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COVID-19 concessions and support for Australian businesses

To help you understand the support available to businesses impacted by COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, Findex has compiled the specific support measures into an easy reference document you can search state by state.

Use this document as a starting point to identify the concessions your business may be eligible for and [contact your Findex adviser](#) for help with your applications.

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New South Wales

Type of support	What is it?	What period is covered and when will support be offered?	More information
2021 COVID-19 Business Grant View the guidelines	One-off grants for NSW businesses, sole traders or not-for-profit (NFP) organisations with turnover between \$75,000 and \$50 million that have payroll of \$10 million or less and maintained their employee headcount as at 13 July 2021. Three different grants are available depending on the decline in turnover experienced over a minimum two-week period between 26 June 2021 to 17 July 2021*, compared to the same period in 2019, 2020 or the two-week period immediately before the Greater Sydney lockdown commenced (12 – 25 June 2021): • \$7,500 for a decline of $\geq 30\%$. • \$10,500 for a decline of $\geq 50\%$. • \$15,000 for a decline of $\geq 70\%$. **Entities on the border of Victoria may choose the two-week comparison period from 27 May 2021 to 17 July 2021 compared to the same period in 2019, 2020 or the two-week period immediately before the Victorian Stay at Home Directions commenced (13 May – 26 May 2021).	• Period up to 18 July 2021 is covered (up to the time JobSaver commences). • Payments start late July 2021.	• Applications can be made to Service NSW up to 13 September 2021. • Multiple businesses under a single ABN are only eligible for one grant. • Non-employing businesses are not eligible if persons associated with the business have applied for the COVID-19 disaster payment for individuals. • Speak to your Findex Adviser about the accountant's letter necessary to show evidence of your decline in turnover.

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JobSaver View the guidelines	Fortnightly payments for NSW businesses, sole traders or not-for-profit (NFP) organisations with turnover between \$75,000 and \$250 million that have suffered a minimum 30% decline in turnover over a minimum two-week period between 26 June 2021 to 28 August 2021 compared to the same period in 2019, 2020 or the two-week period immediately before the Greater Sydney lockdown commenced (12 – 25 June 2021); The weekly payments will be: - Between \$1,500 and \$100,000 for employing businesses (calculated as 40% of weekly payroll) that have maintained their employee headcount as at 13 July 2021; and \$1,000 for non-employing businesses.	- Cover provided from 19 July 2021 onwards (to replace the Business Grant). - Payments start late July 2021.	- Applications can be made to Service NSW up to 18 October 2021. - Generally, businesses that qualified for the Business Grant should automatically qualify for JobSaver. However, such businesses must provide further information about employee headcount and payroll to Service NSW. - Non-employing businesses are not eligible if persons associated with the business have applied for the COVID-19 disaster payment for individuals. - Speak to your Findex Adviser about our accountant's letter necessary to show evidence of your decline in turnover.
Micro Business 2021 COVID-19 Support Grant View the guidelines	Fortnightly grants of \$1,500 for NSW businesses, sole traders or not-for-profit (NFP) organisations with turnover between \$30,000 and \$75,000 that have suffered a minimum 30% decline in turnover over a minimum two-week period between 26 June 2021 to 30 July 2021 compared to the same period in 2019. Employing businesses must maintain their employee headcount as at 13 July 2021.	- Cover provided from the start of the lockdown (26 June 2021) onwards. - Payments start late July 2021. - Not available to businesses that have applied for the Business Grant or JobSaver scheme.	- Applications can be made to Service NSW up to 18 October 2021. - Non-employing businesses are not eligible if persons associated with the business have applied for the COVID-19 disaster payment for individuals.
Payroll tax deferral and interest free repayment plans	- Eligible businesses can defer payments of payroll tax for July and August until 7 October 2021 and apply for interest free repayment plans. - The 2021 annual payroll tax return is deferred until 7 October 2021.	Full lockdown period.	More information available at NSW Revenue.

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Payroll tax reduction	Eligible businesses can qualify for a 25% reduction of payroll tax in 2022.	Full lockdown period.	More information available at NSW Revenue .
Gaming Machine Tax Deferrals	Clubs can defer the payment of gaming machine tax until 21 December 2021 and hotels can defer the payment of gaming tax until 21 January 2022.	- The 21 December 2021 deferral for clubs applies to the period 1 June 2021 to 31 August 2021. - The 21 January 2022 deferral for hotels applies to the periods 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 and 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021.	Contact your Findex adviser.
Support for landlords of retail or commercial premises	Potential relief up to 100% of the 2021 land tax liability if landlord provided rent reduction to tenants.	For rent reductions given between 1 July and 31 December 2021.	Contact your Findex adviser.
Support for tenants of retail or commercial premises	Tenants cannot be evicted without mediation.	Protection for whole of lockdown.	Apply for mediation support with the Small Business Commissioner.
Support for the creative arts sector	Urgent financial support to performing arts venues, producers and promoters whose events were cancelled because of lockdown.	For the period starting 26 June 2021.	Apply for support through Create NSW from late July 2021.
Support for accommodation providers	Eligible tourism accommodation providers that have lost room nights during the school holiday period 25 June to 11 July 2021 may qualify for: \$2,000 for losing up to 10 nights of bookings; or \$5,000 for losing 11 or more nights of bookings.	For the period from 25 June 2021 to 11 July 2021.	Contact your Findex adviser.

