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COVID-19 OPERATOR UPDATE: MAJOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PACKAGES

Current as at 1 April, 2020

About this document

Over the past month the Federal and State Government announced a range of support measures for businesses impacted by COVID-19.

There is a lot of information to wade through and we want to help operators assess the programs to see which may apply to their business and personal situation.

This document summarises the programs that were available **as at April 1, 2020**. Operators should review the information to see if it applies to them and their individual circumstances and seek any relevant financial advice.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government has introduced several economic stimulus packages to address potential economic consequences of the Coronavirus



JOB KEEPER PAYMENT

Could it apply to my business?	What relief will it provide?	How do I access it?
<p>✓ Annual turnover of less than \$1bn, which will be reduced by over 30%²</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ In an employment relationship with eligible employees as at 1 March 2020</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Can confirm that each eligible employee is currently engaged</p>	<p>The JobKeeper Payment is a subsidy paid to employers by the ATO to help pay employees wages</p> <p>Eligible employers will be paid a flat rate of \$1500 per fortnight, per eligible employee</p> <p>The subsidy will be paid monthly and continue for up to 6 months</p>	<p>Employers can register their interest for the payment via the ATO's website from 30 March 2020</p> <p>Eligible employers will be able to apply via an online application and need to identify eligible employees</p> <p>The first payment will be received by employers from the ATO in the first week of May 2020. Payments are made in arrears.</p>
<p>Learn more: https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/jobkeeper</p>		

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DELIVERING SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS INVESTMENT

Could it apply to my business?	What relief will it provide?	How do I access it?
<p>✓ Annual turnover of less than \$500m²</p> <p>✓ First used, or installed ready for use, assets worth up to \$150,000 between 12 March 2020 and 30 June 2020</p> <p>OR</p> <p>✓ First used, or installed ready for use, assets exceeding \$150,000 between 12 March 2020 and 30 June 2021</p>	<p><u>Instant Asset Write - Off (IAWO) Threshold</u></p> <p>Until 30 June 2020, the IAWO threshold has been increased to \$150,000 (from \$30,000)</p> <p><u>Accelerated Depreciation Deduction²</u></p> <p>Until 30 June 2021, if an asset exceeds \$150,000, or is not first used or installed for use by 30 June 2020, 50% of the installation cost can be deducted</p>	<p>Businesses should claim and process instant asset write-offs and accelerated depreciation deductions as per standard taxation procedures</p> <p>Further information on eligibility criteria and thresholds can be found on the ATO website</p>
<p>Learn more: https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Depreciation-and-capital-expenses-and-allowances/</p>		

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BOOSTING CASH FLOW FOR EMPLOYERS

Could it apply to my business?	What relief will it provide?	How do I access it?
<p>✓ Had an ABN on 12 March 2020</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Aggregated annual turnover under \$50m (based on prior year turnover)²</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Made eligible payments (e.g. salaries) you are required to withhold from</p>	<p>Up to \$100,000 to help businesses keep operating, pay rent and electricity, bills, and retain staff</p> <p>The maximum initial cash flow boost will be \$50,000 and the minimum will be \$10,000</p> <p>An additional cash flow boost will be made to eligible entities and will be equal to the initial payment</p>	<p>Businesses need not apply for the cash flow boosts – payments will be automatically applied to accounts when activity statements are lodged</p> <p>Payments will be calculated by the ATO based on the amount of PAYG withheld</p> <p>The initial boost will be available from 28 April 2020, and the additional boost will be available from 28 July 2020</p>
<p>Learn more: https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Business-activity-statements-(BAS)/In-detail/Boosting-cash-flow-for-employers/</p>		

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SME GUARANTEE SCHEME

Could it apply to my business?	What relief will it provide?	How do I access it?
<p>✓ Businesses, including sole traders, with an annual turnover of up to \$50m²</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Satisfy eligible lenders' credit assessment processes</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Using the loan for businesses purposes only, to support cash flow needs</p>	<p>The Government will provide a guarantee of 50% to lenders for new unsecured loans to be used for working capital</p> <p>Maximum of \$250,000 per borrower for a period of up to 3 years, with an initial 6-month loan repayment holiday</p> <p>Borrowers will not have to provide an asset as security for the loan</p>	<p>Businesses should approach their financial institution, or any other participating lender, for further information³</p> <p>The scheme will commence by early April 2020 and be available for new loans made by participating lenders until 30 September 2020</p>

Learn more: <https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/sme-guarantee-scheme>

