

22 February 2022

## Apply for the 2022 Small Business Support Program

### ***Introduction***

If you're a business, sole trader or not-for-profit organization in NSW and you've been impacted by the Omicron wave of COVID-19, you may be eligible for a payment under the 2022 Small Business Support Program.

The program provides cash flow support to help eligible businesses survive the impacts of COVID-19 and maintain their NSW employee headcount.

Eligible businesses will receive one payment covering the 4-week period of February 2022. Businesses will not receive payment for January 2022.

If you're an employing business, the payment will be equivalent to 20% of weekly payroll for work performed in NSW:

- *minimum payment will be \$750 per week*
- *maximum payment will be \$5,000 per week.*

Weekly payroll should be determined by referring to the calculations underlying the most recent Business Activity Statement (BAS) provided to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for a tax period that falls within the 2021–22 financial year.

If you're a non-employing business, such as a sole trader, you may be eligible to receive a payment of \$500 per week.

Eligible businesses can use funds to cover business costs incurred due to the impacts of the Omicron strain of COVID-19 in NSW. These costs may include:

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

Applications close on 31 March 2022.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the 2022 Small Business Support Program, your business or not-for-profit organization must:

- *have an active Australian Business Number (ABN)*
- *have been operating in NSW on 1 January 2021*
- *have had an aggregated annual turnover between \$75,000 and \$50 million (inclusive) for the year ended 30 June 2021 or 30 June 2020*
- *have experienced a decline in turnover of 40% or more due to the impacts of COVID-19:*
  - *during January 2022, compared to January 2021 or January 2020, and*
  - *from 1 to 14 February 2022, compared to the same fortnight in February 2021 or February 2020*
- *for employing businesses, maintain your employee headcount from 30 January to 28 February 2022*
- *for non-employing businesses, such as sole traders, show that the business is the primary income source (50% or more of the total income) for the associated person. If you have more than one non-employing business, you can only claim payments for one business.*

## **Alternative circumstances**

If your business does not meet all the eligibility criteria, you may be able to apply for the 2022 Small Business Support Program if you can provide evidence to support the [alternative circumstances](#) outlined in the guidelines. We encourage you to speak with Service NSW at 13 77 88 and discuss about eligibility of your business under the alternative circumstances.

If you have any further queries, please contact Adam Shen from our office.

Yours faithfully  
**Cohen and Krass**



**Anthony L Cohen**  
Director

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