Victoria

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Business Costs Assistance Program	- Top-up of \$2,000 to recipients of round two of the Business Costs Assistance Program where grants of up to \$7,000 were granted to eligible businesses during the previous May to June 2021 lockdown. \$2,800 Business Cost Assistance Program Round Three Grant for the 7-day lockdown from 5 August 2021 to 12 August 2021. \$4,800 to businesses that have not received a grant under the Business Cost Assistance Program or Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 and have had an Australian Business Number (ABN) and been registered for GST from 15 July 2021.	More information from business.vic.gov.au .	No applications necessary if previously applied for program, payments will be made automatically to eligible businesses. Businesses that have not previously applied for the program, have to apply here by 13 August 2021.
Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund	- Top-up of \$3,000 to licensed bars, hotels restaurants, pubs, cafes and reception centres that received funding support in the previous May to June 2021 lockdown from the Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund. Automatic payments to those that received funding support from the Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund through the May/June and July lockdowns: \$5,000 for venues with capacity up to 99 patrons \$10,000 for venues with capacity of 100 to 499 patrons \$20,000 for venues with capacity of 500 or more - Grants of \$7,200 per premises for businesses that did not receive a grant from the business cost assistance program or the Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021.	More information from business.vic.gov.au .	Eligible businesses will have been invited to apply for the grant by 13 August 2021 or will have been paid an automatic top-up.

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Business Continuity Fund	\$5,000 grants for businesses that remain impacted by capacity limits in place because of necessary public health restrictions. Businesses must be from eligible sectors including gyms, cafes, restaurants, catering services and hairdressers. Additional \$2,000 grant for those businesses that operate in the Melbourne CBD.	More information from business.vic.gov.au.	All recipients must have received or been eligible for the previous Business Cost Assistance Program.
Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021	Grants of up to \$20,000 to be made available to support licensed venues whose operations continue to be impacted by current restrictions. Additional \$2,000 grant for those businesses that operate in the Melbourne CBD.	More information from business.vic.gov.au.	To receive this funding, venues will need to have received or been eligible for the Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021.
Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme and Landlord Hardship Fund	The Commercial Tenancies Relief Scheme will be reinstated to provide rent relief for landlords with small to medium commercial tenants.	28 July 2021 to 15 January 2022.	More information here.
Small Business COVID Hardship Fund	Small businesses such as food stores in shopping centres, manufacturers supplying goods for closed venues and pharmacists located in the CBD, with a payroll of up to \$10 million who have experienced a 70% or greater reduction in turnover for a two-week period since 27 May 2021, may be eligible for grants of \$10,000 provided they have not been eligible for other COVID relief under other business support funds announced since 27 May 2021, and have held an Australian Business Number (ABN) and been registered for GST from 28 July 2021.	27 May 2021 to August 2021.	Applications can be made here up to 10 September 2021.
Alpine Business Support Program	Grants of between \$5,000 (off-mountain) and \$20,000 (employing businesses, on mountain) to 430 Alpine based businesses in recognition of restricted inter and intra-state travel during the peak winter season.	More information from business.vic.gov.au.	More information to be provided by the Victorian Government soon.

South Australia

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Business support grant	One-off payment of \$3,000 (for employing businesses) and \$1,000 (for non-employing businesses) with turnover of \$75,000 or more that have payroll of less than \$10 million that suffered at least a 30% reduction in turnover in the week of 20 July 2021 to Monday 26 July 2021 (inclusive) compared to the previous week.	Period from 20 July 2021 to 26 July 2021.	Applications can be made up to 30 September 2021. Register your interest.

Western Australia

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Small Business Lockdown Assistance Grant	One-off payment of \$3,000 for businesses with turnover of \$75,000 or more that have payroll of less than \$4 million that suffered at least a 30% reduction in turnover in the week of 29 June 2021 to 5 July 2021 (inclusive) compared to the previous week.	Period from 29 June 2021 to 5 July 2021.	Applications can be made up to 31 August 2021.

Queensland

Type of support	What is it?	What period is covered and when will support be offered?	More information
2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant	A \$5,000 grant for: - Small and medium businesses with turnover of more than \$75,000 and payroll equal to or less than \$10 million that suffered at least a 30% decline in turnover; and - Eligible large businesses in the hospitality and tourism sectors in 11 local government areas that have a turnover greater than \$10 million that suffered at least a 30% decline in turnover.	Period of lockdown from 31 July 2021.	Applications will open mid-August. More details on the eligibility and application process is expected to be available in coming days.
Additional support for Tourism and Hospitality Sector	- Six month deferral of payroll tax liabilities due in August 2021. Businesses that have already paid for July can defer their next monthly liability for six months. - Waiver or refund of 2022 liquor licensing fees. - Extension of existing 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant to large tourism and hospitality businesses outside of south east Queensland. - Deferral of state lease fees for eligible tourism operators between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 until 1 July 2022. 12-month waiver of inbound tour operator fees for fee renewals up to 30 June 2022. - A second round of Marine Tourism Rebate for the 2022 financial year. - Certain businesses and not-for-profits listed as a COVID-19 exposure site will be eligible for a rebate of up to 80% (capped at \$10,000 excluding GST) of professional cleaning costs incurred.	Different dates depending on the support measure.	Visit the Queensland Government website .

The eligibility criteria for each of the support measures we've outlined can be complex and varied and you should seek advice before acting on any information. This information is current as at 16 August 2021 and will be updated as new information becomes available.

Tasmania

Type of support	What is it?	What period is covered and when will support be offered?	More information
\$20 million business support package	More details to be released on business.tas.gov.au .	More details to be released on business.tas.gov.au .	Applications open Tuesday 17 August 2021.

COVID-19 Resource Centre

To help your business navigate and adapt to the challenges and changing business dynamics brought about by COVID-19, Findex has prepared a suite of resources to help businesses impacted by lockdown restrictions. [Visit the COVID-19 resource centre.](#)



Available resources

Go Digital toolkit

Digital transformation and communication toolkit to help your business operate seamlessly online.

Financial health self-assessment

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Resilience self-assessment

12 point checklist to help you consider your existing business continuity procedures and identify risk.

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