribution to the industry and have at a minimum a producer, co-producer or associate producer credit, or confirmed market commitment to at least one theatrical or television production within the last 12 months.

#### 4. Tier 4

- Up to \$7,500.

- For emerging producers/production companies that have no employees, minimal overheads, and have made a consistent contribution to the screen industry within the past two years.

Producers are encouraged to seek all available Federal and State business assistance in addition to this support package.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must be:

- A Western Australian documentary/scripted, television or feature film producer or production company.
- A Western Australian resident as per the Screenwest Terms of Trade.
- Able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the Western Australian Screen Industry.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements of each tier.

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- Applicant track record including project delivery, demonstrated commitment to having worked and continuing to work in Western Australia.
- Overall quality of proposal, particularly regarding proposed deliverables and outcomes.
- Impact the game plan will have on the continued viability of the applicant / applicant company.
- The applicants current slate of projects.

- Level of funding and support Screenwest has committed to the applicant historically and the outcomes achieved.
- Support for Screenwest's commitment to the creation and growth of diverse representation.
- Alignment with Screenwest's current strategic plan.

**Closing Information**

This program is now closed for applications.

**Provided By:**

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## COVID-19 WA: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – City of Canning Council Resilience Grants

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	18-05-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$2,500
<b>Location</b>	Western Australia

### Overview

This program aims to help build the Canning community's resilience and connectedness through support for community networks, business and community led initiatives which alleviate the impact of COVID-19.

There are two types of grants available:

1. Small grants - Up to \$1,000.

- Applications close on 5 June 2020, or until the grant budget has been fully expended, whichever occurs first.

2. Digital grants

- Up to \$2,500 - Applications close on 18 May 2020.

Applicants are advised to contact the Grants Officer prior to submitting an application.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must reside, be located or head-quartered, and/or operate in the City of Canning and be able to demonstrate the benefit to the Canning community, including:

- Individuals
- Not-for-profit organisations
- Government and not-for-profit kindergartens, primary and secondary schools
- Businesses
- Unincorporated groups

### Eligible Activities

Applicants may apply once to each category for different activities.

1. Small grants

- Those that help respond to the social impact of COVID-19.

- Those that assist organisations (not for profit only) to remain viable at this time, to:

a) Pivot a program of activities to deliver these online (rather than in a venue).

b) Be well-positioned to recommence activities benefiting the Canning Community once the impact of COVID-19 abates (e.g. by addressing urgent, unavoidable costs they are unable to meet due to diminished income).

2. Digital grants

- Those which can be delivered within the current COVID-19 parameters and include an online component, or for online focussed activities, including (but not limited to):

a) Upskilling staff and volunteers to improve online community engagement and digital literacy.

b) Delivery of online learning, podcasts and webinars.

c) Purchase of hardware and software to be utilised by the organisation to deliver online activities.

d) Website development to improve member participation.

### Provided By:

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**Web:** <https://www.canning.wa.gov.au>



## COVID-19 WA: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Screenwest Bright Ideas Sustainability Fund

<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Closes</b>	14-04-2020
<b>Opens</b>	31-03-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$5,000
<b>Location</b>	Western Australia

### Overview

This program is a one-time special purpose practitioner initiative aimed at creating new methods of sustainability for the Western Australian production industry who were impacted by the Coronavirus crisis. It aims to assist in capability development to advance culture by bringing Western Australian stories and identity to screen for the benefit of the community.

The program forms part of the WA Screen Industry Sustainability Package which is in response to the current crisis facing the Western Australian screen industry triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This initiative is designed to inspire practitioners to:

- Enhance, and potentially re-think, their existing work methodologies.
- Consider what services they can offer to the industry in the current environment and into the future.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must be:

- A below the line Western Australian production freelancer.
- A Western Australian documentary/scripted, television or feature film director.
- A WA resident, as per the Screenwest Terms of Trade.
- Able to demonstrate that you have been working as a freelance crew member, in Western Australia, either part-time or full-time over the last 12 months. For practitioners who have not worked consistently over the past 12 months, an explanation will need to be given of their work over the past three years.
- Able to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to your relevant field within the screen industry.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible bright ideas may include proposals for:

- Personal career development
- Workshops (online/virtual in the current environment)
- Specific crew-based advocacy programs
- Proposals for future proofing production processes

The program is also open to proposals that sit outside the above categories. The scheme is an instigation for outside-the-box ideas.

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- Applicant track record, including demonstrated commitment to working in Western Australia.
- Overall quality of proposal, particularly regarding what you plan to 'give back' to the industry.
- An overview of the outcomes to be achieved and how this activity will assist in closing a skills gap or progressing the local screen sector.
- Level of funding and support Screenwest has committed to the applicant historically and the outcomes achieved.
- Support for Screenwest's commitment to the creation and growth of diverse representation.

**Closing Information**

This program is now closed for applications.

**Provided By:**

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## COVID-19 WA: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Research Grants Program

<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Closes</b>	08-04-2020
<b>Location</b>	Western Australia

### Overview

This program seeks to fund high-quality COVID-19 related research projects that have the potential to be translated into improved policy and/or practice across the WA public health system.

It aims to provide the following benefits:

- Fund COVID-19 research of direct significance to the WA public health system and the WA community.
- Support the attraction of COVID-19 related clinical trials into WA.
- Provide an avenue to access or leverage national or international funding related to COVID-19, including via National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) funding.
- Facilitate the knowledge creation and translation of research findings into evidence-based medical and health policy and practice related to COVID-19.

Grants below \$50,000 will be released in one instalment subject to the relevant approvals having been provided to the RDU.

Grants above \$50,000 will be released in two instalments as follows:

- The first instalment will be subject to relevant approvals having been provided to the RDU.
- The second instalment will be subject to satisfactory progress being achieved against the project milestones, demonstrated in a Progress Report approximately half way through the project.

A project may receive additional funds from other sources to meet its budget requirements. A Coordinating Principal Investigator (CPI) can submit more than one application for this program.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include individual researchers or a team led by a Coordinating Principal Investigator (CPI), through an administering institution in WA.

