



# AUSTRALIAN AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET ASSOCIATION

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## AAAA member information on the latest announcements on business restrictions relating to COVID-19 outbreaks

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### *Expanded Federal Lockdown Support for NSW and Victoria & Post-Lockdown Restrictions*

**As of 29 July 2021**

#### New South Wales Business Support

##### JobSaver

The federal government is co-funding business support payments in NSW until at least 28 August. This expanded payment will take effect from 18 July 2021.

Eligible entities will now receive payments of between \$1,500 and \$100,000 per week based on the level of their payroll. The maximum turnover threshold for eligible businesses has increased from \$50 million to \$250 million. The payment will continue to be calculated based on 40% of payroll for businesses that have suffered a 30% or more decline in turnover. It will remain set at \$1,000 per week for sole traders.

This will provide more support for businesses to cover unavoidable costs such as rent, insurance and maintenance as well as employee costs. This is important to note the support will continue to be conditional on businesses maintaining their employee headcount as of 13 July.

Businesses that have already submitted an application will have their payment adjusted to the expanded program.

[More information here](#)

#### Victorian Business Support

The Commonwealth and Victorian governments have announced a \$400 million support package for businesses in Victoria. It will be administered by the Victorian government.

- The package includes a \$156 million Business Continuity Fund, which will pay \$5000 grants to up to around 30,000 businesses unable to operate at full capacity. Businesses in the Melbourne CBD will be eligible for an additional \$2000.
  - To receive this funding, businesses must have received or be eligible for the Business Cost Assistance Program Round Two.

- An \$85 million Small Business COVID Hardship Fund will be established. These include grants up to \$5,000 for firms that have suffered a 70% or more decline in revenue during the lockdown. This is targeted at businesses who have been ineligible for other funding so far. More will be released on this shortly [here](#).
- The \$80 million Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme and Landlord Hardship fund provides rent relief to small to medium sized commercial tenants and their landlords. This scheme is funded fully by the Victorian government.
  - Tenants and landlords can contact the Victorian Small Business Commission for further information on 13 87 22 or visit [vsbc.vic.gov.au](https://vsbc.vic.gov.au).

## Victoria Post-Lockdown Restrictions

From 11:59 pm on Tuesday 27 July 2021, restrictions have changed, and Victoria is no longer in lockdown.

It is important that if you can continue working from home, you should continue to do so. If you can't work from home or another suitable premise, you can go to work. However, offices can increase in attendance to 25% capacity or 10 people, whichever is greater. Shops are open with a density requirement of 1 person per 4 sqm. Face masks are still mandatory indoors and outdoors.

## South Australia Post-Lockdown Restrictions

South Australia has ended its seven-day lockdown on schedule. However, if it's possible for your staff to work from home, this arrangement is recommended for at least one more week.

For at least the next seven days, face masks will be mandatory in most indoor public places. This incorporates healthcare and personal care settings, supermarkets and retail businesses. All businesses are encouraged to keep reminding customers to complete the mandatory upon arrival. There is a density cap of 1 person per 4 square metres for most businesses, including retail.

To claim the \$3000 COVID-19 Business Support Grant – July 2021 [click here](#).

*Please contact us if you have any further questions at all.*