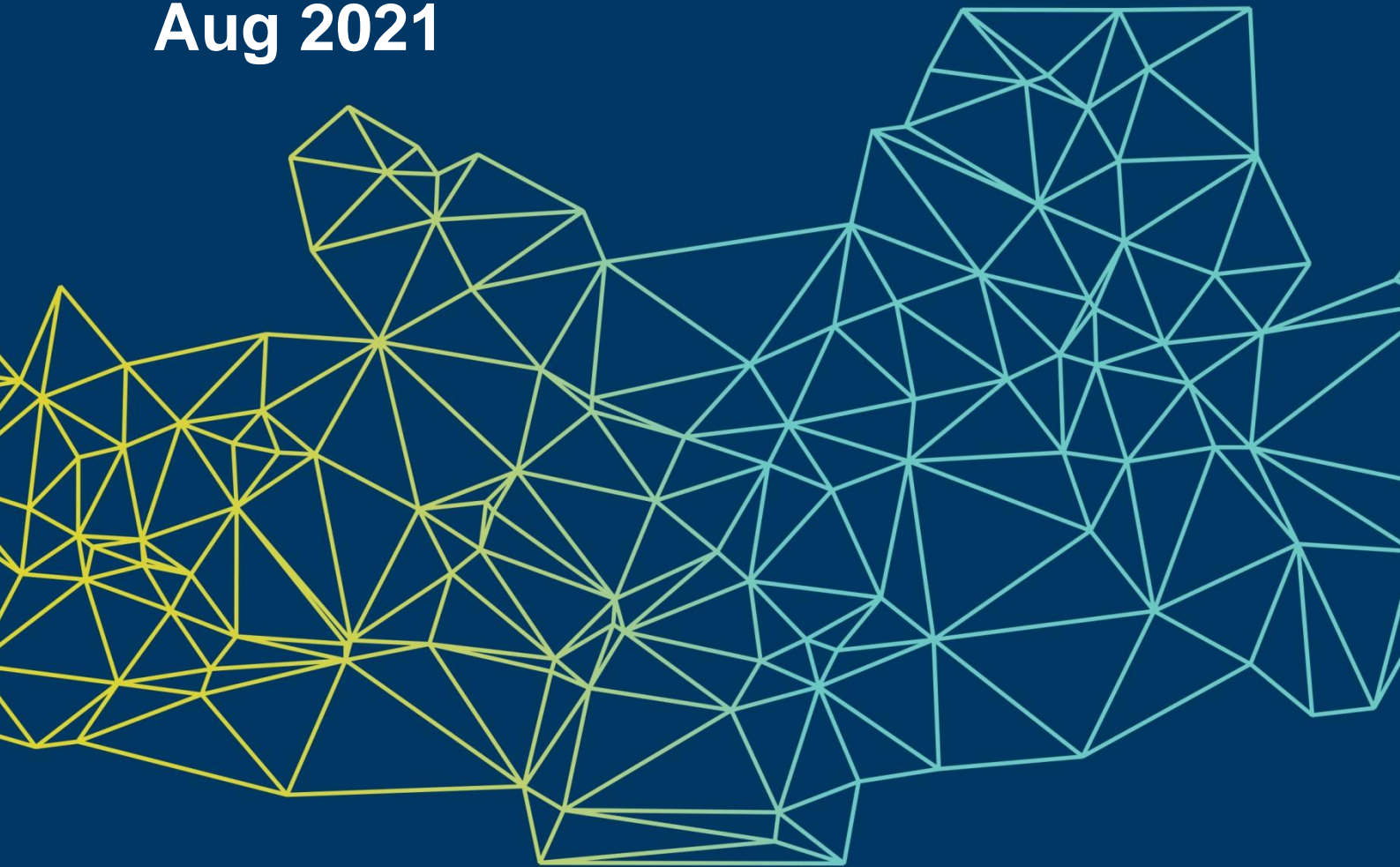


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# COVID-19 economic support for business

The ACT Government announced a range of measures to support local business and industries impacted by the recent COVID-19 lockdown.

The Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Governments jointly funded the COVID-19 Business Support Grants in line with the extension of the ACT Lockdown to 2 September 2021.

## COVID-19 Business Support Grants

### Small business support schemes

What	Eligibility	Timing
COVID-19 Business Support Grants up to \$10,000 for employing businesses and up to \$4,000 for non-employing businesses over the three-week lockdown period, when experienced 30% decline in business turnover – 13 August - 20 August 2021 (compared to the prior 7-day period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Registered in the ACT as verified by an ABN and able to demonstrate primary operation in the ACT as of 1 April 2021</li><li>➤ Have an annual turnover of more than \$75,000 (excluding GST)</li><li>➤ Be registered for GST as recorded on the Australian Business Register before April 2021; and</li><li>➤ Have total Australian payroll of less than \$10 million</li></ul>	<p>13 August 2021 to 2 September 2021.</p> <p>Applications will open at <b>9am on 26 August 2021</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://act.gov.au">COVID-19 Small Business Hardship Support (act.gov.au)</a></p>