The Coordinating Principal Investigator must be:

- An Australian citizen or permanent resident in Australia.
- Employed in a WA Administering Institution for the period of the grant.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible research projects should:

- Address relevant medical and health challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic (including prevention, surveillance, diagnostics, treatments, vaccines and mental health repercussions).
- Demonstrate the potential for translation and implementation of research findings into improved health policy and practice and better health outcomes.

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- Significance of the project: Demonstration of contemporary relevance and significance of the research in relation to COVID-19. (20%)
- Innovation: Novelty of project and distinction from similar or related research in this area. (10%)
- Research plan: Quality of research plan, including suitable methodology, objective measurement of outcomes and achievable timeline. (20%)
- Partnerships: Appropriate level of engagement and collaboration with healthcare providers, policy makers and other relevant stakeholders during both the development of the research proposal and conduct of the

research. (10%)

- Consumer involvement: Appropriate levels of consumer involvement throughout the research timeline including project design. (10%)

- Research translation: Potential for translation and implementation of research findings into policy and practice, commercialisation and/or to lead to future funding proposals to external bodies such as the NHMRC and MRFF; and the projected timeframe for short term and longer-term translational impact. (10%)

- Budget: Appropriate budget request and justification of expenditure. (10%)

- Capacity: Qualifications and availability of the Investigator(s) to conduct the project, based on individual expertise and experience, and the collective gain of the team to the project. (10%)

### **Closing Information**

This program is now closed for applications.

### **Provided By:**

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## ACT Programs

### COVID-19 ACT: Business – Waiver and Deferral of Payroll Tax

**Status** Open  
**Location** Australian Capital Territory

#### Overview

This program aims to support businesses impacted by COVID-19 pandemic by providing deferral and waiver of payroll tax. It forms part of the ACT Government's \$137 million Economic Survival Package which aims to support the ACT community through the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The package includes:

1. Six-month waiver of payroll tax

- All businesses whose operations are directly affected by the prohibited activities list such as gyms and indoor sporting venues, cinemas, beauty therapists and nail salons will be eligible to receive a six-month waiver of payroll tax from April to September 2020.
- For those who lodge their payroll tax return monthly, the first waiver will be applied to the March payroll tax return, which is usually payable by 7 April.
- For those who lodge their payroll tax return annually, the first waiver will be applied to their account when their return is received at the end of the 2019-20 financial year.
- Businesses will need to complete a [simple online application form](#) on the ACT Revenue Office website to confirm their eligibility.

2. Payroll tax deferral

- All ACT businesses with Australia-wide wages of up to \$10 million can defer their 2020-21 payroll tax, interest free until 1 July 2022.
- Eligible businesses will need to lodge their payroll tax returns as normal but will not be required to make the associated payment at the usual time. If the deferred amount is paid before 1 July 2022, no interest will be charged. Interest will be applied to any outstanding deferred amounts from 1 July 2022.
- For those who lodge their payroll tax assessment monthly, deferral can commence for their July 2020 payroll tax liability, which is usually payable by 7 August.
- For those who lodge their payroll tax assessment annually, they can defer payment of their full 2020-21 payroll tax liability, which is usually payable in July 2021.
- Businesses will need to confirm their eligibility by visiting the [payroll tax page](#) on the ACT Revenue Office website.

Please visit the website for more information.

#### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis. Please see the Overview for the application details.

#### Provided By:

**Name:** ACT Revenue Office  
**Ph:** 0262070028  
**Web:** <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au>

## COVID-19 ACT: Business – Commercial Tenancy Relief

**Status** Open  
**Location** Australian Capital Territory

### Overview

This program aims to provide relief for business tenants and owner-operated commercial properties who are affected with the Coronavirus crisis. It forms part of the ACT Government's Economic Survival Package which aims to implement a range of measures to reduce cashflow pressures in the short term for low income households and local small and medium businesses in the industry sectors that are most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are three broad categories of business emerging through COVID-19:

- Category 1: Those who have been partially or not affected.
- Category 2: Those who have been significantly affected (at least 30 per cent reduction in business income).
- Category 3: Those who have to shut-down operations due to COVID-19 health restrictions.

Support is being provided through ensuring that the deferral or waiver of rates is targeted based on need which is assessed as per the above and will be targeted at properties with small AUVs.

Commercial landlords will need to play their part, cost-sharing or the deferrals of losses will be shared between Government, landlords, tenants and financial institutions.

Landlords and tenants should work together to reach an agreement that allows the business to bounce-back when the time is right. The ACT Government will appoint a Commercial Tenancy Mediator (Business Commissioner) to support and encourage commercial landlords and tenants to engage and negotiate mutually agreeable outcomes. Further details on this role are to be announced shortly.

The ACT Government will review rent charges for commercial tenants of ACT Government properties whose operations have been significantly impacted by COVID-19.

Commercial tenants that can demonstrate this may receive rental relief for up to six-months from 1 April 2020 will need to email ACT Property Group.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

### Provided By:

**Name:** Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD)  
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## COVID-19 ACT: Business – Support to Local Business and Industry (Services, Rebates, Subsidies and Waivers)

**Status** Open

**Location** Australian Capital Territory

### Overview

This program aims to support small to medium businesses who are impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic as they adjust to social distancing requirements and an expected downturn in the local economy. It forms part of the ACT Government's \$137 million Economic Survival Package which aims to support the ACT community through the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Assistance includes:

#### 1. Business liaison team

- A business liaison phone line has been created to assist businesses understand the support available to them through the ACT Economic Survival Package and practical advice for businesses operating through changed arrangements due to COVID-19. The number businesses can call is: (02) 6205 0900.

#### 2. Canberra business advice and support service

- The service supports small businesses to address the impact of recent events on their business and provide one-on-one business management advice.  
- Business owners can receive up to four hours of fully subsidised, tailored advice and access online business development resources.

#### 3. Food business registration, outdoor dining and liquor licensing fees

- Off licenced venues with gross liquor purchase value of below \$3 million per annum and licenced venues will receive a 12-month waiver of their food business registration and liquor licencing fees from 1 April 2020. Outdoor dining fees for 2020-2021 will also be waived.  
- In cases where food business registration has been prepaid for more than one year in advance, an additional 12 months will be added to the license.  
- Businesses do not need to contact Access Canberra or the Health Protection Service for this waiver to occur. This support will be applied automatically as part of the normal annual fee licencing process.

