

# The extension & reduction of Jobkeeper payments

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The information below summarises recent changes to the Jobkeeper scheme.

For more information about the Jobkeeper scheme, including whether you are eligible to receive JobKeeper payments, and what directions your employer can give you while you are receiving JobKeeper payments, please read our factsheet titled 'JobKeeper payments & your rights'.

The information below should not be relied upon as legal advice. If you would like more information or legal advice, please call us on (02) 6257 4377.

## ***How long has JobKeeper been extended for?***

The JobKeeper scheme was expected to end on 27 September 2020. However, the scheme has now been extended until **28 March 2021**.

## ***How much will I receive after 27 September 2020?***

The current JobKeeper payment of \$1,500 per fortnight will be reduced after 27 September 2020.

The amount your employer will receive to pass on to you will depend on the average weekly hours you worked in **either February 2020 or June 2020**. If you worked for your employer in both February and June, you can use the month in which you worked more hours to calculate how much you will receive.

From **28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021**, JobKeeper payments will be reduced to:

- \$1,200 per fortnight for employees who worked 20 hours or more a week in February or June;
- \$750 per fortnight for employees who worked fewer than 20 hours a week in February or June.

From **4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021**, JobKeeper payments will be reduced further to:

- \$1,000 per fortnight for employees who worked 20 hours or more a week in February or June;
- \$650 per fortnight for employees who worked fewer than 20 hours a week in February or June.

**Less tax:** Your employer must take out tax before passing these payments on to you, so you will receive less than the amounts above.

## ***Will I still be eligible for JobKeeper after 27 September 2020?***

### **For employees**

If you work for a Child Care Subsidy approved provider, you are no longer eligible for JobKeeper payments. This includes family day cares with Child Care Subsidy approval.

For other employees, you must have been employed as at **1 July 2020** to be eligible for JobKeeper payments. Previously, you had to be employed as at 1 March 2020, but this has now changed, making more people eligible for JobKeeper.

The other eligibility requirements for employees have not changed. To find out whether you meet these requirements, please read our factsheet titled 'JobKeeper payments & your rights'.

However, your employer must continue to show a decline in turnover to continue to receive the payments from the Government, to pass on to you.

### **For employers**

The changes announced on 7 August 2020 will make it easier for employers to access the JobKeeper scheme and are detailed below. To receive JobKeeper payments:

- after **27 September 2020**, employers must reassess their eligibility using their turnover in the 2020 September quarter only.
- after **4 January 2021**, employers must reassess their eligibility using their turnover in the 2020 December quarter only.

Employers must continue to demonstrate they have experienced a turnover decline of:

- 50% for those with an aggregated turnover of more than \$1 billion;
- 30% for those with an aggregated turnover of \$1 billion or less; and
- 15% for charities and not for profits commission-registered charities (excluding schools & universities).

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