

2. JobKeeper Information

Link: [JobKeeper Website](#)

The government has introduced a \$130 billion JobKeeper Payment scheme to support businesses significantly affected by the coronavirus to help keep more Australians in jobs.

The JobKeeper payment is open to eligible employers to enable them to pay their eligible employee's salary or wages of at least \$1,500 (before tax) per fortnight.

Eligible employers will be reimbursed a fixed amount of \$1,500 per fortnight for each eligible employee.

Employers will need to pay 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. The first payments to eligible employers will commence in the first week of May 2020. JobKeeper payments can be made for the period beginning 30 March 2020.

If employers do not continue to pay their employees for each pay period, they will cease to qualify for the JobKeeper payment.

To be eligible for the JobKeeper payment, employers and their employees must meet a range of criteria.

Eligibility:

Please note: this measure only applies to eligible clubs and/or supporter's clubs that employ staff (see full eligibility details below).

Employers will be eligible for the JobKeeper payment if all of the following apply:

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

To establish that a not-for-profit has faced or is likely to face the relevant fall in turnover, most would be expected to establish that their turnover has or will likely fall in the relevant month or quarter relative to their turnover in the corresponding period a year earlier. Turnover is generally calculated as it is for GST purposes, and is reported on Business Activity Statements, with some modifications to ensure it can be applied appropriately to individual entities in respect of the periods being tested by the JobKeeper rules. It includes all taxable supplies and all GST free supplies but not input taxed supplies. For consistency, NFPs who do not report through a Business Activity Statement are required to use the same rules for calculating their turnover.

How to Apply:

To enrol and apply for the JobKeeper payment, you follow the steps below.

- > Enrol for the [JobKeeper payment](#) (from 20 April onwards);
- > Apply to claim the JobKeeper payment by logging in to the [ATO Business Portal](#);
- > Confirm eligible employees you will claim the JobKeeper payment (available from 4 May onwards).

Important note: You must do this by the end of April to claim JobKeeper payments for April.

What do you need to do for your employees?

You need to identify which employees you intend to claim the JobKeeper payment for and tell them you intend to claim the JobKeeper payment for them. You need to provide these employees with the [JobKeeper employee nomination notice](#) and ask them to return it to you by the end of April if you want to claim JobKeeper payment for April.

If your employees have multiple employers, they can usually choose which employer they want to nominate through. However, if your employees are long-term casuals and have other permanent employment, they cannot nominate you. They cannot receive the JobKeeper payment from more than one employer.

Further Information:

Please refer to the link to the [Australian Government, Australian Tax Office](#) link for additional details.



3. Victorian Governments - Business Support Fund

Link: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Business Support](#)

The Victorian Government has launched the \$500 million Business Support Fund to support small businesses in the sectors hit hardest by coronavirus (COVID-19) so they can survive and keep people in work. Eligible businesses can apply for a one-off \$10,000 grant which can be used towards costs such as utilities, rent and salaries, and activities to support business continuity planning.

The Business Support Fund is for small businesses that employ staff and are subject to closure or are highly impacted by the shutdown restrictions announced by the Victorian Government as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes businesses in the hardest hit sectors including:

- Accommodation and Food Services (e.g. cafes, restaurants, caterers, hotels, motels)
- Arts and Entertainment (e.g. cinemas, performing arts venues, creative spaces, performers, museums)
- Health and Beauty Services (e.g. hairdressers, barbers, beauty therapists)
- Sport and recreation (e.g. gyms, swimming pools, indoor climbing, play centres)
- Tourism (e.g. tourist transport, tour operators, tour arrangement)
- Retail, other than supermarket, groceries, liquor and pharmacy businesses
- Other Services (e.g. real estate agents)

Eligibility:

Businesses are eligible to apply for a grant through the Fund if they meet the following criteria:

- Have been subject to closure or highly impacted by [Restricted Activity Directions issued by the Deputy Chief Health Officer to-date](#); and
- Employ people; and
- Have a turnover of more than \$75,000; and
- Have payroll of less than \$650,000; and
- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and held that ABN at 16 March 2020 (when the [State of Emergency](#) was declared); and
- Have been engaged in carrying out the operation of the business in the Australian State of Victoria on 16 March 2020.

If successful in applications, examples of what the grant funding could be used for 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; or
- Other supporting activities related to the operation of the business.

How to apply:

Before applying applicants MUST:

- ensure that the information linked to their Australian Business Number reflects their current business activity and is up-to-date;
- have the required documents ready to attach: the applicant's most recent Business Activity Statement (if you are unable to provide a BAS, you must provide business bank statements to evidence that your business activities in the 2019/20 financial year meet the eligibility criteria); bank account details; and any other supporting documents.

If you are eligible and would like to apply, please do so online at:

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-support-fund>

Further Information:

If you have any further questions, the Victorian Government have an FAQ document, which can be found here:

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-support-fund/business-support-fund-faqs#>

Should your club be eligible, please feel free to contact the Grant Seeking Unit to assist with drafting and submitting an application on the club's behalf.



4. Australian Tax Office - Boosting cash flow for employers

Link: [Boosting cashflow for employers](#)

The Australian Government has passed Legislation to provide temporary cash flow of between \$20,000 up to \$100,000 for eligible small and medium-sized businesses, and not-for-profits (NFPs) that employ staff to help with their cash flow so they can keep operating, pay their rent, electricity and other bills and retain staff. This will be done through two sets of cash flow boosts, with the first delivered from 28 April 2020, through credits in the activity statement system.

Eligible businesses and NFPs, must have held an Australian Business Number on 12 March 2020 and lodge their activity statement to receive the credit. 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.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, not-for-profit organisations (excluding charities) must have:

- held an active ABN on 12 March 2020;
- have an aggregate annual turnover of less than \$50 million; and
- made payments to employees such as:
 - salary and wages
 - director fees
 - eligible retirement or termination payments
 - compensation payments
 - voluntary withholding from payments to contractors.

How to apply:

Eligible businesses do not need to apply with a separate form.

For most businesses, the cash flow boost will automatically be credited to your account when you lodge your activity statement. The first credit will occur on or after 28 April 2020. Even if you lodge before 28 April 2020, you will not be credited with the cash flow boost before this date.

Further Information:

Please refer to the the Australian Tax Office website: [Boosting Cashflow for Employers](#)

5. Victorian Government – Waiver of Liquor Licences

Link: [Victorian Government's Tax Relief of Eligible Businesses](#)

Eligibility:

Businesses that have paid for a renewable liquor licence for 2020 will be reimbursed their licence fee and those yet to pay will have the fee waived.

How to apply:

Eligible organisations DO NOT NEED TO APPLY. Businesses that have paid for a renewable liquor licence for 2020 will be reimbursed their licence fee and those yet to pay will have the fee waived.

The State Revenue Office will administer the reimbursement, regardless of whether the licence fee was paid to it or the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation.

Further Information:

Please refer to: <https://www.sro.vic.gov.au/frequently-asked-questions-response-covid-19>

6. Non Financial support measures for members

LSV understands these are particularly uncertain and difficult times for clubs, members and community. If you need help during this time, we encourage you to speak with family and friends, and you can call the support services below:

- Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636
- Life Saving Victoria – please contact LSV comms directly.

If members or individuals have any immediate concerns for their or others wellbeing, LSV do recommend seeing a local GP.

Additional welfare resources are available via www.lsv.com.au/healthalerts including information on talking to younger members, immediate response to trauma/loss.

