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Details of financial support for businesses affected by Victorian snap lockdown announced

Following discussions with the Prime Minister, the Victorian Premier has today <u>announced</u> details of the financial support available for businesses and employees affected by the 5-day snap lockdown that commenced in Victoria at 11:59pm last night.

As part of the financial support package, eligible businesses will be able to access payments of **\$2,000 through the** Business Costs Assistance Program. Eligible businesses will include nonessential retailers, and will be based on eligible ANZSIC classes for the Business Costs Assistance Program -Round Two, that applied to the previous Victorian 'Circuit Breaker' Lockdown in May/June 2021. Details of those ANZSIC classes can be accessed here. For those businesses who previously received payments through the Program, the payment will be made automatically. Payments are due to commence over the next week, with more information available at business.vic.gov.au

Employees affected by the snap lockdown will be able to access payments of \$600 for individuals that lose 20 hours or more of work, and \$375 for individuals that lose between 8 and 20 hours of work, through the Australian Government's COVID-19 Disaster Payment scheme. No liquid asset eligibility test will apply, with applications to be made through Services Australia at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au

VACC will continue to keep member advised of developments. Members needing further advice or assistance are encouraged to contact VACC's Workplace Relations team on 03 9829 1123 or ir@vacc.com.au.

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