

## WGANZ COVID-19 BULLETIN 18 February 2021

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### **Roundup of COVID-19 support**

The official [COVID-19 Government website](#) has details of all the financial support available to help businesses and their employees to recover from the effects of COVID-19.

The main categories are -

- COVID-19 Short-term Absence Payment
- COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme
- Wage subsidy schemes
- Business Finance Guarantee scheme
- Business cash flow and tax measures
- Small Business Cashflow Loan Scheme
- Insolvency relief for businesses
- COVID-19 commercial lease dispute services
- Apprenticeship Boost initiative

The [financial support tool](#) on that web page is particularly useful and **highly recommended** – for employers and employees alike.

The [newest support initiatives](#) are below.

### **Short-Term Absence Payment**

A Short-Term Absence Payment is available at all Alert Levels to employers to pay workers who follow public health guidance and stay home while waiting for a COVID-19 test result.

To be eligible, workers need to miss at least one shift of work, and be unable to work from home.

The payment is \$350 for each worker. Employers or the self-employed can apply for any worker once in any 30-day period.

### **Resurgence Support Payment**

From late-February, a Resurgence Support Payment will be available if we are at Alert Level 2 or above for a week or more. Businesses and the self-employed will be eligible if they experience an actual decline in revenue of 30% over a 14-day period.

The decline in revenue must be as a result of the specific Alert Level escalation, not just COVID-19 in general. You must have been in business for at least six months to be eligible. Pre-revenue firms, such as start-ups are also eligible.

### **Wage Subsidy Scheme**

The Wage Subsidy Scheme will be available if any part of the country moves to Alert Level 3 or above for a week or more.

Businesses and the self-employed will need to prove a 40% decline in predicted or actual revenue.

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