

BULLETIN

Industry Divisions



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Available Grants and Business Support

Dear members

Please find below a list of available grants to business as of 26 August 2021. VACC encourages you to continually check VACC's dedicated COVID-19 dashboard for publicly available updates: <https://vacc.com.au/News/COVID-19> as changes are made daily.

Please contact VACC on 03 9829 1111 should you have any questions.

<p>Small Business COVID Hardship Fund Members are reminded that the Small Business COVID Hardship Fund will only be open for applications until Friday, 10 September 11:59pm 2021, or funds are exhausted, whichever is earlier.</p>	<p>For more information click HERE</p>
<p>Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme New regulations have been finalised as part of the Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme by the Victorian Government. The scheme aims to help small and medium-sized businesses with an annual turnover of less than \$50 million that have experienced a loss in turnover of more than 30 per cent during the pandemic. Eligibility for rent relief has been broadened, with tenants now able to choose three consecutive months between 1 April and 30 September 2021 to compare to their turnover in the same three months in 2019. Businesses will get financial relief in the form of a proportionate reduction in rent. As part of the scheme, the Victorian Small Business Commission will support tenants and landlords with information to negotiate an agreement and free mediation for those who need assistance.</p>	<p>Tenants and landlords can contact the Victorian Small Business Commission for further information on 13 87 22 or visit vsbc.vic.gov.au</p>
<p>Small Business Digital Adaptation Program The Small Business Digital Adaptation Program provides \$1200 rebates to small businesses who access a range of digital business tools. The Victorian Government has partnered with 14 suppliers to assist with building or upgrading your website, improve your cash flow, start online marketing, manage your jobs and projects, and keep better track of stock. There are only a limited number of rebates and you will need to pay ongoing costs for the product after the rebate runs out.</p>	<p>Access the Guidelines HERE For more information click HERE</p>
<p>Coronavirus Payroll Tax Relief VIC The following tax relief measures are available to eligible businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• waiving of 2019-20 payroll tax• exempting additional payments under the JobKeeper program from payroll tax• deferring 2021-21 payroll tax liabilities for employers with Victorian payrolls up to \$10 million, based on their 2019-20 financial year returns, until the 2021-22 financial year	<p>To find out more information click HERE</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • waiving of 2020-21 and 2021-22 payroll tax for eligible employers after applying the New Jobs payroll tax credit - announced in the 2020-21 Budget on 24 November 2020. 	
<p>Business Costs Assistance Program Round Three 19 and 22 August 2021 Top-Up</p> <p>The Business Costs Assistance Program Round Three 19 and 22 August Top-Up provides an additional \$5600 to eligible small to medium businesses. This additional support was announced on 19 August 2021 for businesses in metropolitan Melbourne and was extended to regional Victorian businesses on 22 August 2021. Successful recipients of the Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two or the Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two July Extension will receive the top-up, which will be processed and paid automatically.</p>	<p>For further information about the payment, please click HERE</p>
<p>COVIDSafe Deep Cleaning Rebate</p> <p>The COVIDSafe Deep Cleaning Rebate is available for small and medium-sized businesses, where anyone suspected or confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19) has been on the premises or worksite when they may have been infectious. The rebate will help eligible businesses cover the cost of hiring professional cleaning services to conduct a 'deep clean' or 'decontamination clean' of their premises or worksite. This will help businesses prevent further transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), and reduce their out-of-pocket cleaning expenses. The rebate will cover up to 80 per cent of the cleaning costs at each worksite, capped at a grant of \$10,000 (for a total cleaning cost of \$12,500).</p>	<p>For more information click HERE</p>
<p>Business recovery and resilience mentoring</p> <p>The Victorian Government is partnering with the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) to deliver a business mentoring program to help small businesses navigate the economic challenges posed by restrictions to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Through this program, eligible business owners can receive up to four 2-hour mentoring sessions with an experienced professional who will help them make informed decisions about the future of their business. The program offers tailored guidance on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business recovery - to strengthen business recovery (cost reduction, debt and cashflow management) • Market transformation - to understand how COVID-19 has triggered or accelerated market changes • Digital literacy and engagement - to help businesses reach new customers and markets • Market and supply chain diversification - to reduce exposure to supply chain risks • Reskilling and retraining - to help businesses upskill their existing workforce 	<p>To find out more click HERE</p>
<p>Wellbeing and Mental Health Support for Victorian Small Businesses</p> <p>Victorians dealing with the challenges of running a small business can access mental health support to assist managing the impacts of COVID-19. Current support under this program includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners in Wellbeing telephone helpline 1300 375 330 (Monday to Friday 9am–10pm, Saturday to Sunday 9am–5pm, public holidays 9am–5pm): 	<p>For immediate access to mental health support, visit Mental health in business.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you're worried about your business, Partners in Wellbeing helpline provides one-to-one wellbeing support and free access to financial counsellors and business advisors. 	
<p>Automatic cash grants for regional Victorian businesses The Victorian Government has announced automatic cash grants that will provide regional Victorian businesses with further support. Grants will be paid automatically to eligible businesses without the need for an application.</p>	<p>For more information: https://business.vic.gov.au/news-and-updates/2021/support-for-businesses-in-regional-victoria</p>
<p>COVID-19 Disaster Payment for micro-businesses Eligible workers and individuals who are Victorian micro-businesses or sole traders and do not qualify for Victorian Government support programs may be able to access the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Disaster Payment. The payment is set at \$450 for people who have lost 8-20 hours of work over seven days and \$750 for 20 hours or more.</p>	<p>Victorian micro-businesses and sole traders who wish to apply for the Commonwealth COVID-19 Disaster Payment can receive assistance in making their application via the Business Victoria Concierge Service on 13 22 15.</p>

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