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### Payroll Tax Refund

- Full payroll tax refunds for the 2019-20 financial year to small/medium-sized businesses with payroll of less than \$3 million
- Small/medium-sized businesses with payroll of less than \$3 million can defer any payroll tax for the first three months of the 2020/21 financial year until 1 January 2021

### Land tax deferral

- Landowners that have at least one nonresidential property and total taxable landholdings below \$1 million have the option of deferring their 2020 land tax payment until after 31 December 2020. The State Revenue Office will contact all taxpayers who are eligible for this deferral.

### Working for Victoria Fund

- \$500 million Working for Victoria Fund to help workers who have lost their jobs find new opportunities. Businesses and workers can register at [vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria](http://vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria).
- Emergency relief packages will be delivered to Victorians self-isolating due to coronavirus (COVID-19) with no access to food and essential supplies. It will start from Monday 23 March and can be accessed by calling Victoria's dedicated coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398. The hotline can also refer people to other support services if needed.
- People are prohibited from organising or attending non-essential mass gatherings, or to allow them to occur on premises they own, control or operate. Venues that don't comply with these new directions on mass gatherings face fines of up to \$100,000. People who don't comply face fines of up to \$20,000. Trades are NOT affect under the stage 1 business restrictions.

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- The Government will pay all of their outstanding supplier invoices within five business days.
- Rent relief for commercial tenants in government buildings
- These Stage 3 restrictions will come into effect from 11:59pm Monday 30 March 2020. They will be in place for 4 weeks and reviewed as required. gatherings will be restricted to no more than 2 people except for members of your immediate household and for work or education. If people breach these directions, they face on-the-spot fines of \$1,652 for individuals and \$9,913 for businesses. Larger fines can also be issued through the courts.

### **\$500 million Business Support Fund**

- Funding of \$10,000 per business is available and will be allocated through a grant process.
- eligible businesses must have been subject to closure or highly impacted by Non-Essential Activity Directions
- Employ people
- Have a turnover of more than \$75,000 and have payroll of less than \$650,000
- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and held that ABN at 16 March 2020
- Have been engaged in carrying out the operation of the business in the Australian State of Victoria on 16 March 2020.
- **The Stay at Home directions (No 3)** came into force at midnight on 7 April 2020 and replace the Stay at home directions (No 2).

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- **Restricted activity directions (No 2)** restrictions on businesses and other organisations, and limit recreational, cultural and entertainment activities. These directions came into force at midnight on 7 April 2020.
- Victorian school students will be learning at home for the first weeks of Term 2, with schools only open for the children of essential workers. **READ MORE**
- Free Sessional Kinder For Victorian Kids **READ MORE**
- **\$500 million** Tenants and Landlords package - a temporary ban on evictions, pausing rental increases for six months, and providing land tax relief for landlords and rent relief for tenants experiencing financial hardship. **READ MORE**
- \$10,000 Business Support Fund grant criteria will be expanded to include businesses with a wages bill less than the payroll tax threshold of \$650,000 who are participating in the Commonwealth JobKeeper program, regardless of the sector they operate in. Eligibility for the fund will not be expanded to include sole traders, who are covered by JobKeeper. **READ MORE**
- Free Mediation Service For Commercial Tenancy Disputes **READ MORE**
- Kubale Constructions based in Warragul has been appointed as the head contractor to redevelop the Latrobe Youth Space, generating up to 50 onsite jobs. **READ MORE**
- Businesses participating in the JobKeeper scheme in Victoria will be exempt from payroll tax and the WorkCover premium on payments to their employees if their staff are currently stood down. **READ MORE**

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- Fast tracked planning for Rebuilding for Bushfire Affected Victorians. [READ MORE](#)
- Public sector casual workers will be eligible for their usual fortnightly payments of up to \$1500 before tax, up until the end of September, provided they are happy to be redeployed to other public sector roles where demand for more resources is high. [READ MORE](#)
- Targeted Support For Victorians Struggling With Energy Bills. [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government is investing almost \$500 million to build and upgrade community and public housing as part of the Building Works package [READ MORE](#)
- \$48.4 million in water projects throughout Victoria that modernise irrigation, secure water supplies through recycling and stormwater use, assist with bushfire recovery and benefit the environment. [READ MORE](#)
- The biggest level crossing removal blitz in Victoria's history will be undertaken this winter, as work ramps up on major projects across the city [READ MORE](#)
- Victorian Government announces free online learning platform to help businesses upskill and emerge stronger. [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government has announced the gradual easing of restrictions throughout the state from 11:59pm Sunday 31 May 2020. [READ MORE](#)

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- The 24 new parks are to be delivered through the first round of the local parks component of the \$154 million Suburban Parks Program and will build 15 new pocket parks and nine off leash dog parks across Melbourne. [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government has fast tracked more than \$1.2 billion worth of building and development projects as part of its ongoing work to kickstart Victoria's economy and create thousands of jobs. [READ MORE](#)
- [Victoria HomeBuilder Grant guidelines](#)
- Further easing of COVID-19 restrictions across VIC [READ MORE](#)
- The State of Emergency in Victoria will be extended for another four weeks [READ MORE](#)
- Applications for the Greener Government School Buildings program to install solar panels systems at Victorian government schools. [READ MORE](#)
- The Government's \$600 million plan to fix flammable cladding will be fast tracked [READ MORE](#)
- \$10 million in funding deliver free short courses to workers in customer-facing roles to ensure they can help their business operate safely. [READ MORE](#)
- the Government's Building Victoria's Recovery Taskforce had helped fast-track another seven projects, [READ MORE](#)

