



COVID-19 Assistance Programs

At a glance

19 March 2020

Grant Provider	Grant Name	Amount Available	Key Eligibility Criteria	Additional Information
Australian Federal Government	Boosting cash-flow for employers	From \$2000 up to \$25,000	SMEs with aggregated annual turnover under \$50m and employs workers.	ATO will deliver it as a credit to the business upon lodgement of their activity statements. This is available quarterly.
Australian Federal Government	Supporting apprentices and trainees	Maximum of \$21,000 p.a.	Small businesses who retain an apprentice or trainee. Employers of any size and group training organisations that re-engage an eligible out-of-trade apprentice or trainee will be eligible for the subsidy.	Eligibility assessment is undertaken by an Australian apprenticeship support network (AASN) provider. Register for subsidy from early April 2020.
Australian Federal Government	Assistance for affected regions, communities and industries	\$1b is set aside for distribution to a range of programs.	Details forthcoming.	Further details on how to access this funding will be announced in due course.
Australian Federal Government	Delivering Support for Business Investment	\$3.9b	Businesses with turnover up to \$500m purchasing certain new depreciable assets.	Instant asset write-off threshold to \$150,000 and 15 month investment incentive.
Australian Federal Government	Stimulus payments to households to support growth	\$750 once off payment.	Resident of Australia receiving government assistance or a concession card holder from 12 March 2020.	Further information can be found here: https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/fact_sheet_3_individuals_-_revised_for_clearance.pdf
Australian Federal Government	2nd Stimulus package	Details forthcoming.	Details forthcoming.	Further details on this funding will be announced in due course.
Australian Federal Government	Black Summer Innovation Program (FIAL)	Up to \$25,000	Small to medium food and agrifood businesses, or suppliers to the food and agribusiness supply chain, affected by natural catastrophe or global disease outbreaks.	Further information available here: https://fial.com.au/creating-connections/BSIP

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NSW Government	\$2.3 billion coronavirus stimulus package	\$530m	<p>\$450m has been allocated to waive payroll tax for businesses with payrolls of up to \$10m for three months.</p> <p>\$80m for fees and charges to be waived for small businesses such as cafes, restaurants and those in trades.</p>	Further details on how to access this funding will be announced in due course.
WA Government	WA Government \$607M stimulus	\$114m	<p>\$114m in measures to support Western Australian small and medium businesses. Including a one-off grant of \$17,500 for businesses with payroll between \$1-4m.</p> <p>\$402m will go towards paying for a freeze to household fees and charges including; electricity, water and motor vehicle charges.</p>	Further details on how to access this funding will be announced in due course.
WA Government	Small Business Development Corporation Hotline	Free business advice.	Hotline number and website for business owners with queries regarding the wide range of recently announced federal and state government measures to alleviate the impacts of COVID-19.	To access the service, contact 133 140 (8.30am-4.30pm weekdays) or visit http://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au
Queensland Government	Immediate Industry Recovery Package	Pool of \$27.25m	A suite of initiatives will be available to support small businesses, industry and student support and counselling.	Further information can be found at the following link: https://www.qld.gov.au/about/industry-recovery/about-this-package
Queensland Government	Market Diversification and Resilience Grants	Equipment: up to \$7,500. Projects: up to \$50,000	<p>Applicants must contribute 25% of the total cost of the new equipment. The MDRG program will provide the remaining 75% of total costs.</p> <p>This program is only available to business' based and operating in Queensland.</p>	<p>Further information can found at the following links: https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/market-diversification-and-resilience-grants-equipment</p> <p>https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/market-diversification-and-resilience-grants-projects</p>
Queensland Government	Interest free loan	up to \$250,000	Further details on how to access this funding will be announced in due course.	Further information can found at the following link: www.qrida.qld.gov.au
Queensland Government	Payroll tax support	Defer lodging and paying payroll tax returns until 31 July 2020.	Employers who pay \$6.5m or less in Australian taxable wages and whose BAU has been disrupted by COVID-19.	
South Australian Government	Economic and Business Growth Fund	An additional \$70m	For initiatives and projects that have broad economic benefits, supporting industry or sector productivity and competitiveness. No minimum or maximum grant amount.	Further information can be found at https://www.treasury.sa.gov.au/Growing-South-Australia/economic-and-business-growth-fund
South Australian Government	\$350m government stimulus package	To be announced	<p>This will be spent in the next 12 months with a heavy focus on infrastructure and construction.</p> <p>Projects must employ high numbers of SA locals, use SA materials and be able to start immediately.</p>	Specific details are forthcoming.

