



AUSTRALIAN AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET ASSOCIATION

COVID-19 Announcements 21 July – South Australian and Victoria financial assistance and NSW Central West Restrictions

South Australia: Financial support for South Australian businesses and workers announced and permitted worker letters

The South Australian Government has released a template for [permitted workers during the lockdown](#).

Business Support Package

South Australian small and medium-sized businesses suffering a significant loss of income, or forced to close as a result of the state's seven day lockdown, will be offered a \$3,000 emergency cash grant

The Business Support Package will assist in covering ongoing operating costs such as rent, power bills, supplier and raw material costs and other fees.

The major support package also includes a new \$1,000 cash grant for eligible small businesses who don't employ staff (sole traders).

To be eligible for the one-off \$3,000 emergency cash grant, a business must, as at 12:01am Tuesday 20 July 2021:

- Be located within South Australia
- Have an annual turnover of \$75,000 or more in 2020-21 or 2019-20, and be registered for GST
- Employ people in South Australia
- Have an Australia-wide payroll of less than \$10 million in 2019-20
- Have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Experienced at least a 30 per cent reduction (compared to the week prior) in turnover due to the restricted trading conditions.

To be eligible for the one-off \$1,000 emergency cash grant, a non-employing business must meet the criteria listed above excluding the requirement to employ people.

Applications for the grant are expected to open within the next two weeks via the SA Treasury website and grants will be processed as quickly as possible. To register interest in business support cash grants visit the [SA Treasury website](#).

Victoria: Further Financial Assistance Announced Today

The Victorian Government announced this morning, Wednesday 21 July, that all eligible Business Costs Assistance Program recipients will receive an additional \$2,800, taking the total automatic payments to \$4,800 this week.

Businesses that had chosen not to apply for these support programs in relation to the May/June lockdown, or had been ineligible to apply but are now eligible, will be welcome to apply for July lockdown support payments and will be considered outside of the automatic top-up process. This is expected to be available via the [Business Victoria website](#) soon.

Additionally, majority of microbusinesses not registered for GST will be eligible for the Covid-19 Disaster Payment of \$600/\$375 per seven-day period. The Victorian Government will establish a concierge service to help these businesses access this support. This should be available on the [Business Victoria website](#) soon.

NSW: Central West (Blayney, Cabonne, and Orange) Restrictions

From the beginning of Wednesday 21 July 2021 until the beginning of Wednesday 28 July 2021, the stay-at-home rules apply to people who live in or are temporarily staying in the Blayney, Cabonne and Orange local government areas, and anyone who has been in these 3 local government areas **since Saturday 17 July 2021**.

Although automotive industries are permitted to continue operating through the restrictions in NSW Central West, including retail, it is important to remember that masks are required indoors of all non-residential premises, unless it is unsafe to do so, and you must observe social distancing where possible. Stay-at-home orders mean demand will be decreased at this time. Employers must facilitate employees working from home where reasonably practicable to do so, if you cannot work from home you must wear a mask in your workplace (unless exemption applies). Businesses operating must not allow more than 25 people on the premises if the size of the premises is insufficient to ensure at least 2 square metres of space for each person. When you are working out the maximum number of people allowed on the premises, do not include people who are working on the premises. You must not enter these areas unless you have a reasonable excuse.

For other areas of NSW (not Greater Sydney or Central West)

There are no stay-at-home orders or business restrictions, however capacity limits for businesses are the greater of 25 people or one person per 4 square metres.

If you have any queries regarding COVID-19 Restrictions for your business, please email advocacy@aaaa.com.au