



NSW JobSaver Program

What is the JobSaver program?

The JobSaver Program is a joint initiative of the NSW and Federal Governments to support businesses and not-for-profit organisations (NFPs) impacted by extended lockdowns due to COVID-19 from July 2021 until 30 November 2021.

Who is eligible for payments under the JobSaver Program?

Businesses and NFPs operating in NSW are eligible for payments under the JobSaver Program if they:

- have an active ABN
- have annual aggregated turnover of between \$75,000 and \$250 million (inclusive) for the year ended 30 June 2020
- suffer a decline in GST turnover of at least 30% over a minimum two-week period within the Greater Sydney lockdown period compared to the same two-week period in 2019, 2020 or the 2-week period immediately before lockdown commenced (12-25 June 2021)
- for employing businesses, maintain their full-time, part-time and long-term casual staffing level as of 13 July 2021
- for non-employing businesses, such as sole traders, show that the business is the primary income source for the associated person.

Different eligibility rules apply for large businesses in the hospitality, tourism and recreation industries (relevantly, aggregated annual turnover of more than \$250 million and up to \$1 billion).

How much are the payments?

Eligible businesses and NFPs initially received payments equal to 40% of their NSW payroll, with a minimum of \$1,500 up to a maximum of \$100,000 per week, and from 10 October 2021 receive reduced phased-down amounts. Businesses in the hospitality, tourism and recreation industries may be eligible for higher amounts up to \$500,000 per week. Non-employing businesses, such as sole traders, were eligible to receive initial payments of \$1,000 per week, and from 10 October 2021 receive reduced phased-down amounts. Payments will be made fortnightly.

Unlike last year's JobKeeper Program, payments made under the JobSaver program are not a wage subsidy that must be passed through to employees. They can be used to cover business costs incurred from 18 July 2021, such as:

- salaries and wages
- utilities and rent
- financial, legal or other advice
- marketing and communications
- perishable goods
- other business costs.

Employees who lose work due to COVID-19 restrictions may be eligible to apply for the Federal Government [COVID-19 Disaster Payment](#).

When does the Program commence?

The Program commenced on 18 July 2021, with payments recurring until 30 November 2021.

How to apply

Applications are made [online](#) via the ServiceNSW website.

To apply for JobSaver payments, eligible businesses and NFPs are required to provide evidence of annual aggregated turnover and decline in turnover. This may in some cases include a letter from a qualified accountant, registered tax agent or registered BAS agent.

Applications opened on Monday 26 July 2021, and will close at 11:59pm on 18 October 2021.

Useful links

[Eligibility Guidelines](#)

[Terms & Conditions](#)

For more information, please contact your PwC Advisor.