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2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant - New South Wales

If you are a business, sole trader or not-for-profit organisation impacted by the current Greater Sydney COVID-19 restrictions, you may be able to apply for up to \$10,000 in grants **from 19 July 2021**.

Three different grant amounts will be available depending on the decline in turnover experienced during the restrictions:

- \$7,500 for a decline of 30% or more
- \$10,500 for a decline of 50% or more
- \$15,000 for a decline of 70% or more.

Eligibility for the grant is streamed into general business, and hospitality and tourism. Note that businesses are only eligible for one grant. If a hospitality or tourism business applies for the grant for its specific industry, it cannot receive a grant under the general business stream.

2021 Small business COVID-19 support grant for businesses and sole traders who

- have an ABN registered in NSW.
- had a turnover of more than \$75,000 per annum for the year ended 30 June 2020.
- have total annual Australian wages below the NSW Government 2021-21 payroll tax threshold of \$1.2m as at 1 July 2020, and
- fewer than 20 full time equivalent employees.

Hospitality & Tourism COVID-19 support grant is limited to tourism or hospitality businesses with:

- an NSW registered ABN.
- turnover of more than \$75,000 per annum, and
- annual Australian wages below \$10m as at 1 July 2020.

How to claim

The full eligibility criteria are not yet available. You may get ready for the application by:

1. ensure your business and contact details are up to date with the Australian Business Register (ABR).
2. ensure your details are up to date in your [MyServiceNSW Account](#) and your [business profile](#)
3. If you do not have one, create a [MyServiceNSW Account and business profile](#)

Saving Jobs - Cashflow Support of up to \$10,000 - New South Wales

From week four of the lockdown, a support program funded jointly by the Commonwealth and NSW State Government will provide:

- A cashflow payment between a minimum of \$1,500 and maximum of \$10,000 per week based on 40% of the NSW payroll, payments of your business.
- Businesses without employees such as sole traders with a payment of \$1,000 per week.

The cashflow support will cease when the lockdown restrictions are lifted.

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Eligibility criteria

- Annual turnover between \$75,000 and \$50m.
- Demonstrate a 30% decline in turnover (compared to an equivalent two-week period in 2019).
- Maintain your full time, part time and long-term casual staffing level as of 13 July 2021.
- Impacted by the current Greater Sydney lockdowns.

The full eligibility details including the decline in turnover test will be released soon by Service NSW. Businesses can register their interest from **14 July 2021** at [Service NSW](#). It is important to note that although the purpose of the Cashflow support is similar to the prior JobKeeper scheme, it is however applied through Service NSW rather than the ATO.

Commonwealth Business Tax Relief - New South Wales

- NSW small business grants will be tax exempt.
- Administrative relief to NSW taxpayers facing hardship, including reduced payment plans, no interest charged on late payments and varying instalments on request.

COVID-19 Disaster Payment - Australia wide

The COVID-19 Disaster Payment is an Australian wide payment. The summary below provides the detailed requirements applicable in NSW.

General eligibility rules

All general eligibility rules must be met to get the payment:

- You are not getting an income support payment, ABSTUDY Living Allowance, Dad and Partner Pay or Parental Leave Pay.
- You are not getting the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment, a stated based pandemic payment.
- You live in, work from or have visited a Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 hotspot subject to a state or territory restricted movement order.
- You had paid employment and because you were in the COVID-19 hotspot or are subject to restricted movement, you cannot attend work on or after day 8.
- You have lost income on or after day 8 and do not have any appropriate paid leave entitlements.
- If you are claiming for a period prior to the third week of lockdown (8 July for parts of Sydney and 11 July for Greater Sydney), you have liquid assets of less than \$10,000.

NSW eligibility rules

Affected local government areas and claim periods

If you have lost income or work for at least one day in the following claim periods due to the COVID-19 restrictions imposed on the local government areas below, you may be eligible for the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

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If you think you may be eligible for both the Parts of Sydney events and Greater Sydney events, you can only claim for one of these events. You need to decide which is best for you.