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT – ANCILLARY SUPPORT

TEMPORARY RELIEF FOR FINANCIAL DISTRESS	HOLD ON EVICTIONS	SUPPORTING APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES
<p>WHAT IS IT?</p> <p>Temporary increase of the threshold at which creditors can issue a statutory demand on a company, and the time companies have to respond to statutory demands they receive</p>	<p>WHAT IS IT?</p> <p>Short term, temporary moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent to be applied across commercial tenancies impacted by severe rental distress due to coronavirus</p>	<p>WHAT IS IT?</p> <p>Eligible small businesses can apply for a wage subsidy of 50% of the apprentice’s or trainee’s wage paid during the 9 months from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020, up to \$21,000 per trainee</p>
<p>WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?</p> <p>https://www.business.gov.au/risk-management/emergency-management/coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/temporary-relief-for-financially-distressed-businesses</p>	<p>WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?</p> <p>https://www.business.gov.au/risk-management/emergency-management/coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/a-hold-on-evictions-for-renters</p>	<p>WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?</p> <p>https://www.business.gov.au/risk-management/emergency-management/coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/supporting-apprentices-and-trainees</p>



QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

The Queensland Government has announced a range of initiatives to support businesses affected by the Coronavirus



PAYROLL TAX RELIEF

Could it apply to my business?	What relief will it provide?	How do I access it?
<p>✓ Queensland business¹</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Small to medium businesses (SMEs) with an annual payroll of up to \$6.5m</p> <p>OR</p> <p>✓ Large business with annual payrolls over \$6.5m</p>	<p><u>For SMEs Only (payroll of up to \$6.5m)</u></p> <p>Three-month payroll tax holiday, saving an average of \$13,360</p> <p><u>For ALL Businesses</u></p> <p>Two-month refund of payroll tax, giving an average of approx. \$9,000</p> <p>Deferral of all payroll tax payments for the rest of 2020</p>	<p>Businesses should have their 7-digit client number ready before applying</p> <p>Businesses must complete separate applications for payroll tax deferral and the payroll tax refund before 31 May 2020 via the Business QLD website</p> <p>Once processed, businesses will receive further instructions via email²</p>
<p>Learn more: https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/employing/payroll-tax/lodging/coronavirus-tax-relief</p>		

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JOBS SUPPORT LOANS

Could it apply to my business?	What relief will it provide?	How do I access it?
<p>✓ Queensland business¹</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Operated the business or not-for-profit since 1 July 2017</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Suffered a loss of income as a result of the Coronavirus</p>	<p>\$500m loans scheme to assist businesses retain employees and maintain operations (rent, rates, etc.)</p> <p>Low interest loans of up to 50% of an eligible entity's annual wage expense, to a maximum of \$250,000</p> <p>Loan terms of 10 years, with an initial 12-month repayment and interest free period³</p>	<p>Loan applications are available until 25 September 2020, or until funding is fully committed</p> <p>Applications are to be made via the QRINDA website</p> <p>Businesses will be required to provide several documents, including financial statements and taxation returns</p>
<p>Learn more: http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs/covid-19-business-support/queensland-covid19-jobs-support-scheme</p>		

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ELECTRICITY BILL RELIEF

Could it apply to my business?	What relief will it provide?	How do I access it?
<p>✓ Queensland business¹</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Consume less than 100,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year</p>	<p>\$100m power bill relief package for SMEs and sole traders</p> <p>All eligible SMEs will receive a \$500 rebate off energy bills</p>	<p>The rebate will be automatically applied on business electricity bills</p> <p>No date has been set for when businesses will first receive the rebate, but this will depend upon when their electricity bill falls due</p>
<p>Learn more: https://www.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0023/122099/electricity-relief-qanda.pdf</p>		

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WORKER AND INDUSTRY SUPPORT PACKAGE

Could it apply to my business?	What relief will it provide?	How do I access it?
<p>✓ Queensland business¹</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Industry is vital to supporting Queensland through Coronavirus crisis</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Need access to skilled labour to meet uptake in demand</p>	<p>\$500m to assist workers and businesses with retraining, job-matching and access to skilled labour</p> <p>\$1b to assist large businesses and ensure they will be able to scale up and serve the community when economic activity improves</p> <p>Identification of alternative suppliers of Queensland manufactured goods and services which are vital for businesses</p>	<p>Limited information on accessing support has been made available at this time</p> <p>Businesses can access further detail on the Industry Support Package by emailing COVID19ISP@treasury.qld.gov.au</p>
<p>Learn more: https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/programs-and-policies/covid19-package/</p>		

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FINANCIAL RESILIENCE COUNSELLING	GOVERNMENT PREMISES RENT RELIEF	MENTORING ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT
<p>WHAT IS IT?</p> <p>Access to financial counsellors to get a better understanding of financial position and viability, including assistance in developing and implementing plans to improve financial situations</p>	<p>WHAT IS IT?</p> <p>Six-month relief for businesses renting government premises</p>	<p>WHAT IS IT?</p> <p>The Mentoring for Growth program has mentors ready to provide tailored support to impacted small businesses, including financial mentoring and business planning</p>
<p>WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?</p> <p>https://www.business.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/290715/coronavirus-covid-19-business-support.pdf</p>	<p>WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?</p> <p>https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/programs-and-policies/covid19-package/</p>	<p>WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?</p> <p>https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/growing-business/business-mentoring/mentoring-growth/register-business</p>



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<https://www.business.gov.au/risk-management/emergency-management/coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/>



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