#### 4. Other business fee waivers

- The government will waive fees for 12 months from 1 April 2020 for businesses that require an infection control licence such as beauty therapists, nail salons, tattoo parlours and dentists.  
- Businesses do not need to contact Health Protection Services, this will automatically happen as part of the normal licencing process.

#### 5. Vocational education and training - skills

- The ACT Government is providing support for the Vocational Education and Training Sector by increasing subsidies for apprenticeships and traineeships and other VET students to access nationally recognised training in areas linked to skills needs across a range of industries.  
- Subsidies are provided directly to Registered Training Organisation and skills Canberra will make these adjustments automatically. No application is required.

#### 6. CIT investment

- The government will fast track CIT's Study Work Anywhere Any Time project to help CIT move its teaching and learning online by July 2020.  
- The expertise required to implement this project will be sourced from local SMEs, which will support the local industry and help keep high value technology skills in the region.

#### 7. Support for the construction industry

- Businesses in the construction industry can defer their payroll tax liability for the six months from April to September 2020 to provide cashflow assistance to help them retain workers.

- No interest will be charged on deferred amounts until 1 September 2020, at which point the Government will assess the impacts of COVID-19 and determine if a further deferral period is required.

#### 8. Electricity rebates

- Small business owners with electricity usage below 100 megawatts per year will see rebates of \$750 automatically applied to their next electricity bill in around June or July 2020.
- The rebate will apply regardless of whether customers are on standing or market offers.
- Businesses do not need to contact their electricity supplier as this will be automatically applied.

#### 9. Rideshare and taxi vehicle licence fees

- The Rideshare vehicle licence fee will be waived for 12 months for rideshare operators from 1 April 2020 as part of the normal licencing processes.
- In cases where licences have already been prepaid 12 months in advance, an additional 12 months credit will be added to the license at the next due date.
- The ACT Government will also waive all government leased taxi plate fees, including wheelchair accessible taxis to help support this vital service. This initiative will help to keep taxis on the road.
- These fees will be waived automatically. Contact does not need to be made with Access Canberra on these fees.
- The government will also provide a one-off payment of up to \$5,000 to taxi operators who lease their taxi plates from private owners. This level of support is in line with that already being provided to taxi operators who lease government issued plates in the Territory.

#### 10. Commercial general rates rebate

- Commercial property owners with an average unimproved value of \$2 million or less on their property are eligible for a rebate on their commercial rates fixed charge.
- Commercial rate payers will receive a credit of \$2,622 (equivalent to the annual fixed charge) to their 2019-20 general rates, in quarter four. This will be applied automatically.
- Where rate payers have paid in full or have a quarter bill less than the credit, this will be rolled over to the next bill.
- Commercial property owners will also not receive an increase on their 2020-21 Fire and Emergency Services Levy.

Please visit the website for more information.

#### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis. Please see the Overview for the application details.

#### Provided By:

**Name:** Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate  
**Ph:** 0262075111  
**Web:** <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au>



## NT Programs

### COVID-19 NT: Business – Business Improvement Grant

<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Opens</b>	13-04-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$20,000
<b>Location</b>	Northern Territory

#### Overview

This program aims to support NT businesses impacted by the coronavirus outbreak to help stimulate the economy and keep Territorians in jobs. It forms part of the Territory Government's Jobs Rescue and Recovery plan in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available with no co-contribution requirement. For work valued at more than \$10,000, the co-contribution by the Territory Government is limited to \$10,000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum grant of \$20,000.

Each business is only eligible to receive one grant, and it can be used to complete one or two different jobs on the premises.

The program operates through a voucher system.

A total funding pool of \$20 million is available.

#### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include businesses or enterprises that:

- Have a valid legal entity and holds a valid Australian business number (ABN) from the date the program was announced (18 March 2020).
- Are not an excluded recipient.
- Have its principal place of doing business physically located in the Northern Territory (NT).
- Service its customers or clientele from a shopfront premises.
- Offer goods and/or services to the public.
- Were offering its services wholly or substantially in the NT for at least one month at the time of applying for a grant.

Excluded recipient means individuals, not-for-profit and charitable organisations, public and private schools, private and public educational institutions, home based businesses, government agencies and government owned bodies, statutory corporations, and local government.

#### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include the purchase of goods and services to make permanent physical improvements to a business (land and/or building) that help its operations and customer experience.

Applicants must not use a voucher with any other voucher or other benefit granted under any other program (whether an Australian Government or NT Government program) to pay for the same works. Eligible works include:

- Buying new equipment
- New shop fit outs
- Physical changes to attract customers

Eligible works must include a labour component and be carried out by an eligible business that is not related to the grant recipient.

Inverter upgrades, batteries and other electrical work that support energy efficiency are eligible works, as well as solar hot water installation.

Excluded works include:

- Security improvement works as defined under the Biz Secure and Alcohol Secure programs.
- Buying solar photovoltaic (PV) panels or installing solar panels (e.g. rooftop solar).
- Works that are to be carried out by the grant recipient on a 'do-it-yourself' basis.
- Works carried out by a business related to the grant recipient.

### Closing Information

This program is closed to new applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

### Provided By:

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## COVID-19 NT: Business – Business Hardship Package

**Status** Open  
**Location** Northern Territory

### Overview

This program aims to help Northern Territory (NT) businesses that have experienced significant hardship as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It is designed to help reduce costs for local businesses and keep them open and operating now, as well as in the rebound and recovery phase once the coronavirus (COVID -19) crisis is over and restrictions start to lift.

The package is available to eligible businesses in addition to other support including the Jobs Rescue and Recovery plan, the Tourism Resilience Package and other NT Government and Australian Government initiatives.

Businesses able to demonstrate they have experienced significant hardship may apply to be listed on the Business Hardship Register. Once an eligible business has been placed on the Business Hardship Register they will receive a business hardship certificate.

The registration will enable businesses to apply for:

- Waiving or deferring payment of payroll tax.
- Reducing utilities bills.
- Providing incentives for commercial landlords to reduce rents.
- Reducing or deferring rates.
- Other relief which may be offered from time-to-time agreed to by the responsible minister.

