



## **BUSINESS COST ASSISTANCE PACKAGE 4 - CONSTRUCTION**

### **Purpose**

To assist eligible construction sector businesses affected by the 2-week shutdown for the period 21 September 2021 to 4 October 2021.

### **Standard Eligibility criteria**

To be eligible, businesses must:

- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN on and from 24 September 2021
- Operate a business location in Victoria
- Be registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST) on and from 24 September 2021
- Have an annual Victorian payroll of up to \$10 million in 2019-20 on an ungrouped basis
- Be registered as operating in an eligible industry sector identified in the list of eligible ANZSIC classes (as defined by the ANZSIC class linked to the business' ABN) (See page 3 for list of eligible ANZSIC codes)
- Have been contracted (prior to the restriction period being announced) to undertake, or supply workers to undertake, work at an impacted construction site located in the following areas shut down due to COVID restrictions announced 20 September 2021 including:
  1. Local Government Areas (LGAs) in metropolitan Melbourne
  2. City of Greater Geelong
  3. Mitchell Shire, and
  4. Surf Coast Shire
- Have been unable to operate the business or provide services remotely at the contracted work site during the restricted period
- Incurred direct costs because of the health restrictions in effect from 21 September to 4 October 2021, that have not been and will not be partially or fully recovered or otherwise reimbursed

### **Employing businesses:**

- Be registered with WorkSafe Victoria
- Attest that the business supported its workers to access any paid leave entitlements during the construction sector shutdown, and supported their casual workers, where possible

### **Non-Employing businesses:**

- The business owner must hold a WorkSafe Construction Induction Training Card (white card) or interstate equivalent issued by a comparable governing authority in another Australian state or territory

### **Other eligibility requirements**

- Businesses will not be eligible to receive this if they have received support under any of the following programs
  - Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two
  - Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two July Extension
  - Small Business COVID Hardship Fund.
- Businesses undertaking construction work at Fully Exempt State Critical Infrastructure Projects are not eligible for a grant
- Businesses undertaking exempt construction work at shutdown construction sites are not eligible for a grant



## Demonstration of Eligibility

- **Industry Sector**
  - To be eligible, an Applicant's primary business activity must be in an eligible industry sector and this must be reflected in the Applicant's ABN registration information (Eligible ANZSIC codes are listed on page 3)
- **Worksafe**
  - *Employing businesses* must provide a WorkCover Employer Number (WEN) or WorkSafe Application Reference Number (WRN)
  - *Non-employing businesses* must give the WorkSafe Construction Induction Training Card (white card) number of the business owner and provide a copy of the Card
- **Construction Site Location**
  - Applicants must provide the address of the impacted work site address in an eligible area
- **Identification Documents**
  - The person applying must provide details of current proof of identity documents. This must be in the form of one of the below
    - Driver licence or learner permit issued in any Australian jurisdiction; or
    - an Australian Passport; or
    - a Medicare Card; or
    - a foreign passport for those issued with an Australian Visa.
  - The person providing the ID documents must be an authorised contact of the business as listed on the Australian Business Register

## Funding Amounts

<u>2019/20 Payroll Size</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Non-employing business	\$2,000
Payroll below \$650,000	\$2,800
Payroll between \$650,000 and less than \$3 million	\$5,600
Payroll between \$3 and \$10 million	\$8,400

## Funding Use

Grant funds must be used to assist the business, for example on:

- Meeting business costs, including utilities, wages or rent;
- Seeking financial, legal or other advice to support business continuity planning;
- Any other supporting activities related to the operation of the business

## Applications

- Applications are now open
- Applications will need to be completed through Business Victoria  
<https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-costs-assistance-program-round-four-construction>
- The Program will be open for applications until program funds are exhausted or 9 November 2021, whichever is earlier



### **Disclaimer**

- This information is based on the Guidelines set out by Business Victoria on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. As the DJPR reserves the right to amend these guidelines and application terms at any time as it deems appropriate, criteria may change.

### **Eligible ANZSIC Codes (Industry Codes)**

3011	House Construction
3019	Other Residential Building Construction
3020	Non-Residential Building Construction
3101	Road & Bridge Construction
3109	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction
3211	Land Development and Subdivision
3212	Site Preparation Services
3221	Concreting Services
3222	Bricklaying Services
3223	Roofing Services
3224	Structural Steel Erection Services
3231	Plumbing Services
3232	Electrical Services
3233	Air Conditioning and Heating Services
3234	Fire and Security Alarm Installation Services
3239	Other Building Installation Services
3241	Plastering and Ceiling Services
3242	Carpentry Services
3243	Tiling and Carpeting Services
3244	Painting & Decorating Services
3245	Glazing Services
3291	Landscape Construction Services
3292	Hire of Construction Machinery with Operator
3299	Other Construction Services n.e.c.
6631	Heavy Machinery and Scaffolding Rental and Hiring
6616	Other Motor Vehicle and Transport Equipment Rental and Hiring