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- The Victorian Government has unveiled detailed plans for the new Arden precinct, confirming North Melbourne as a major inner-city hub for thousands of jobs, affordable housing and transport links. [READ MORE](#)
- Businesses that are operating within a postcode affected by the return to Stage 3 restrictions are eligible for a one-off, \$5,000 grant to help them get through to the other side of the local lockdown. This program closes 31 July 2020. [READ MORE](#)
- Up to \$5 million in Bushfire Grants To Upgrade And Rebuild Community Facilities [READ MORE](#)
- Stage 3 “Stay at Home” restrictions will be reinstated across metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire from 11:59pm on Wednesday 8 July. For six weeks, [READ MORE](#)
- Victorians living in metro Melbourne and Mitchell Shire are now recommended to wear face masks in situations where they are leaving their home and physical distancing is not possible [READ MORE](#)
- Return To Flexible And Remote Learning for Term 3 [READ MORE](#)
- Face Coverings Mandatory For Melbourne And Mitchell Shire [READ MORE](#)
- Major Pier Upgrades To Create Jobs And Boost Economy [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government will extend the coronavirus worker support payment to encourage workers to get tested and stay home [READ MORE](#)

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- The online Victorian Major Projects Pipeline was launched today as a 'one-stop shop' to help the construction sector find more opportunities to be part of major project delivery across Victoria. [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government has expanded the Solar Homes program so more renters and landlords across the state can access affordable rooftop energy with a Solar Homes rebate. [READ MORE](#)
- Cheaper Energy For Embedded Network Customers [READ MORE](#)
- From July 29 employers are required to notify WorkSafe immediately if they become aware that a worker has received a confirmed coronavirus diagnosis [READ MORE](#)
- From Sunday 2 August at 11:59pm, a face covering will be mandatory whenever you leave home.
- Melbourne Stage 4 restrictions until 13 September [READ MORE](#)
- Regional Victoria enters stage 3 stay at home restrictions [READ MORE](#)
- Victorian workers can apply for a \$300 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Test Isolation Payment that provides financial support while they self-isolate to wait for the results of a coronavirus (COVID-19) test. [READ MORE](#)
- \$1500 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Worker Support Payment [READ MORE](#)
- Stay Home: New Crackdown On Isolation Breaches - fines apply [READ MORE](#)

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- Victorian workers can apply for a \$300 Coronavirus (COVID-19) **Test Isolation Payment** that provides financial support while they self-isolate to wait for the results of a coronavirus (COVID-19) test.
- If you test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or are a close contact of a confirmed case, you may be eligible for the **\$1500 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Worker Support Payment** that provides financial support while you are quarantining at home as instructed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- From 11:59pm on Wednesday 5 August, employers that require their staff to attend a work site must issue a worker permit to their employees – this is the employer’s responsibility. Download Permitted worker permit **here**
- CovidSafe plan templates and information **READ MORE**
- Federal government childcare relief package for Victorians **READ MORE**
- Free Kinder For Families Through Coronavirus **READ MORE**
- The Australian Government will provide an additional \$31.9 million to create 15 mental health clinics across Victoria and further enhance essential support during the COVID-19 pandemic. **READ MORE**
- Engineers Have Their Say On Registration Scheme Implementation **READ MORE**
- Millions In Stamp Duty Savings For First Home Buyers **READ MORE**

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- Pause On Evictions Extended And Extra Renter Protections [READ MORE](#)
- New Help For Victorians With Their Energy Bills. [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government is helping regional Victorians who lost critical household water infrastructure in the 2019-20 bushfires with up to \$20,000 available to replace rainwater and septic tanks. [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government will release its reopening roadmap this Sunday, 6 September [READ MORE](#)
- Building Better Suburbs And Creating Local Jobs [READ MORE](#)
- Extension For Victorians Seeking Cladding Cost Claims [READ MORE](#)
- New Apprenticeships And Traineeships - Working For Victoria [READ MORE](#)
- Acceleration of more than \$1 billion worth of building and development projects set to create jobs and stimulate growth in metropolitan, rural and regional Victoria [READ MORE](#)
- The Government will waive the Vacant Residential Land Tax for properties that are vacant in 2020. [READ MORE](#)
- Easing of restrictions [READ MORE](#)
- A massive new support package will see \$3 billion in cash grants, tax relief and cashflow support delivered to Victorian businesses [READ MORE](#)

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- Every TAFE in Victoria will share in \$55 million to carry out essential upgrades to learning facilities and amenities. [READ MORE](#)
- Further easing of restrictions from 15th September [READ MORE](#)

Business Victoria coronavirus hotline on **13 22 15**.

**You can register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment using myGov. You don't need to complete a full claim right now. Payments will be backdated to the date you registered. [MORE INFO](#)**

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## **ACTION ITEM**

**Contact your  
bookkeeper or  
accountant  
ASAP.**

MAKE SURE YOU GET ACCESS TO EVERY  
SCHEME AVAILABLE TO SAVE YOUR  
BUSINESS MONEY.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BOOKKEEPER OR  
ACCOUNTANT LET US KNOW, AND WE'LL  
CONNECT YOU WITH ONE.