An eligible business who can confirm hardship:

- Between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2020 will be placed on the Business Hardship Register, and be eligible to apply for the Business Hardship Package for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.
- Between 1 July 2020 and 30 September 2020 will be placed on the Business Hardship Register, and eligible to apply for the Business Hardship Package for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020.

Please refer to the website for more information.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must :

- Be a legal entity and holds a valid Australian business number (ABN) as at 23 March 2020.
- Be a Territory enterprise.
- Not be a government agency, government owned body, statutory corporation, or local government.
- Have an annual turnover of no more than \$50 million.
- Have experienced hardship.

Hardship means the business has suffered a reduction in turnover of 30% or more due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

Commercial landlords who meet the criteria will also be eligible for support if they can provide evidence that they have negotiated in good faith with their tenants.

Applications from businesses that meet the intent and principles, but which are outside the parameters set out in the Terms and Conditions will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

**Assessment Criteria**

The main assessment criteria include:

- The business is eligible for the Australian Government's JobKeeper initiative, and evidence of eligibility is able to be provided.
- The business has been deemed eligible for the Small Business Survival Fund.
- The business is able to show a reduction in turnover of more than 30%.
- If the business is a commercial landlord, they are able to show a reduction in turnover of more than 30% and that it has negotiated in good faith with all of their tenants for rent relief in line with the mandatory code of conduct for commercial tenancies, agreed to by National Cabinet.

**Closing Information**

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

**Provided By:**

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## COVID-19 NT: Business – Small Businesses Survival Fund

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	01-06-2020
<b>Opens</b>	27-03-2020
<b>Location</b>	Northern Territory

### Overview

This program aims to help Territory small businesses survive the physical distancing requirements in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It is in addition to other support, including the Jobs Rescue and Recovery Package and the Tourism Resilience Package.

The fund has three goals:

- Help local businesses survive through the partial or full shut-down period. For example, support in meeting unavoidable fixed costs.
- Help local businesses adjust and adapt to take advantage of the new consumer environment. For example, expanding online services, takeaway and delivery.
- Prepare local businesses to take advantage of the rebounding economy when the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis is over. For example, upgrading premises or upskilling staff.

Eligible businesses will be able to apply for four payments:

#### 1. Immediate survival payment

- Provides an initial lump sum directed to businesses to help offset immediate cost pressures and provide time to plan.
- Payment amounts are:
  - a) \$2,000 for businesses with only one full-time equivalent (FTE) employee (including sole traders).
  - b) \$5,000 for businesses with 2 to 4 employees (FTEs).
  - c) \$20,000 for businesses with 5 to 19 employees (FTEs).
  - d) \$50,000 for businesses with more than 20 employees (FTEs).

#### 2. Rapid adaption payment

- Provides:
  - a) Up to \$1,000 for businesses with one employee (FTE).
  - b) Up to \$5,000 for other eligible businesses to offset costs incurred in adapting their current business model to suit restrictions.
- This payment is application-based and paid direct to the business.
- It will be paid on the provision of an appropriate invoice.

#### 3. Operational boost payment

- Provides immediate cash boost to affected businesses to offset the costs of continuing to maintain the business.
- Payment amounts are:
  - a) \$2,800 for businesses with only one employee (FTE), including sole traders.
  - b) \$8,400 for businesses with 2 to 4 employees (FTE).
  - c) \$16,800 for businesses with 5 to 9 employees (FTE).
  - d) \$28,000 for businesses with 10 to 14 employees (FTE).
  - e) \$42,000 for businesses with more than 15 employees (FTE).

#### 4. Operational support payment

- Businesses with annual turnover greater than \$75,000 and who have received previous payments will be able to supply additional information on a fortnightly basis to enable these payments.
- Businesses must provide the number of FTE employees actively engaged in operating the business during the relevant two-week period prior.

- Employees who are stood-down or not undertaking any paid hours of work during that period will not be included as FTE.
- The number of FTE employees will be used as evidence of business activity and a nominal value of \$500 per FTE will be paid up to a maximum of \$15,000 per business per fortnight.

Businesses that have already applied for the initial immediate survival and rapid adaption payments will not need to apply for the new operational boost and operational support payments. The original application form will be used to determine eligibility for these two new payments.

A total funding pool of \$50 million is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include Northern Territory (NT) businesses that meet all of the following criteria:

- A legal entity and holder of a valid Australian business number (ABN) as at 23 March 2020.
- A Territory enterprise.
- Usually operates in one of the industry sectors affected by the social gathering restrictions announced on 22 March 2020 and 24 March 2020.
- Has been significantly impacted by the physical distancing requirements in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic - for example, staffing, turnover.

The following list includes those businesses specifically identified in the Australian Government social distance restrictions:

- Food, drink and retail
- Beauty and personal care services
- Entertainment venues
- Leisure and recreation

Please refer to the website for the complete list of defined industry sectors.

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- The affected business must be operating in a defined industry sector.
- Demonstration of significant impact, in particular in relation to turnover, staffing levels and fixed and operational costs.
- Applicants will be required to provide appropriate evidence to support their application to the fund.
- Eligible recipients must comply with the NT Government's buy local policy requirements.
- Businesses that meet the fund's objective (section 1.1 of the Terms and Conditions), intent and principles will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until funds are fully committed or when the NT Government decides to close it, whichever is sooner.

### Provided By:

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## COVID-19 NT: Non-Profits – Immediate Work Grants Program

<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Opens</b>	20-04-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$100,000
<b>Location</b>	Northern Territory

### Overview

This program aims to provide support to not-for-profit and community organisations impacted by the COVID-19 epidemic to engage local businesses to do repairs, renovations and upgrades to their property and facilities. It forms part of the Territory Government's Jobs Rescue and Recovery plan in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Grants of up to \$100,000 are available. The first \$50,000 will be paid as a grant with no co-contribution required.

The Northern Territory Government will also match any renovation costs that exceed \$50,000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum of \$100,000 total.

Each organisation can apply once to the program and will be able to complete up to three jobs under the one application.

A total funding pool of \$5 million is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit or community organisation operating in the NT in either owned or leased premises.

