

Australian Government Proposed Stimulus Package (for Businesses)

Summary of Proposals, as at 24 March, 2020

Expertise	Proposed Support Measure	Brief Explanation	Small Business Entities Turnover < \$10m	Medium Business Entities Turnover \$10m - \$500m	Effective Period
Tax Consulting Contact: Neil Oakes Director, Tax Consulting	Instant Asset Write-Off	Increase in the instant write-off threshold from \$30,000 to \$150,000 Note: The threshold applies on a per asset basis, so eligible businesses can immediately write-off multiple assets	✓	✓	Effective immediately, until 30 June 2020
	Accelerated depreciation	Deduction of 50% of the cost of the asset on installation Note: Existing depreciation rules apply to the remaining balance	✓	✓	Effective immediately, until 30 June 2021
	Boost of cash flow for employers	Tax-Free payments from \$20,000 up to \$100,000, for businesses that employ staff, regardless of whether they are required to withhold tax Note: This is an equivalent payment for 100% of PAYG withheld for those that are required to withhold tax. For employers who are not required to withhold, they will receive payments totalling \$20,000	✓	✓	Effective for amounts withheld between 1 January-30 June 2020 Note: Only for businesses with turnover <\$50m
Business Services (Accounting) Contact: Damon Hammond Director, Business Services	Assistance for severely affected regions	Agribusiness The support will include additional assistance to help agribusinesses ascertain alternative export markets or supply chains to continue trade	✓	✓	Unknown
		Tourism Fees & charges will be waived for tourism businesses that operate in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Entry fees will also be waived for Commonwealth National Parks Additional promotion of domestic tourism will also occur	✓	✓	
		Education Details yet unknown	✓	✓	
	Assistance for severely affected small businesses	ATO may also provide administrative relief for some tax obligations, where businesses are affected by the Coronavirus pandemic	✓ Case-by-case basis	✗	Unknown
Perks People Solutions (HR Consulting) Contact: Cecilia White Director, Perks People Solutions	Supporting apprentices and trainees	50% wage subsidy for up to 9 months for trainees/apprentices up to a max of \$21,000 Note: For businesses that employ less than 20 full-time employees & retain an apprentice or employee	✓	✓	Effective from 1 January 2020 - 30 September 2020
		If a business cannot feasibly retain an apprentice, the subsidy will move with that apprentice to a new employer that employs them	✓	✗	
Other	One-off payment of \$750 to social security, veteran and other income support recipients, as well as eligible concession card holders	If you qualify for the one-off payment in multiple ways, you will only receive one payment. The payment is tax free and does not count for income as Social Security, Farm Household Allowance and Veteran payments	—	—	Unknown