

COVID-19 ASSISTANCE MEASURES

1st tranche \$10k to \$50k tax free payment



- ✓ Less than \$50m turnover
- ✓ Held an ABN on 12/03/2020
- ✓ Carrying on a business and earned assessable income in FY 2019 or made supplies in course of, or furtherance of an enterprise starting 1 July 2018 and ending before 12 March 2020
- ✓ Based on 100% of PAYGW amount in activity statement from Jan to June 2020

2nd tranche \$10k to \$50k tax free payment



- ✓ Less than \$50m turnover
- ✓ Same tests as per Tranche 1
- ✓ Based on 100% of PAYGW amount in Tranche 1 and paid in activity statement from July to Oct 2020

JobSeeker Payment



- ✓ Available to employees stood down/let go, sole traders, self-employed, casual and contract workers who meet the income test.
- ✓ Available between ages 22 to age pension age.
- ✓ The asset test and the one week waiting period has been waived.
- ✓ Can receive \$565.70 - \$790.10 per fortnight depending on your income. Your partner's income will also affect what you are entitled to.

JobKeeper Payment



- ✓ Claim \$1,500 per fortnight including self-employed individuals for each worker that is employed
- ✓ Includes employees (those let go too) "on the books" as at 1 March 2020 (no limit on employer size)
- ✓ Maximum period 6 months
- ✓ Turnover <\$1BN and turnover reduced >30% relative to a comparable period 1 year ago
- ✓ Turnover >\$1BN and turnover reduced by >50% relative to a comparable period 1 year ago
- ✓ Not subject to major bank levy.

50% tax free subsidy apprentice wages



- ✓ Wage subsidy of 50% of apprentice or trainee wages for up to 9 months from Jan to Sept 2020
- ✓ If SME not able to retain apprentice; subsidy available to new employer
- ✓ Maximum benefit of 21k per apprentice or trainee
- ✓ Available to SME employing fewer than 20 employees who retain an apprentice or trainee
- ✓ Can register from 2 April 2020
- ✓ Final claim lodge by 31/12/2020

Tax Payment Deferral - ATO



- ✓ Ability to vary March 2020 PAYGI instalment to NIL
- ✓ Ability to claim a refund for PAYGI Instalment for Sept 2019 and Dec 2019 qtr.
- ✓ Ability to remit any interest and penalties incurred on or after 23 Jan 2020
- ✓ Assisting business to pay ATO debts including low interest payment plans
- ✓ Quarterly reporters can opt in for monthly to get access to GST refunds quicker

Instant Asset Write Off



- ✓ Now up to \$150,000
- ✓ <500m turnover
- ✓ Asset must be installed and ready for use by 30 June 2020
- ✓ Only applies until 30 June 2020

Accelerated Depreciation



- ✓ <500m turnover
- ✓ Not using simplified depreciation rules
- ✓ 50% deduction of the cost
- ✓ Existing depreciation rules apply to the balance
- ✓ Asset must be installed and ready for use by 30 June 2021

Government Backed Loans - SME Guarantee Scheme



- ✓ <\$50m turnover
- ✓ 50% guarantee on new loans for SME's up to \$250k
- ✓ Financial institutions will be providing the products
- ✓ Operates from April 2020 to 30 June 2020
- ✓ 3 year term – initial 6 month repayment holiday
- ✓ No security required.

Early Access to Super



- ✓ Access \$10k before 1 July 2020
- ✓ Access a further 10k from July 2020 until 24 Sep 2020
- ✓ Must be unemployed
- ✓ Eligible to receive job seeker payment, youth allowance for job seekers, parenting benefit, special benefit or farm household allowance
- ✓ On or after 1 Jan 2020 either; been made redundant, working hours reduced by >20%, sole trader turnover reduced by >20%