Local Government Areas	Claim period	Claims open	Claims close	Liquid Asset Test
Parts of Sydney	1 July 21 - 7 July 21	1 July 21	28 July 21	\$10,000 or less
	8 July 21 - 14 July 21	8 July 21	4 August 21	Not applicable
	15 July 21 - 16 July 21	15 July 21	11 August 21	Not applicable
Greater Sydney	4 July 21 - 10 July 21	4 July 21	31 July 21	\$10,000 or less
	11 July 21 - 16 July 21	11 July 21	7 August 21	Not applicable

Parts of Sydney	Bayside	City of Sydney	Canada Bay	Inner West
	Randwick	Waverley	Woollahra	
Greater Sydney	Blacktown	Blue Mountains	Burwood	Camden
	Campbelltown	Canterbury-Bankstown	Central Coast	Cumberland
	Fairfield	Georges River	Hawkesbury	Hornsby
	Hunters Hill	Ku-ring-gai	Lane Cove	Liverpool
	Mosman	North Sydney	Northern Beaches	Parramatta
	Penrith	Ryde	Shellharbour	Strathfield
	Sutherland	The Hills	Willoughby	Wollondilly
	Wollongong			

The liquid asset test

In addition, if you are claiming the payment 1 - 7 July 2021 for parts of Sydney and 4 - 10 July 2021 for Greater Sydney, you need to declare that you do not have liquid assets of more than \$10,000. Liquid assets are any funds readily available to you in cash or savings, or assets that can easily be changed into cash. One example is money loaned to other people. **This test is no longer applicable for claim periods after 7 July 2021 for parts of Sydney and 10 July 2021 for Greater Sydney.**

The payment amount

The payment amount depends on how many hours of work you have lost in the lockdown period. Applications for the disaster payment need to be made weekly. The COVID-19 Disaster Payment is a taxable payment that will need to be included in your 2022 income tax return.

Hours lost per week	Payment amount
Less than 20 hours	\$325
20 hours or more	\$500

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From the third period commencing from **15 July 2021** and subsequent periods of a restricted movement order, people in parts of Sydney will be eligible for **\$375** if they have either lost between 8 and less than 20 hours of work per week or a full day of their usual work hours per week. For those who have lost 20 hours or more of work per week, the payment is **\$600** per week.

How to claim

1. check if you satisfy all the general eligibility rules
2. check what events have affected you and claim for one of these events. If you are eligible for more than one, decide the best for you.
3. Lodge a claim via your [MyGov Account](#) within the claims open and close dates indicated above.

Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment - Australia wide

The Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment is an Australia wide payment. The summary below provides the detailed requirements applicable in NSW.

The Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment is a lump sum payment of \$1,500 for each 14-day period for those who have been advised by the health authorities to self-isolate or quarantine because:

- You have coronavirus (COVID-19).
- You've been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- You care for a child, 16 years or under, who has COVID-19.
- You care for a child, 16 years or under, who's been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19.

The payment might also be accessible if you are a carer for someone impacted.

You must also meet all of the following:

- you're at least 17 years old and live in New South Wales
- you're an Australian resident or hold a visa that gives you the right to work in Australia
- you're unable to go to work and earn an income
- you have no appropriate leave entitlements, including pandemic sick leave, personal leave or leave to care for another person
- your period of quarantine is after **17 September 2020**.

You will not be eligible if, during your 14-day isolation period, you receive:

- any income, earnings, or salary from paid work.
- any income support payments, ABSTUDY Living Allowance, Paid Parental Leave or Dad and Partner Pay
- JobKeeper Payment.

How to claim

The claim can be made over the phone. You must make a new claim for each 14-day period.

- Phone: 180 22 66
- Complete the claim form <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/forms/em225>

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Other extended support announced on 13 July 2021

On 13 July 2021, the Commonwealth and NSW State Government jointly announced extended support packages for businesses and individuals affected by the lockdowns in NSW. More details will be released by Service NSW. These support measures include:

- Payroll tax waivers of 25 per cent for businesses with Australian wages of between \$1.2 million and \$10 million that have experienced a 30 per cent decline in turnover, as well as payroll tax deferrals and interest free repayment plans.
- A new grants program for micro businesses with a turnover of between \$30,000 and \$75,000 which experience a decline in turnover of 30 per cent. The businesses will be eligible for a \$1,500 payment per fortnight of restrictions.
- A capped grant of up to \$1,500 for residential landlords who are not liable to pay land tax who reduce rent for tenants estimated at \$210 million.
- Land tax relief equal to the value of rent reductions provided by commercial, retail, and residential landlords to financially distressed tenants, up to 100 per cent of the 2021 land tax year liability.
- Introduction of legislative amendments to ensure a short-term eviction moratorium for rental arrears where a residential tenant suffers loss of income of 25 per cent due to COVID-19 and meets a range of criteria.
- No recovery of security bonds, or lockouts or evictions of impacted retail and commercial tenants prior to mediation.
- Deferral of gaming tax assessments for clubs until 21 December 2021 and hotels until 21 January 2021.
- A \$75 million support package for the performing arts sector to be administered by Create NSW.
- A support package for the accommodation sector worth \$26 million.
- \$12 million in additional funding for temporary accommodation for those at risk of or experiencing homelessness, and
- \$5.1 million in NSW funding to support mental health.

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