

Summary of Government assistance packages

NSW Government COVID-19 Business Grant

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/2021-covid-19-business-grant>

What is it?

For business, sole traders, or not for profit organisations, a one off payment of:

- a) **\$7,500** (for a decline in revenue of 30% or more in the period 26 June 2021 – 17 July 2021);
- b) **\$10,500** (for a decline in revenue of 50% or more in the period 26 June 2021 – 17 July 2021);
- c) **\$15,000** (for a decline in revenue of 70% or more in the period 26 June 2021 – 17 July 2021)

Grants can be used for, amongst other things, utilities, wages, and rent, and other activities to support the operation of the business.

Key eligibility criteria

- a) Applicant must be the holder of an ABN;
- b) Have experienced the relevant decline in turnover for the grant being applied for;
- c) Aggregated annual turnover of between \$75,000 and \$50 million for the year ending 30 June 2020;
- d) Total wages of \$10 million or less;
- e) Have business costs for which there is not other government support available; and
- f) Employee headcount remains the same

Applicants businesses not on the [highly impacted industries list](#) must submit: evidence of the relevant decline in turnover; a tax return, notice of assessment, or other documentation to establish turnover; and any other supporting document as required to demonstrate eligibility.

How to claim

Applications are open now at - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/2021-covid-19-business-grant>

NSW Government JobSaver Program

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/jobsaver-payment>

What is it?

Fortnightly payments (backdated to 18 July) to help maintain employee headcount (as at 13 July) and provide cashflow support to small business. The quantum of payments are:

- For employing businesses: 40% of weekly payroll, with a minimum payment of \$1,500 per week and a maximum payment of \$100,000 per week; or
- For non-employing businesses such as sole traders: \$1,000 per week

Jobsaver can be used to cover business costs incurred from 18 July 2021 including salaries and wages; rent and utilities; financial, legal or other advice; marketing and communications; perishables; and other business costs

Key eligibility criteria

- a) Must have an ABN;
- b) Business must have been operating in NSW as at 1 June 2021;
- c) Turnover between \$75,000 and \$250 million for the year ending 30 June 2020;
- d) Must have experienced a decline in turnover of 30% or more due to the Public Health Order over a minimum 2 week period within the Greater Sydney Lockdown (commenced 26 June) compared to the same period in 2019;

- e) For employing businesses maintain your employee headcount as at 13 July 2021 while you continue to receive JobSaver payment; and
- f) for non-employing businesses, such as sole traders, show that the business is the primary income source for the associated person. A non-employing business is ineligible for Job Saver if it (or persons associated with it) has received a Commonwealth COVID 19 disaster payment since 18 July 2021.

Also see: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/jobsaver-payment-guidelines>

How to claim

Applications are open now until 18 October 2021: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/jobsaver-payment>

You will need to submit evidence in support of your application, including a tax return for the year ending 30 June 2020 and other supporting documents. If your business is not on the Highly Impacted Industries List you will also need to submit a letter from a qualified accountant, registered tax agent or registered BAS agent, using [the template provided](#), to demonstrate that you experienced a decline in turnover over a minimum 2-week period within the Greater Sydney lockdown (commenced 26 June) compared to the same period in 2019

NSW Government COVID-19 micro-business support grant

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/2021-covid-19-micro-business-grant>

What is it?

A **\$1,500** fortnightly payment for businesses to cover business expenses such as: salaries and wages; rent and utilities; financial, legal or other advice; marketing and communications; perishables; and other business costs

Key eligibility criteria

- a) Must have an ABN, or demonstrate that the business was operating in NSW as at 1 June 2021;
- b) Turnover between \$30,000 and \$75,000 for the year ending 30 June 2020;
- c) Must have experienced a decline in turnover of 30% or more due to the Public Health Order over a minimum 2 week period within the Greater Sydney Lockdown (commenced 26 June) compared to the same period in 2019;
- d) Have business costs for which no other government support is available;
- e) Have note applied for either the 2021 COVID-19 Business Grant or JobSaver payment;
- f) Maintain employee headcount as at 13 July 2021 while receiving the payment;
- g) The Business must be your primary source of income if you're a non-employing business such as a sole trader; and
- h) non-employing businesses are not eligible if it, or persons associated with it, have received a Commonwealth COVID 19 Disaster Payment.

Also see:

How to claim

Applications are open now until 18 October 2021: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/2021-covid-19-micro-business-grant>

You will need to submit evidence in support of your application, including possibly a letter from a qualified accountant, registered tax agent or registered BAS agent, using the provided template.

Commonwealth Government COVID-19 Disaster Payment

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/covid-19-disaster-payment>

What is it?

For the **period commencing 1 to 14 July 2021** for Sydney and Greater Sydney, weekly payments to individuals of:

- a) **\$325** if you have lost less than 20 hours of work and income per week; or
- b) **\$500** if you have lost more than 20 hours of work and income per week

From 15 – 30 July for Sydney, Greater Sydney and NSW, weekly payments to individuals of

- a) **\$375** if you have lost between 8 and 20 hours of work and income per week; or
- b) **\$600** if you have lost more than 20 hours of work and income per week

From 2 August for Sydney, Greater Sydney, and NSW, weekly payments to individuals of

- a) **\$400** if you have lost between 8 and 20 hours of work and income per week; or
- b) **\$750** if you have lost more than 20 hours of work and income per week

Key eligibility criteria

- a) Australian resident or relevant working visa holder;
- b) 17 years of age or older;
- c) Not a recipient of any income support payment or ABSTUDY Allowance, Dad and Partner Pay, or Parental Leave Pay;
- d) Not a recipient of the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment, or a state pandemic payment or state small business payment for the same period; and
- e) If you are applying for the period 1 – 7 July 2021, you have less than \$10,000 in liquid assets (the liquid asset test does not apply to lost income periods that occurred from 8 July 2021).

How to claim

Go to <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/covid-19-disaster-payment/how-claim>

Note - this link will ultimately take you to the MyGov website to make an application.

Claims for the period 8 – 14 July 2021 must be made by 4 August 2021

Claims for the period 15 – 21 July 2021 must be made by 11 August 2021

Claims for the period 22 – 28 July 2021 must be made between 29 July and 25 August 2021

Applicants should anticipate being required to provide evidence that they meet the eligibility criteria.