



COVID-19 JobKeeper Payments

Breaking Down the New JobKeeper Payment

The economic impacts of the Coronavirus pose significant challenges for many businesses – many of which are struggling to retain their employees.

Under the JobKeeper Payment, businesses impacted by the Coronavirus will be able to access a subsidy from the Government to continue paying their employees. Affected employers will be able to claim a fortnightly payment of \$1,500 per eligible employee from 30 March 2020, for a maximum period of 6 months.

Eligible Employers

Eligible employers will be those with annual turnover of less than \$1 billion who self-assess that have a reduction in revenue of 30 per cent or more, since 1 March 2020 over a minimum one-month period.

The employer must have been in an employment relationship with eligible employees as at 1 March 2020 and confirm that each eligible employee is currently engaged in order to receive JobKeeper Payments.

Eligible Employees

Eligible employees are employees who:

- are currently employed by the eligible employer (including those stood down or re-hired)
- were employed by the employer at 1 March 2020
- are full-time, part-time, or long-term casuals (a casual employed on a regular basis for longer than 12 months as at 1 March 2020)
- are at least 16 years of age
- are an Australian citizen, the holder of a permanent visa, a Protected Special Category Visa Holder, a non-protected Special Category Visa Holder who has been residing continually in Australia for 10 years or more, or a Special Category (Subclass 444) Visa Holder, and
- are not in receipt of a JobKeeper Payment from another employer.

If your employees receive the JobKeeper Payment, this may affect their eligibility for payments from Services Australia as they must report their JobKeeper Payment as income.

Employees with Different Wages

- If the employee ordinarily receives \$1,500 or more in income per fortnight before tax, they will continue to receive your regular income according to the prevailing workplace arrangements. The JobKeeper Payments will subsidise part or all of their income.
- If the employee ordinarily receives less than \$1,500 in income per fortnight before tax, the employer must pay them, at a minimum, \$1,500 per fortnight, before tax.
- If the employee has been stood down, the employer must pay them, at a minimum, \$1,500 per fortnight, before tax.

Obligations on Employers

To receive the JobKeeper Payment, employers must:

- Register an intention to apply on the ATO website and assess that they have or will **experience the required turnover decline**.
- **Provide information to the ATO on eligible employees.** This includes information on the number of eligible employees engaged as at 1 March 2020 and those currently employed by the business (including those stood down or rehired). For most businesses, the ATO will use Single Touch Payroll data to pre-populate the employee details for the business.
- **Ensure that each eligible employee receives at least \$1,500 per fortnight (before tax).**
- Notify all **eligible employees that they are receiving the JobKeeper Payment.**
- Continue to provide information to the ATO on a monthly basis, including the number of eligible employees employed by the business.

Register Your Interest Now

You don't need to phone the ATO. All you need to do at the moment is register your interest in applying for the JobKeeper Payment via ato.gov.au.

So, please don't waste your time calling the ATO. **Just register your interest via the link below and the ATO will send you updates. No further updates are available at this time.**

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