



Victorian Government – “Business Support Fund - Expansion” Grant

Following the reinstatement of the Stage 3 ‘Stay at Home’ restrictions for a period of six weeks, the Victorian State Government has expanded its Business Support Fund by offering a one-off grant of \$5,000 to *businesses operating within metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire affected by the return to Stay at Home restrictions.*

Businesses typically affected by the Stage 3 ‘Stay at Home’ restrictions and eligible for the \$5,000 grant include:-

- restaurants & cafes,
- pubs,
- gyms,
- indoor sporting venues,
- cinemas,
- live music, & entertainment venues, and
- other businesses that are either restricted in their operations or can no longer operate.

Eligibility Criteria

A business is eligible to apply for the \$5,000 grant if it meets all the following:

- operate a business located in metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire
- be a participant in the Commonwealth Government’s JobKeeper Payment scheme
- employ people (note: sole traders must employ persons other than themselves to be eligible)
- be registered with WorkSafe on 30 June 2020
- have an annual payroll of less than \$3 million in 2019-20 on an ungrouped basis
- be registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST) as at 30 June 2020
- hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN at 30 June 2020
- be registered with the responsible Federal or State regulator.

Evidence requirements of Eligibility

Applicants of the \$5,000 of Business Support Fund – Expansion, must

- certify that they have met the eligibility criteria
- provide evidence of the location of their business operations
- provide evidence of participation in the Commonwealth Government’s JobKeeper Payment scheme

Key Dates

The program is open for applications from Monday, 13 July 2020 and will close at 11.59 pm on Wednesday 19 August 2020.

For further information, please contact your your Kaias Phillips Team member on (03) 9489 5888.

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