Schools and local government bodies are not eligible to apply.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include renovations, improvements, repairs and maintenance services. This only applies if the services permanently improve the structure, fittings or fixtures, or the general condition of the property.

The works must demonstrate value for money consistent with the eligible organisation or other purposes beneficial to the community.

### Closing Information

This program is closed to new applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

### Provided By:

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## SA Programs

### **COVID-19 SA: Business, Non-Profits – SATC Resilience and Rebound Program**

**Status** Open

**Location** South Australia

#### **Overview**

This program aims to provide business support for South Australian tourism operators to help work through the COVID-19 crisis and have the necessary tools they will need to help with recovery post event crisis.

The program will contain various elements including fact sheets and video tutorials to be accessible via the SATC corporate website over the coming weeks. These tools will provide highly relevant tourism related information to assist the visitor economy with immediate challenges facing it as well as a focus on post crisis.

The content is intended to assist the wide spectrum of business involved in the visitor economy including tourism operators, accommodation providers and the hospitality sector.

Content includes the following;

- Navigating your way through the government stimulus package
- Managing banks and liabilities
- Managing your landlord and/or tenant
- Managing your cashflow
- Managing your staff
- Customer engagement during COVID-19
- How to come back online

Please visit the website for more information.

#### **Who Can Apply**

Eligible participants include tourism operators in South Australia.

#### **Closing Information**

This program is currently open for registrations.

#### **Provided By:**

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## COVID-19 SA: Business – Payroll Tax Relief

**Status** Open  
**Location** South Australia

### Overview

This program aims to provide tax relief to South Australian businesses affected by the Coronavirus crisis. It forms part the South Australian Government's Jobs Rescue Package which will provide immediate financial support and relief to those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Support available include:

1. Six month payroll tax waiver – businesses with Australian grouped wages up to \$4 million
  - Business groups with annual Australian grouped wages of up to \$4 million will receive a six month payroll tax waiver.
  - Eligible business groups will not be required to pay any payroll tax for the months of April to September 2020 (for the return periods of March 2020 to August 2020).
  - Where businesses meet the criteria of Australian grouped wages below \$4 million for 2018-19 no application will be required – RevenueSA will notify these businesses through RevenueSA Online.
  - Monthly payroll tax returns must still be lodged to capture wages for the month, with no payment to be made.
  - The payroll tax waiver is expected to provide maximum assistance of \$84,150 over the six months to an estimated 2,400 business groups.
  
2. Six month payroll tax deferral – businesses with Australian grouped wages over \$4 million
  - Businesses with annual Australian grouped wages above \$4 million that can demonstrate they have been significantly impacted by COVID 19 will, upon application, be able to defer payroll tax payments for the six months from April to September 2020.
  - For these eligible businesses, payroll tax payments that were due to be paid from April to September will now be due in October 2020.
  - Monthly payroll tax returns must still be lodged to capture wages for the month, with payment deferred to October 2020.

As the administrative arrangements are developed further information will be made available.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

#### Provided By:

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**Ph:** 0882263750  
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## COVID-19 SA: Business – FIXE Mentor Program

**Status** Open  
**Location** South Australia

### Overview

This program aims to provide mentoring support for South Australian startups and scaleups impacted by COVID-19.

This mentorship program will directly connect participants with highly experienced business people where they can have a confidential conversation about their circumstances and receive unbiased insights and advice to help them navigate through these uncertain times.

To get involve, participants must:

- Complete the registration form in the website.
- Receive confirmation of registration and mentor.
- Connect with the mentor.
- Begin conversation and discuss their circumstances with the mentor.

Mentors are working on a voluntary basis and will provide informal advice for a limited period to be determined on the match and circumstances.

Connection with a mentor is not guaranteed, based on availability and quality of mentors required to meet the number of registrations.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include registered South Australian startup or scaleup business that is less than ten years old and have an annual turnover of less than \$10 million per annum.

### Closing Information

This program is currently open for registrations.

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## COVID-19 SA: Business, Non-Profits – Emergency Cash Grants for Small Businesses

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	01-06-2020
<b>Opens</b>	21-04-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$10,000
<b>Location</b>	South Australia

### Overview

This program aims to support South Australian small businesses that employ staff and are subject to closure or highly impacted by the shutdown restrictions announced by the Government as a result of the corona virus (COVID-19). It forms part of the South Australian Government's \$650 million Jobs Rescue Package which aims to safeguard South Australia's economy and minimise the economic impacts of the COVID-19 global crisis.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available.

If the business has received any South Australian Government grants provided to address COVID-19 related business impacts, the value of these payment(s) will be deducted from the \$10,000 grant.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include businesses that must:

- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and were carrying on the operation of a business in South Australia as at 1 March 2020.
- Employ people in South Australia as at 1 March 2020.
- Have an annual turnover of more than \$75,000 (excluding GST).
- Have total Australian payroll of less than \$1.5 million, and not be entitled to a payroll tax waiver under COVID-19 support measures introduced by the South Australian Government.
- Have been subject to closure or highly adversely impacted by COVID-19 related restrictions.
- Not engage in illegal activity.

If a business is part of a group of companies that is registered for payroll tax and will receive the Government of South Australia payroll tax waiver for COVID-19 impacted businesses, the business is ineligible for this grant. Where the entity is not liable for payroll tax (such as a not-for-profit organisation), the payroll eligibility criteria of less than \$1.5 million in 2019-20 is to be based on total Australian group wages for the organisation.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:

- Meeting business costs, including utilities, salaries, rent.
- Seeking financial, legal or other advice to support business continuity planning.
- Developing the business through marketing and communications activities.
- Other supporting activities related to the operation of the business.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 1 June 2020.

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## COVID-19 SA: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Land Tax Relief for Landlords

**Status** Open  
**Location** South Australia

### Overview

This program aims to support landlords who provide tenants impacted by COVID-19 with rent relief. It forms part of the South Australian Government's land tax relief package for their landlords who are significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the scheme, landlords may be eligible for a 25% reduction on the land tax payable on a parcel of land in the 2019-20 land tax year.

