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## **Rent relief backdated to 28 July 2021 will require you to make application by 30 September 2021**

VACC members are advised that the Victorian Government's Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme (the Scheme) for Victorian small business owners to obtain rent relief backdated to 28 July 2021 will require you to make [an application by 30 September 2021](#).

### **How can you make a request to your landlord?**

Members must make a request in writing, directly to their landlord - including any necessary evidence to support your request. The Victorian Small Business Commission (VSBC) provides templates for tenants that can be found under the tab "[How does a tenant make a request](#)".

### **How do I know if I qualify for rent relief under the Scheme?**

The Scheme supports owners with an annual turnover of less than \$50m who have suffered a fall in turnover of more than 30 per cent during the pandemic.

### **What is the level of support that has been mandated?**

The Scheme stipulates that your business will receive a reduction in its monthly rent that matches your businesses drop in turnover. For example, a business with a turnover of 40 per cent drop in pre pandemic turnover can only be charged 40 per cent of their rent. At least half of the remaining amount has to be waived, with the remainder deferred for payment from 15 January 2022.

### **I am a landlord, what support do I get?**

The VSBC is providing support for both tenants and landlords under the Scheme. It will also provide support for situations where the tenant isn't eligible under the Scheme.

The VSBC can provide information and assistance to help with negotiating an agreement and [access to free and impartial mediation](#) if a fair agreement cannot be reached.

Tenants and landlords can seek this assistance from VSBC.

### **What happens if you do not make application by 30 September 2021?**

You can still make a request after this date, but the rent relief will only be available from the date of your application. It is important to note that the Scheme will run until 15 January 2022.

### **For more information please refer to the links below:**

- VSBC [FAQs](#) - to help determine eligibility, calculating fall in turnover, requesting relief and applying for free mediation or a binding order.
- VSBC [web page for tenants and landlords](#) that links to a step-by-step process for both parties.

VSBC webinars (open to small business owners located anywhere in Victoria) will be delivered on 8 September 2021 (register [here](#)) and on 29 September 2021 (email [cate.pratt@vsbc.vic.gov.au](mailto:cate.pratt@vsbc.vic.gov.au) for details).

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