

SUPPORT FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES DURING OUTBREAK

COVID-19 FACT SHEET

Protecting jobs and the economy throughout COVID-19 uncertainty.

The economic impact of COVID-19 has been sharp and significant, prompting ongoing responses from both state and federal governments.

Some immediate economic responses to COVID-19 are listed below:

BOOSTING CASH FLOW FOR EMPLOYERS

The Australian Government is supporting businesses to manage cash flow challenges and retain employees, including cash flow support to businesses and temporary measures to provide relief for financially distressed businesses.

The Australian Government is providing up to \$100,000 to eligible small and medium sized businesses, and not-for-profits (including charities) that employ people, with a minimum payment of \$20,000.

These payments will help businesses' and not-for-profits' cash flow so they can keep operating, pay their rent, electricity and other bills and retain staff.

Small and medium sized business entities and NFPs with aggregated annual turnover under \$50 million and that employ workers will likely be eligible for the Boosting Cash Flow for Employers measure. Eligibility will generally be based on prior year turnover.

SUPPORTING APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

The Australian Government is supporting small business to retain their apprentices and trainees. Eligible employers can apply for a wage subsidy of 50 per cent of the apprentice's or trainee's wage paid during the nine months from January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

Where a small business is not able to retain an apprentice, the subsidy will be available to a new employer.

Employers will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$21,000 per eligible apprentice or trainee (\$7000 per quarter).

Support will also be provided to the National Apprentice Employment Network, the peak national body representing Group Training Organisations, to co-ordinate the re-employment of displaced apprentices and trainees throughout their network of host employers across Australia.

INCREASING THE INSTANT ASSET WRITE-OFF

The Australian Government is increasing the instant asset write-off threshold from \$30,000 to \$150,000 and expanding access to include all businesses with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$500 million (up from \$50 million) until June 30, 2020.

Fast facts...

- The Australian Government's economic response to the COVID-19 coronavirus totals \$189 billion across the forward estimates.
- Businesses can visit business.gov.au to find out more about how the Economic Response complements the range of support available to small and medium businesses.
- For more information on the Australian Government's Economic Response to the Coronavirus visit treasury.gov.au/coronavirus.