The relief is available when:

- The land is used for residential or non-residential (commercial) purposes.
- The land is being leased to either (i) a residential tenant, or (ii) a non-residential (commercial) tenant with annual turnover of up to \$50 million, who has been financially impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The landlord reduces the rent of the affected tenant by at least as much as the land tax reduction.
- The land tax is directly related to the land for which the rent has been reduced.

Financially impacted is considered to be:

- For non-residential (commercial) tenants – a 30% drop in revenue due to COVID-19 and are eligible for the Australian Government's JobKeeper Payment.
- For residential tenants – financial hardship due to COVID-19. Further information will be available as part of the application process.

This relief is also available to residential and non-residential land owners who are unable to secure a tenant because of COVID-19.

Land tax relief is limited only to land occupied by affected tenants or vacant due to the impact of COVID-19.

Landlords who have already fully paid their 2019-20 land tax liability and are eligible for relief under this scheme will be issued a refund equal to the value of eligible land tax relief.

This measure is in addition to the land tax instalment deferral measure.

Applications for this relief will be open until the end of June 2020 and details on the application process are being finalised and will be available shortly.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include landlords who must demonstrate that the land was leased to 30 March 2020, but has since been vacant due to the impact of COVID-19.

### Closing Information

Please see the Overview for the closing details.

### Provided By:

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## South Australian Wine Industry Development Scheme (SAWIDS)

<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Closes</b>	24-04-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$200,000
<b>Location</b>	South Australia

### Overview

This program aims to build and strengthen the South Australian wine industry through projects that develop capability, grow competitiveness and productivity, and increase profitability through innovation or expanding production.

Grants of up to \$200,000 are available.

Preference will be given to applicants providing at least a dollar-for-dollar contribution to the project.

Grant payments are generally made on a reimbursement basis upon presentation of paid invoices for approved project expenditure, including evidence of eligible applicant contributions. However, up-front payments can be negotiated for projects approved under the Fund.

A total funding pool of \$1 million is available in 2019-20.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include:

- State or regional bodies and associations involved in the grape/wine industry.
- National organisations – but with projects based in and exclusively benefitting South Australia.
- Clusters or groups with projects to benefit grape and/or wine businesses in South Australia.
- State or regional research and educational institutions with projects that support development of the wine industry.

Eligible organisations must:

- Be legal entities (i.e. with which the South Australian Government can enter into a legally binding funding agreement).
- Have an Australian Business Number, and be registered for GST.
- Demonstrate the availability of resources required to complete the project.
- Have the project located within South Australia.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include those that:

- Benefit the grape and wine industry with a particular focus on the adoption of technology and innovation.
- Will support the South Australian wine industry during challenges associated with recent bushfires, smoke exposure and the evolving impacts of the COVID-19.

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include how well the project meets the following:

#### 1. Essential

- The activity supports new economic activity that would not otherwise occur.
- The activity can be sustained without further intervention by government after the funding is provided.
- The activity creates broader economic benefits for the community and multiple entities, including entities not directly associated with the application.
- The activity contributes to the scale of an industry or sector.
- The activity creates sustainable economic benefits to the State or region.
- Fits under one of the streams of the South Australian Economic Growth Agenda, Growth State – Trade and Investment; Skills and Innovation; Land, Water and the Environment; and Infrastructure.

2. Desirable - Also considered favourable are project proposals:

- That leverage funds from non-State Government sources and/or foster collaboration.
- That demonstrate a commitment to employing locally, local investment and local supplier inputs wherever possible.
- That provide matched or additional funding to achieve project outcomes or activity.

### **Closing Information**

This program is available annually. The next funding round is yet to be announced.

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## COVID-19 SA: Business, Non-Profits, Individuals – Land Tax Deferral

**Status** Open  
**Location** South Australia

### Overview

This program aims to support COVID-19 affected businesses and individuals by providing deferral on their land tax payment. It forms part the South Australian Government's Jobs Rescue Package which will provide immediate financial support and relief to those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses and individuals paying land tax quarterly in 2019-20 will be able to defer payment of their:

- Third Instalment: Defer payment up to six months from the due date.
- Fourth Instalment: Defer payment up to three months from the due date.

While businesses and individuals will be sent their land tax notices of assessment as usual, no application process will be required. There is no requirement to contact RevenueSA to put this new arrangement in place.

The deferral does not relate to previous outstanding arrears.

The previously announced land tax reform transitional relief fund available to eligible taxpayers whose land tax bill will increase as a result of the changes in aggregation of land commencing from 1 July 2020 will be increased from 50% to 100% of the increase in an eligible taxpayer's 2020-21 land tax assessment. This will be subject to the existing criteria.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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## TAS Programs

### **COVID-19 TAS: Business, Non-Profits – Regional Chambers of Commerce Grant**

**Status** Pending  
**Closes** 30-04-2020  
**Location** Tasmania

#### **Overview**

This program aims to assist Regional Chambers of Commerce to respond to the economic impact of COVID-19 on their members and region, and to lay the foundation for recovery. It forms part of the Tasmanian Government's stimulus package which aims to support Tasmania as the state tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Maximum available to each applicant will be at the discretion of the department relative to the needs of all eligible applicants.

A total funding pool of \$100,000 is available.

#### **Who Can Apply**

Eligible applicants must:

- Be an established regional chamber of commerce/association in, and servicing, a region of Tasmania.
- Be incorporated as a legal entity.
- Not be subject to any legal impediment, including bankruptcy or liquidation.
- Demonstrate ability to carry out the service or activity applied for.

Applicants may include a collaboration between two or more Regional Chambers of Commerce/associations, in which case a lead applicant should be nominated and act as 'lead agent'.

Applicants will be required to provide a range of information to support their application, including the numbers of financial members as at 1 January 2020.

#### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible services and activities that could be considered include:

- Continuation of current services that would otherwise not be continued due to the COVID-19 pandemic circumstances.
- Additional services and activities which support members:
  - a) In accessing support and information related to COVID-19 response.
  - b) To limit the impact of COVID-19 on their business.
  - c) In diversifying/pivoting their business enterprise.
  - d) Members' nomination of other services as a priority in response to COVID-19 impacts.

