

The NSW Covid recovery grant of \$3000 has been extended by the NSW government, with a further 18 industries now included , and the deadline moved to 31 August 2020.

The grant is designed to help small businesses re-open or scale-up their operations.

You may be eligible for financial assistance of between \$500 and \$3,000 if you have experienced a decline in turnover as a result of COVID-19.

The grant can be used to cover:

- Fit-out changes and temporary physical changes (e.g. plastic barriers at checkouts)
- Staff training and counselling (e.g. health & safety risks and mitigation strategies)
- Business advice and continuity planning
- Cleaning products and additional cleaning services
- Additional equipment necessary to comply with social distancing or other public health measures
- Marketing, communications and advertising (e.g. to let the community know the business is operating again)
- Digital solutions (e.g. e-commerce or business websites)

The Small Business Recovery Grant can only be used for purchases made from 1 July 2020, and must only be used for expenses for which no other government support is available.

Businesses and not-for-profits will be eligible for the grant if they:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN) as at 1 March 2020 registered in NSW;
- have total Australian wages below the NSW Government 2019-20 payroll tax threshold of \$900,000 as at 1 March 2020;
- have fewer than 20 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff (including non-employing businesses, such as non-employing sole traders) as at 1 March 2020;
- have an annual turnover of more than \$75,000 as at 1 March 2020;
- have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 30 per cent from March to July 2020 compared to the equivalent period (of at least 2 weeks) in 2019;
- are in a highly impacted industry (<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/small-business-covid-19-recovery-grant-guidelines#attachment-a-list-of-highly-impacted-industries>) as at 1 March 2020. These industries were impacted by the COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement Order 2020;
- have costs from 1 July 2020 associated with safely reopening or scaling up their business.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/small-business-covid-19-recovery-grant-guidelines>

If you need more information about the grant please do not hesitate to get in touch.