AUSTRALIAN AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET ASSOCIATION

JobKeeper Extension Update

As at 26 August 2020

Summary

The JobKeeper program will be extended past the existing September deadline to 28 March 2021, albeit with substantial cuts. The same business eligibility criteria will apply but demonstrating decline in turnover will alter slightly, and employee eligibility dates have changed to include new staff.

Employees' eligibility for the JobKeeper Payment can now be assessed from 1 July 2020, rather than 1 March 2020. Employees can now also be nominated by new employers if their employment has changed since the JobKeeper Payment began. However, they can still only be nominated by one employer at any given time. The new rules are in effect as of 3 August, but Employers will have until 31 August 2020 to meet the wage condition for new eligible employees under the 1 July eligibility test for Fortnight 10 (commencing 3 August), and Fortnight 11 (commencing 17 August 2020). Businesses can claim reimbursement for their new eligible employees between 1 and 14 September 2020, when they lodge their August monthly declaration.

After 28 September 2020, the JobKeeper flat rate payment will be reduced from $1500 per fortnight to $1200. There will also be a lower payment of $750 a fortnight for those working less than 20 hours a week. For the March quarter, these figures will be revised down to $1000 a fortnight for those working more than 20 hours a week and $650 for those working less than 20 hours a week.

Payment Schedule

From September 28 this year, JobKeeper 2.0 will be $1200 a fortnight for eligible workers who work *more than* 20 hours a week, or $750 per fortnight for eligible workers who work *less than* 20 hours per week. These current payments will run until January 4, 2020.

From 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021, these two payments will scale down further to $1000 per fortnight for eligible workers who work *more than* 20 hours a week, or $650 per fortnight for eligible workers who work *less than* 20 hours per week.

	Fortnightly Payment **(31 March 2020 – 28 September 2020)**	Fortnightly Payment **(29 September 2020 – 3 January 202)**	Fortnightly Payment **(4 January 2021 - 28 March 2021)**
All eligible employees	$1500	-	-
Employees on more than 20 hours a week	$1500	$1200	$1000
Employees on less than 20 hours a week	$1500	$750	$650

Eligibility Changes From 28 September 2020

Businesses seeking to claim the JobKeeper Payment will be required to demonstrate an ongoing significant decline in turnover using **actual** GST turnover rather than **projected** GST turnover.

Businesses already claiming JobKeeper will also be required to reassess eligibility with reference to their actual GST turnover in the June and September quarters 2020. To be eligible going forward you will need to demonstrate you have met the relevant decline in turnover test in both of those quarters to receive the JobKeeper Payment from 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021.

Eligibility Changes From 4 January 2021

Businesses will need to demonstrate that they have met the relevant decline in turnover test with reference to actual GST turnover in each of the June, September **and** December quarters in 2020 to remain eligible for the JobKeeper Payment from 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021.

Decline in Turnover Test

You will still need to demonstrate that you have experienced a decline in turnover of:

- 50% for those with an aggregated turnover of more than $1 billion; or
- 30% for those with an aggregated turnover of $1 billion or less.

If you do not meet the additional turnover tests for the extension period it will not affect your eligibility prior to 28 September 2020.

The JobKeeper Payment will continue to remain open to new recipients, provided they meet the existing eligibility requirements and the additional turnover tests during the extension period.
Other eligibility rules for businesses and not-for-profits and their employees remain unchanged.

Further information on JobKeeper round one requirements visit:
www.ato.gov.au/General/JobKeeper-Payment/