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## WHAT LOCKDOWN SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ACT

**Support is available to your business is impacted by the ACT lockdowns.**

If your business is impacted by the lockdowns across the ACT, support is available through grants, rebates and waivers.

### *ACT COVID-19 Business Support Grants*

The ACT COVID-19 Business Support Grant provides up to \$10,000 for employing businesses and up to \$4,000 for non-employing businesses that have experienced a decline of 30% or more as a result of the COVID-19 health restrictions.

#### *Eligibility*

The full eligibility details have not been released as yet but will include the need to:

- Have an active ABN; and
- Demonstrate that your business was operating in the ACT as at 1 April 2021; and
- Have an annual turnover of more than \$75,000; and
- Be registered for GST before 1 April 2021; and
- Have total Australian payroll of less than \$10 million; and
- Have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 30% or more in the week from Friday 13 August to Friday 20 August 2021 compared to the prior 7 day period.

Applications have not opened for this grant as yet. You can express your interest [here](#).

### *COVID-19 Small Business Hardship Scheme*

Eligible ACT businesses can apply for credits on the cost of eligible fees and

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charges of up to \$10,000 (inclusive of GST) per ABN against payroll tax, utilities, rates and a range of business licence fees and charges.

The scheme is available to small businesses with a turnover between \$30,000 and \$10 million per annum.

The full details of the scheme have not been released as yet. You can express your interest [here](#).

## *Other rebates and waivers*

A range of other rebates are currently available to ACT businesses including:

- Accommodation and Tourism Venue Operator support program – a full rebate on fixed water and sewerage charges for the first two quarters of 2021-22 up to \$75,000 for operators who have experienced a decline in revenue of at least 30% in July 2021 compared to April 2021. Applications close 17 September 2021.
  - Small Tourism Operator COVID Recovery Payment for operators who receive less than \$15,000 under the Accommodation and Tourism Venue Operator Support Program. Applies to businesses with a turnover between \$30,000 and \$10m and seasonal businesses.
- Payroll tax exemption for apprentices or trainees - Wages paid to new employees who are apprentices or trainees employed after 1 August 2020 are exempt from payroll tax from the start of their employment until 30 June 2022.

A range of automatic fee waivers and reductions have been applied to food business registrations, outdoor dining permits, liquor licensing fees, hire cars and charter buses.