#### **Closing Information**

This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

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## COVID-19 TAS: Business and Non-Profits – Targeted Industry Assistance (Tourism, Hospitality & Fisheries)

**Status**      Opening  
**Location**    Tasmania

### Overview

This program aims to provide assistance to targeted industries (tourism, hospitality and fisheries) who are impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak. It forms part of the Tasmanian Government's \$420 million Economic Stimulus Package which is designed to help the State fight the economic impact of COVID-19 and also prepare the foundation to set Tasmania up for a rapid recovery when the pandemic eases.

Available assistance includes:

1. Supporting the tourism industry

- For April, May and June 2020, the Government will waive a number of lease, license and parks' entry fees for tourism operators.
- This initiative will support around 300 tourism businesses, right around Tasmania.

2. Liquor license fees reductions and waivers

- A 50% discount on liquor licencing fees and a waiver of all application fees for the calendar year 2020, back dated to 1 January 2020.

3. The Tourism and Hospitality Training Fund

- \$100,000 will be provided to the Tourism Institute Council Tasmanian (TICT) and the Tasmanian Hospitality Association (THA) for training in the tourism and hospitality sectors over the winter months, to improve productivity and to be ready to bounce back when tourism returns to normal levels across.

4. Holiday at Home Campaign

- \$1 million has been made available for Tourism Tasmania to develop a local holiday campaign to encourage Tasmanians to support the tourism industry this year.

More information will be published as soon as they become available.

### Closing Information

This program is not yet open for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.

### Provided By:

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## COVID-19 TAS: Business, Non-Profits – Skills Tasmania Train Now Fund

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	30-09-2020
<b>Opens</b>	29-04-2020
<b>Location</b>	Tasmania

### Overview

This program aims to support businesses and existing workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Its objective is to deliver and subsidise training and workforce development activities to existing workers and sole traders to support industries to train their workers during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase employees' skills to support the sustainability and future productivity of their business.

There are three streams available for selection:

- Employer: This option is available when the application relates to a single employer only.
- Industry Association: This option should be selected when the partner organisation is making application on behalf of their client base. The association or group must be an independent body that can describe and validate the skill needs of an industry sector.
- Business/small business: This option is available when there are a group of like businesses that are of the similar size and request the same training. Business/small business is defined as businesses with less than 20 employees including sole traders, contractors and non-employing businesses that have a common training need. As the group has been identified, they should be named in the qualification/skill set table.

Each application must relate to only one stream type.

Applications that include full qualifications for existing workers, must consider if the learner is eligible for an apprenticeship or traineeship and may be better suited to access funding through the Apprentice and Trainee Training Fund (User Choice) prior to submitting the application.

There is no co-contribution financial payment required by the business owner/employing organisation, however RTOs may choose to charge an additional fee over and above the subsidy provided by Skills Tasmania.

A total funding pool of \$1.5 million is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants include endorsed registered training organisations (RTOs) that must be in partnership with an employer or an industry association and meet the following requirements:

- The Endorsed RTO must have the qualifications/skill sets/units of competency on their scope of registration.
- The Endorsed RTO must be financially viable at the time of applying for and for the duration of any subsequent funding agreement.
- The applicant must provide evidence of the partnership with the employer or industry association.
- The existing workers who undertake the training must not be eligible for an apprenticeship or traineeship.

State Government business enterprises, state-owned companies and local government are eligible to apply.

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete eligibility requirements.

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include:

- Demonstrated need for training services. (50%)
- Outline the training summary for the proposed program/s. (30%)
- Identification of learner support needs, provision of learner support service/s and or referral of learners to support service/s. (20%)

Please refer to the Guidelines for the complete list of the assessment criteria.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 September 2020 or until all funds are fully allocated.

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## COVID-19 TAS: Business – Business Continuity Grant

<b>Status</b>	Open	<b>Closes</b>	31-12-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$750	<b>Location</b>	Tasmania

### Overview

This program aims to support Tasmanian businesses to trade through and survive the economic impact of COVID-19 and accelerate recovery when the pandemic eases. The goal is to build business resilience and inform recovery planning.

The program forms part of the Tasmanian Government's stimulus package which aims to support Tasmania as the state tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

One-off grants of up to \$750 are available.

A total funding pool of \$700,000 is available.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Have an Australian Business Number and be registered for GST.
- Not be subject to any legal impediment, including bankruptcy or liquidation.

Applications will not be accepted from:

- Local, state or Australian Government entities, including Government Business Enterprises.
- Not for profit organisations, unless trading or financial activities are a substantial part of the organisation activities.
- Unincorporated associations.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible services and activities that could be considered include:

- Financial advice (financial planning, credit advice,) typically requiring the provider to hold an Australian Financial Services Licence, or Australian Credit Licence.
- Specialist accounting, legal and business planning advice about:
  - a) Cashflow projections
  - b) Managing risk
  - c) Diversifying/pivoting the business enterprise
  - d) Adding value to products and services produced by the business enterprise

Assistance must be provided by a suitably qualified consultant (for example, but not limited to, CPA, CA).

Grant funds must be used for the purpose of receiving assistance in relation to business continuity planning.

Any advice, services and activities that form part of routine business management and operations, or advice, services and activities that sit outside of, or do not directly relate to the operations of the business enterprise are ineligible for funding.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 5pm of 31 December 2020.

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## COVID-19 TAS: Business – Business Support Loan Scheme

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	30-06-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$250,000
<b>Location</b>	Tasmania

### Overview

This program aims to assist eligible businesses for the purpose of supporting business continuity, viability and sustainability during the Coronavirus period. It forms part of the Tasmanian Government's stimulus package which aims to support Tasmania as the state tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Support is available for eligible businesses in Tasmania that operate in the hospitality, tourism, seafood production export, related supply chain businesses, as well as businesses in other sectors of the economy that that can demonstrate they have been materially impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak.

Loans from \$20,000 up to \$250,000 are available under the following terms:

- The term of the loan is up to five years.
- Loans will be interest free for the first three years then payable at TDR's commercial loan rate from year four onwards.
- The commercial loan interest rate will be reviewed on a regular basis.
- The loan is repayable in full after five years.
- Loans within the core parameters of the scheme will be provided on an unsecured basis.

