

Tax and Business Relief in Response to COVID-19

Small Businesses

Cash Flow Assistance for Small and Medium-sized Entities (SMEs)

The Government is providing cash flow assistance for eligible small and medium-sized businesses and not-for-profit entities.

Small and medium-sized businesses with an aggregated annual turnover of less than **\$50 million** (usually based on their prior year's turnover) that employ people, may be eligible to receive a total payment (in the form of a refundable credit) of up to **\$100,000** (with a minimum total payment of **\$20,000**), based on their PAYG withholding obligations.

Eligibility

Eligible employers that withhold tax on their employees' salary and wages will receive a payment equal to 100% of the amount withheld, up to a maximum payment of \$50,000 for each phase of the payment.

Eligible employers that pay salary and wages will receive a minimum (tax-free) payment of \$10,000, even if they are not required to withhold PAYG tax.

The entity must have held an ABN on 12 March 2020 and have carried on an enterprise at that time.

How it Works

The payment will be made in two stages:

Stage 1 The quarters ending in March 2020 or June 2020

Stage 2 The quarters ending in June 2020 and September 2020 for quarterly BAS lodgers.

How to Apply

This measure will generate automatically and will be a tax-free amount. It will be included as a **credit on lodgment of the relevant entity's Business Activity Statement**, with any resulting refund being paid to the employer.

For further information, visit:

For more information on the Australian Government's Economic Response to the Coronavirus visit treasury.gov.au/coronavirus.

Businesses can visit business.gov.au