

Payments will be from March 31 and over 90% will be made by mid-April 2020

CASH FLOW BOOST FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

COST (\$B) **6.7**

WHO – Small businesses with turnover under \$50m who employ staff. An expected 690,000 businesses employing around 7.8 Million to benefit.

WHAT – Payments of up to \$25,000 with a \$2000 minimum. Businesses will receive payments of 50% of their business activity statements or instalment activity statement from Apr 28 with refunds to be paid in 14 days. The measure will end Jun 30, 2020.

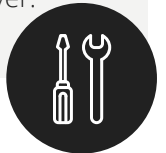


WAGE SUBSIDIES FOR APPRENTICES

COST (\$B) **1.265**

WHO – Employers of 120,000 apprentices.

WHAT – Employers can apply for a wage subsidy of 50% of the apprentice's or trainee's wage for up to 9 months from Jan 1, 2020 to Sep 30, 2020. Where a small business is not able to retain an apprentice, the subsidy will be available to a new employer.

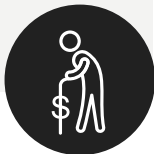


FASTER WELFARE PAYMENTS

COST (\$B) **4.764**

WHO – All welfare recipients. Around half of those that will benefit are pensioners.

WHAT – \$750 one-off payment. The payment will be tax free and will not count as income for social security, farm household allowance and veteran payments. If a person qualifies for the one-off payment in multiple ways, they will only receive one payment.

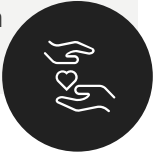


FEE WAIVERS FOR BUSINESS

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WHO – Regions and communities that have been disproportionately affected by the economic impacts of the Corona virus, such as tourism, agriculture and education.

WHAT – It will include the waiver of fees and charges for tourism businesses that operate in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Commonwealth National Parks.



FASTER DEPRECIATION

COST (\$B) **3.2**

WHO – Businesses with a turnover of less than \$500m

WHAT – Will be able to deduct an additional 50% of the asset's cost in the year of purchase up to Jun 30, 2021.

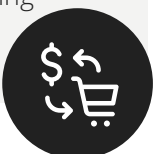


BIGGER TAX WRITE OFFS

\$700m

WHO – Small businesses with turnover up to \$500m

WHAT – An claim a tax deduction for spending assets up to \$150,000 before Jun 30, 2020.



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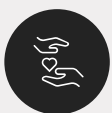
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GUARANTEED 50% ON LOANS

WHO – The Government will guarantee 50 per cent of new loans issued by eligible lenders to SMEs.

WHAT – The Scheme will complement the pledge the Government has made to cut red-tape to allow SMEs to get access to credit faster.



STATUTORY DEMAND DEADLINE EXTENSION

WHO – There is a temporary increase to 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.

WHAT – 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 6 months.



JOBSEEKER PAYMENTS DOUBLED FOR 6 MONTHS

WHO – Workers that have been laid off due to the pandemic will be able to access an additional \$550 per fortnight.

WHAT – This is for both new and existing income support recipients, as of 27th April 2020. People will receive their usual payment, plus \$550, for a six month period.

\$10K FROM YOUR SUPER

WHO – Those experiencing financial difficulty can access up to \$10,000 of their superannuation in each financial year (2019-2020, and 2020-2021).

WHAT – These withdrawals will be tax-free and available to those who are eligible for the coronavirus supplement, as well as sole traders who have seen their hours work, or income fall, 20 per cent or more as a result of the coronavirus.



CASH FLOW BOOST FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

WHO – Small businesses with turnover under \$50m who employ staff. An expected 690,000 businesses employing around 7.8 Million to benefit.

WHAT – Payments of up to \$100,000. The cash payments will be delivered by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a credit in the activity statement system from 28 April 2020 upon businesses lodging eligible upcoming activity statements.

OBLIGATIONS ON EMPLOYERS

To receive the JobKeeper Payment, employers must:

- Register an intention to apply on the ATO website and assess that they have or will experience the required turnover decline.
- Provide information to the ATO on eligible employees. This includes information on the number of eligible employees engaged as at 1 March 2020 and those currently employed by the business (including those stood down or rehired). For most businesses, the ATO will use Single Touch Payroll data to pre-populate the employee details for the business.
- Ensure that each eligible employee receives at least \$1,500 per fortnight (before tax). For employees that were already receiving this amount from the employer then their income will not change. For employees that have been receiving less than this amount, the employer will need to top up the payment to the employee up to \$1,500, before tax. And for those employees earning more than this amount, the employer is able to provide them with a top-up.
- Notify all eligible employees that they are receiving the JobKeeper Payment.
- Continue to provide information to the ATO on a monthly basis, including the number of eligible employees employed by the business.

BACKGROUND ON JOBKEEPER PAYMENT

Under the JobKeeper Payment, businesses 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 fortnightly payment of \$1,500 per eligible employee from 30 March 2020, for a maximum period of 6 months.

ELEGIBLE EMPLOYERS

Employers will be eligible for the subsidy if:

- Their business has a turnover of less than \$1b and their turnover will be reduced by more than 30 per cent relative to a comparable period a year ago (of at least a month); or
- Their business has a turnover of \$1b or more and their turnover will be reduced by more than 50 per cent relative to a comparable period a year ago (of at least a month); and
- The business is not subject to the Major Bank Levy.

The employer must have been in an employment relationship with eligible employees as at 1 March 2020 and confirm that each eligible employee is currently engaged in order to receive JobKeeper Payments.

ELEGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Eligible employees are employees who:

- Are currently employed by the eligible employer (including those stood down or re-hired);
- Were employed by the employer at 1 March 2020;
- Are full-time, part-time, or long-term casuals (a casual employed on a regular basis for longer than 12 months as at 1 March 2020);
- Are at least 16 years of age;
- Are an Australian citizen, the holder of a permanent visa, a Protected Special Category Visa Holder, a non-protected Special Category Visa Holder who has been residing continually in Australia for 10 years or more, or a Special Category (Subclass 444) Visa Holder; and
- Are not in receipt of a JobKeeper Payment from another employer.

If your employees receive the JobKeeper Payment, this may affect their eligibility for payments from Services Australia as they must report their JobKeeper Payment as income.