There are no loan application fees. Successful applicants under the scheme will only be responsible for legal fees, if required, and other statutory costs.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Be majority Tasmanian owned and operate in Tasmania as a sole trader, trust, partnership or private company.
- Tasmanian Incorporated Associations that operate business undertakings that exist for the purpose of generating income streams will also be eligible to apply (at the department's discretion).
- Demonstrate their business has been impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak, as well as a clear need for the loan, to the satisfaction of the Department of State Growth.
- Demonstrate financial viability of the business prior to the Coronavirus.
- Be registered for tax purposes in Australia with an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Require business financial reporting to a satisfactory level with satisfactory financial accounts and tax returns completed (with 2019 being highly preferred).
- Require a satisfactory credit history including the payment of statutory and staff entitlements.
- Have an annual turnover of \$10 million or less. Consideration will be given by exception to businesses that turnover in excess of \$10 million per annum and operate in multiple locations.

### Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:

- Purchase of business plant and equipment.
- Improving distribution channels and online shopping accessibility.
- Implementing initiatives to improve the sustainability and viability of the business.
- Ensuring that essential business continuity is maintained.

Applications are not eligible for payment of:

- Overdue creditor payments.
- Overdue statutory payments.
- Staff displacement or redundancy costs.
- Debt refinancing.

**Closing Information**

This program is open on an ongoing basis until 4pm of 30 June 2020.

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## COVID-19 TAS: Business – Business Vehicle Registration Relief

**Status** Open  
**Location** Tasmania

### Overview

This program aims to support Tasmanian small businesses who are significantly impacted with the Coronavirus crisis by providing business vehicle registration savings and deferrals. It forms part of the Tasmanian Government's stimulus package which aims to support Tasmania as the state tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Assistance available are:

1. Registration freeze for light and heavy vehicles

- Small businesses looking to suspend activity due to the COVID-19 business downturn and trading restrictions can apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to freeze their business vehicle registrations for both light and heavy vehicles.
- Registrations can be reactivated at no cost to them when the business restarts.
- The maximum period that a registration can be frozen is 12 months.

2. Heavy vehicle registration and motor tax waivers

- For heavy vehicles of over 4.5 tonnes the government will waive fees for registration and the road component of motor tax for 12 months.
- Operators will still need to pay the regulatory component of motor tax which goes to fund the operations of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR).

A total funding pool of \$9.7 million is available.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Registration and Licensing Services for advice on eligibility or for assistance with their application.

### Closing Information

This program is open on an ongoing basis.

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## COVID-19 TAS: Business – Small Business Emergency Support Grant

<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Closes</b>	05-05-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$2,500
<b>Location</b>	Tasmania

### Overview

This program seeks to assist COVID-19 affected small businesses in the identified severely impacted industries. It forms part of the Tasmanian Government's stimulus package which aims to support Tasmania as the state tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The most severely impacted industries include seafood; tourism and accommodation; retail; hospitality; arts and entertainment; fitness; plus:

- a) Suppliers to the above sectors (who derive the majority of their income from the above sectors).
- b) Exporters (any business who in 2018-19 derived the majority of the income from international exports).

As part of the Tasmanian Governments continued support to Tasmanian businesses, a second round of the Small Business Emergency Support Grant has been released to support businesses under severe hardship and who have not yet received funding under the first round.

Grants of up to \$2,500 are available per eligible small business.

A total funding pool of \$20 million is available.

Businesses may only submit one application per ABN. All applicants are recommended to register for the Australian Government's [JobKeeper payment](#).

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Have been employing fewer than 25 full time equivalent (FTE) employees (casual, part-time or full time), on or before 31 January 2019, or be a:
  - a) A sole trader
  - b) Non-employing business
  - c) Owner operator
- Meet the hardship test of a loss in revenue of greater than 30%. Evidence may be required to be provided.
- Derive greater than 50% of their income from the business. Noting that requests may be made to applicants to provide documented evidence to demonstrate this.
- Have been operating their business (not a hobby or charity) on or before 31 January 2019.
- Be registered for tax purposes in Australia with an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Be a majority owned and operated Tasmanian business.

The following are ineligible to apply:

- Businesses who have already received funding under round one.
- Wholly owned subsidiaries of large businesses (25+ employees).
- A non-employing business from which the owner derives less than 50 per cent of their income.
- Not-for-profit organisations, unless trading or funding activities are a substantial part of the organisations activities.
- Businesses who are eligible for the Primary Healthcare Grants.
- Businesses who submit multiple applications under one ABN.
- Unincorporated associations.

### Closing Information

This program is now closed for applications. Please visit the website for the latest updates.



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## COVID-19 TAS: Business – Small Business Hardship Grant

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>Closes</b>	08-05-2020
<b>Funding</b>	Max \$15,000
<b>Location</b>	Tasmania

### Overview

This program aims to support Tasmanian businesses who have been highly impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions and experiencing hardship. It forms part of the Tasmanian Government's stimulus package which aims to support Tasmania as the state tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants of up to \$15,000 are available. Grant amounts will be based on evidence provided that demonstrates a loss in revenue greater than 30%.

A total funding pool of \$20 million is available. Applicants are encouraged to apply for the Small Business Emergency Support Grant first.

### Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants must:

- Have been employing 49 full time equivalent (FTE) employees or less (casual, full-time or part-time), as at 31 January 2020.
- Meet the hardship test and provide documented evidence to support a loss in revenue of greater than 30%.
- Have been operating their business (not a hobby or charity) on or before 31 January 2019.
- Be registered for tax purposes in Australia with an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST.
- Be a majority Tasmanian-owned and operated business in Tasmania.

The following are ineligible to apply:

- Businesses not registered for GST
- Local State or Australian Government entities
- Not-for-profit organisations, unless trading or funding activities are a substantial part of the organisations activities
- Unincorporated associations

### Assessment Criteria

The main assessment criteria include the applicant's ability to demonstrate:

- Severe hardship and meet the hardship test. A business must demonstrate that its revenue has reduced by more than 30%.
- To continue to operate in the current environment and provide products or services necessary for the Tasmanian or Australian community.
- The need to temporarily cease operation but can demonstrate strong prospects for future jobs sustainment or growth.

### Closing Information

Applications for this program has been extended until midnight of 8 May 2020.

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