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Northern Territory Government	\$30m 'Home Improvement Scheme'	\$4,000-\$6,000 with a \$1,000-\$2,000 contribution by applicant	Home renovations must be projects that are physical improvements to land and / or buildings, and repairs and maintenance services.	Tradesmen can register online at https://business.nt.gov.au/recovery from Monday 30 March . From Monday 6 April Northern Territory homeowners can apply through the link above.
Northern Territory Government	\$20m 'Business Improvement Scheme' and \$5m Structural adjustment package	\$10,000 grant followed by an additional \$10,000 grant if applicant contributes \$10,000	Available to business' located and operating in the Northern Territory to purchase goods and services to make permanent physical improvements to a business (land and / or building) that help improve its operations and customer experience. Also All regular increases to government fees and charges will be put on hold.	Business' doing the works can register online at https://business.nt.gov.au/recovery from Monday 30 March . From Monday 13 April Northern Territory business' who wish to receive work can apply through the link above.
Northern Territory Government	\$5m Immediate Work Grant	\$50,000 grant with option to receive up to \$100,000 with a \$1:\$1 contribution	Available to Territory not-for-profit and community organisations to engage local businesses to do repairs, renovations and upgrades to their property and facilities (permanent physical improvements to land and / or buildings).	Business' doing the works can register online at https://business.nt.gov.au/recovery from Monday 30 March . From Monday 20 April you will find a list of eligible contractors taking part at business.nt.gov.au/recovery .
City of Melbourne	\$10m economic stimulus package	Subsidies and training opportunity.	The city of Melbourne is suspending fees for registration under the food act and street trading permits for three months. Tenants of council-owned buildings will have their rent halved for three months.	The council will soon be announcing a direct investment package that will include training support to retrain and deploy casual staff to enhance city cleanliness.
Tasmanian Government	Targeted industry assistance: Tourism, hospitality & Fisheries	Discounts and fee waivers.	A number of lease, licence and parks entry fees will be waived over three months for tourism operators. A 50% discount on liquor licensing fees and all application fees will apply for the calendar year, back dated to 1 Jan 2020. Annual fees and levies for the rock lobster, giant crab and fin fishers and abalone divers will be waived for 12 months.	The Tasmanian Government has also created a tourism and hospitality training fund, to help train workers in the sector over the winter months to boost skills.

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Tasmanian Government	Tasmanian Support & Stimulus Package	\$420m stimulus package.	<p>A range of support packages for households, health sector, small business and local government. Including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — payroll tax waivers for the next four months for hospitality, tourism and seafood industry businesses with payrolls up to \$5m. — Small grants for businesses that hire and apprentice in the tourism, hospitality, building and construction, and manufacturing industries. <p>One off payments of \$250 for individuals and \$1,000 for families forced to self-isolate</p>	<p>Further details at the following link: http://premier-dev.dpac.tas.gov.au/documents/FUNCT_SHEETS_-_STIMULUS_PACKAGES_Final-V2.0.pdf</p>
Tasmanian Government	Interest Free Business Loans for Small Business	\$20m in interest free loans for three years.	Small businesses in the hospitality, tourism, seafood production, and exports sectors with a turnover of less than \$5m.	<p>Loan must be used to purchase equipment or restructuring business operations.</p> <p>Information on how to apply will be forthcoming.</p>



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