

July Newsletter

NSW Recovery Grant

We have received news from the NSW Government that small businesses adversely affected by COVID-19 may be eligible for financial support up to \$3,000.00

- Australian Business Number as at 1 March 2020 registered in NSW
- Have total Australian wages below the NSW Government 2019-20 payroll tax threshold of \$900,000 as at 1 March 2020
- Have fewer than 20 Full Time Equivalent staff (including non-employing businesses) as at 1 March 2020
- Have an annual turnover of more than \$75,000 as at 1 March 2020
- Have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 30% from March to July 2020 compared to the equivalent period (of at least two weeks) in 2019
- Are in a highly impacted industry by the COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement Order 2020
- Have costs from 1 July 2020 associated with safely re-opening or scaling up their business

Applications will open from Wednesday 1 July 2020 until Sunday 16 August 2020. The application can be completed online through your Service NSW portal.

Fair Work Commission announces 1.75% increase to minimum wages

The Fair Work Commission has announced a 1.75% increase to minimum wages. This will apply to all award wages. For anyone not covered by an award, the new national minimum wage will be \$753.80/week or \$19.84/hour (this applies from the first full pay period starting on or after 1 July 2020). The increase to awards will happen in 3 groups.

Group 1 Awards From 1 July 2020

- Frontline Heath Care &
 Social Assistance Workers
- Teachers and Child Care
- Other Essential Services

Group 2 Awards From 1 November 2020

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- A range of other industries

Group 3 Awards From 1 February 2021

- Accomm. & Food Services
- Arts & Recreation Services
- Aviation
- Retail & Tourism

Government Stimulus Dates

- June JobKeeper declaration for Fortnights 5 & 6 to be made by 14th July
- The second Government Cash Boost will be applied to your June BAS (application is not required)

STP Reporting for closely held payees

The exemption for small employers reporting STP for 'closely held payees' has been extended to 1 July 2021.

A closely held (related) payee is someone who is directly related to the business, company or trust that pays them, such as: family members of a family business, directors or shareholders of a company and beneficiaries of a trust.

July Key dates

- 14 July STP Finalisation final date for declaration
- 14 July Final JobKeeper declaration required
- 21 July June monthly activity statements final date for lodgement and payment.
- 28 July Quarter 4 activity statements final date for lodgement and payment*
- 28 July Quarter 4 Superannuation guarantee contributions final date for lodgement and payment

*Extensions apply for lodgements made by a registered BAS Agent

If you have any question about the following, please discuss with your accountant



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