## COVID-19 Hardship Scheme

### COVID-19 Small Business Hardship Scheme- up to \$ 10,000

What	Eligibility	Timing
Eligible small businesses will be able to apply to the ACT Government to receive credits up to a maximum of \$19,000 per operator for. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ payroll tax</li><li>✓ utility charges</li><li>✓ rates and</li><li>✓ A range of business licence fees and charges.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Demonstrate 30% loss in revenue</li><li>➤ Small businesses with a turnover between \$30,000 and \$10 million per annum.</li></ul>	<p>13 August 2021 to 2 September 2021.</p> <p>Applications will open at <b>9am on 26 August 2021</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://act.gov.au">COVID-19 Small Business Hardship Support (act.gov.au)</a></p>

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## COVID-19 Disaster Payment

### Support if you couldn't work due to an ACT COVID-19 Public Health Order

#### If you don't get a Centrelink payment

##### How much you can get?

- Lost at least 8 hours but less than 20 hours or a full day of work for that week, you'll get \$450 if you are eligible.
- If you lost 20hrs or more for that week, you'll get \$750 if you're eligible.

##### Who can get it? Eligibility criteria

- You're an Australian resident or hold a visa that gives you the right to work in Australia.
- You're 17 years or older
- You didn't get any of the following payment:
  - Income support payment*
  - Dad and partner pay*
  - Parental Leave Pay or ABSTUDY Living Allowance during the same period*
  - Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment*
  - Lost income and didn't have any pandemic-related paid leave entitlements*
- You lived or worked from or visited a Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 hotspot in the ACT that is subject to a restricted movement order.
- Unable to earn your usual income of 8 hours or more because you were in the COVID-19 hotspot or restricted movement.
- You're not getting your usual income and your employer is not getting Retaining Domestic Airline Capability payments on your behalf.

##### Key Dates

Period	Claims open	Claim close
13-19 Aug 21	20 Aug 21	9 Sept 21
20-26 Aug 21	27 Aug 21	16 Sept 21
27-2 Sept 21	3 Sept 21	23 Sept 21

##### How to claim?

- Claim online- MyGov Account linked to Centrelink or
- Work right visa holder must call on 180 22 66

##### What you need to do if you get this payment?

If there are any change in circumstances should be communicated within 14 days:

- your employment such as your employer
- your hours of work compared to the last claiming period
- your bank account details
- your residence status
- where you live or work.

# COVID-19 economic support for business

## COVID-19 Disaster Payment

### Support if you couldn't work due to an ACT COVID-19 Public Health Order

#### If you get a Centrelink payment

##### How much you can get?

- You can only get one \$200 payment each week;
- You'll continue to get your regular income support payment on your usual pay dates.
- You'll get automatic payments into your account within 7 days of the date the claim opens.

##### Who can get it? Eligibility criteria

- You get an income support payment or ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- You're 17 years or older
- You're not getting any of the following.
  - Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment*
  - Dad and partner pay and Parental Leave Pay*
  - A territory pandemic payment or a small business payment for the same period.*
- You lived in, worked from, or visited a Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 hotspot and subject to restricted movement.
- Unable to work and earn your usual income of 8 hours or more or a full day's work because you were in the COVID-19 hotspot and are subject to restricted movement
- You don't have any pandemic-related paid leave entitlements.
- You reported employment income at least once on or after 19 June 2021 or had declared ongoing employment income on or after 19 June 2021.
- You're not getting your usual income.

##### Key Dates

Period	Claims open	Claim close
13-19 Aug 21	20 Aug 21	9 Sept 21
20-26 Aug 21	27 Aug 21	16 Sept 21
27-2 Sept 21	3 Sept 21	23 Sept 21

##### How to claim?

Claim online- MyGov Account linked to Centrelink by using Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CNR)

##### What you need to do if you get this payment?

If there are any change in circumstances should be communicated within 14 days:

- your employment such as your employer
- your hours of work compared to the last claiming period
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## Payroll tax waivers

### Payroll Tax Exemption – 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

# COVID-19 economic support for business

## Financial Support for Local Tourism Industries

### Accommodation and Tourism Venue Operator support program – up to \$75,000

What	Eligibility	Timing
Eligible accommodation providers and private tourism venue operators can receive a full rebate on their fixed water and sewerage charges for the first two quarters of 2021-22	30 percent reduction in revenue in July 2021 compared to April 2021.	Applications are now open and close at 5 pm on 17 September 2021

## Financial Support for Local Tourism Industries

### Small tourism operator COVID Recovery payment – up to \$ 15,000

What	Eligibility	Timing
Eligible small tourism operators and operators can apply for reimbursement of up to \$ 15,000 per ABN for eligible expenses incurred in June and July 2021 under the Accommodation and Tourism venue Operator Support Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Demonstrate 30 percent loss of revenue in July 2021 compared to April 2021</li><li>➤ Tourism businesses with a turnover between \$ 75,000 and \$10m per annum (can apply up to \$ 15,000 plus GST)</li><li>➤ Tourism businesses with a turnover between \$ 30,000 and \$ 75,000 per annum (can apply up to \$ 15,000 plus GST)</li><li>➤ Seasonal Tourism Businesses (can apply up to \$ 15,000 plus GST)</li></ul>	Submit your application and supporting documentation vis <a href="#">SmartyGrants portal</a>





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