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A Brief Synopsis of the Main Federal and State Economic Measures that Affect WA Businesses in Response to COVID-19 (as at 1 April 2020)



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Benefit	Eligibility Criteria <i>Employers</i>	Eligibility Criteria <i>Employees</i>	How Much?	When – How long	How to apply
JOBKEEPER PAYMENT Status: Legislation Pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turnover <\$1BNb - Turnover (based on BAS) down 30% - relative to turnover same period previous year, subject to ATO discretion to consider additional information where last year's turnover was not representative (e.g. highly variable turnover, exceptional transaction). - NFP's eligible ATO discretion to set out alternative eligibility tests in specific circumstances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently employed; - Were employed as at 1 March 2020; - Full and Part time; - Long term casual (>12 months); - Do not receive Jobkeeper payment from another employer. 	\$1,500/fortnight per employee (to be passed on to employee) If employee ordinarily receives less than \$1,500/fortnight gross, employer must pay employee at least \$1,500/fortnight gross Same applies for employees stood down, or fired after 1 March and subsequently re-engaged	30 March 2020 for maximum 6 months (payment starts early May)	ATO website employer registration/ application form for JobKeeper
SUPPORTING APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small business employing fewer than 20 employees - Employers of any size and Group Training Organisations that re-engage an eligible out-of-trade apprentice or trainee - eligibility assessment undertaken by an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) provider. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - retained apprentice/trainee in training as at 1 March 2020. 	50% Apprentice/trainee wage subsidy	9 months from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020.	Contact AASN and register for the subsidy from April 2020 (December 2020 latest)

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INCREASED INSTANT ASSET WRITE_OFF (IAWO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All businesses up to \$500M Turnover - new or second-hand assets 		deduction of up to \$150,000 asset value	<p>acquired after announcement first used or installed ready for use in 30 June 2020</p> <p>NOTE: The IAWO is due to revert to \$1,000 for small businesses (turnover less than \$10 million) from 1 July 2020.</p>	Tax deduction claimed on 2019-2020 tax
EMPLOYERS CASH FLOW BOOST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - aggregated annual turnover < \$50 million - employ workers; - Active and held an ABN on 12 March 2020; and - made <i>eligible payments</i> (salary and equivalent) that the business is required to withhold tax from (even if the amount required to be withheld is zero) - AND: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) derived business income in the 2018–19 FY and lodged its 2019 tax return on or before 12 March 2020; or B) made GST taxable, GST-free or input-taxed sales in a previous tax period (since 1 July 2018) and lodged the relevant activity statement on or before 12 March 2020. - NOTE: NFP's are eligible 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - =100%of the PAYG tax withheld, up to a maximum payment of \$50,000. - minimum payment of \$10,000 regardless of tax withheld 	<p>Delivered as credits in the activity statement system from 28 April 2020</p> <p>Quarterly BAS: January -March 2020 and April – June 2020</p> <p>Monthly BAS: March 2020 – June 2020</p>	No registration required, automatic upon lodgment of BAS.

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ADDITIONAL CASH FLOW BOOST	As above		= 100% of initial Employers Cash Flow Boost	BAS credit as per previous Quarterly BAS: = 2 equal tranches following the lodgment of each June -September 2020 activity statements (maximum f \$50,000). OR Monthly BAS: 4 equal tranches following lodgment of each June, July , August and September 2020 activity statements (maximum \$50,000).	As above
BACKING BUSINESS INVESTMENT (BBI)	- Businesses with aggregated turnover below \$500 million - New assets		deduction of 50 per cent of the cost of asset	acquired after announcement and first used or installed by 30 June 2021	Tax deduction claimed on 2019-2020 tax
SME LOAN GUARANTEE SCHEME	- Businesses with turnover up to \$50M No need for security/mortgage		Loan size \$250,000 or less – up to 3 years with 6 months repayment holiday	April 2020 to 30 September 2020	Contact participating Lenders

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ATO MEASURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Option to switch to GST monthly reporting from 1 April 2020 - 6 Months PAYG deferral - large businesses (on application) - Waiver of Penalties and Interest for PAYG instalment variations (that result in refunds for Sept 2019 and Dec. 2019 quarters) 				Contact ATO
WA STATE TREASURY SUPPORT - VARIOUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one-off \$2,500 power credit available for SME'S consuming 50MWh or less per annum. - SME Payroll tax waiver between March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 with Australia-wide annual wages less than \$7.5 million in 2019-20. - Licence/Permit fee waivers (liquor, marine, construction and others) for SME's in COVID-19 impacted industries for the next 12 months. - interest-free payment arrangement and late payment penalties waiver for payroll tax, transfer duty, landholder duty, vehicle licence duty or land tax. 				

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