

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Tasmanian Support & Stimulus Package

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Household Assistance

Emergency Relief Package

- \$1 million over the next three months will be provided to organisations such as the Salvation Army, Red Cross and Rural Business Tasmania to support vulnerable Tasmanians who are self-isolated and help support households and workers impacted by the virus.

Emergency Relief Payments for those in isolation

- One-off payments of \$250 for individuals or up to \$1,000 for families, for those who are required by Public Health to self-isolate as a result of the coronavirus. Eligibility includes those with a Health Care Card or a Pensioners Concession Card and those on low incomes who can demonstrate a need for financial support, including casual workers.

Accommodation Support

- \$1 million emergency accommodation support will be available for individuals and families who have been placed on home quarantine but who are unable to return to their regular place of residence. This will provide additional support for our communities at this difficult time.

Self-isolation
requires an
individual to stay
home or in a hotel
for 14 days with no
outside contact.

International
travellers coming
into Tasmania
are also required
to self-isolate for
14 days.

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Supporting Primary Health & Mental Health Sectors

Supporting Primary Healthcare

- \$2 million to enable additional support for our primary health care providers. This funding will ensure our health workers, including GPs, to have the resources needed to look after the community at this critical time.

Accommodation Support for frontline workers

- \$1 million will be available for accommodation for frontline workers if they need to stay away from home, in circumstances where their family members are ill. This way, they can continue to contribute to our response in a safe way.

Mental Health Support

- \$1 million will be provided for Mental Health Programs provided by community organisations to support individuals experiencing mental health difficulties as a result of the issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will help primary health workers to make sure they have the resources they need to look after the community.

We're supporting front line workers by providing accommodation for them if their family members are ill, so they can continue to contribute to our response.

We are supporting organisations such as the Red Cross and Rural Business Tas to help vulnerable people who are self-isolating.

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Assistance for Small Businesses

Interest Free Business Loans for Small Business

- \$20 million in loans to small businesses in the hospitality, tourism, seafood production, and exports sectors. The loans will be available to businesses with a turnover of less than \$5 million to purchase equipment or restructuring business operations and will be interest free, for three years.

Payroll Tax Waivers Reduction

- Payroll tax liabilities will be waived for hospitality, tourism and seafood industry businesses for the last four months of 2019-20.
- Other businesses with payrolls of up to \$5 million will be able to apply, based on the impact of virus, to have their payroll tax waived for April to June 2020.

Government Maintenance Program

- \$50 million allocated to fast track maintenance on public buildings over the next 12 months. This will provide an injection into local trades around the state and continue to support confidence in local communities.

Improving Small Business Cash Flows

- To assist with small business cash flow, the Tasmanian Government will:
 - Pay bills sooner: unless otherwise required by contractual arrangements, payment terms by Government agencies will be reduced from 30 days to 14 days; and
 - Give small businesses more time to pay their bills: unless otherwise required by contractual arrangements, small businesses will be provided extended payment terms to Government from 30 days to 90 days.

Targeted Small Business Grants Program for Apprenticeships and Traineeships

- The targeted *Small Business Grants Program* provides a \$5,000 grant for businesses that hire an apprentice or trainee in the tourism, hospitality, building and construction, and manufacturing industries. Funding for this measure has been brought forward.

Youth Employment Scheme

- The Scheme provides a payroll tax rebate for one year, to businesses that employ a young person aged 24 and under, between April and December 2020.

Human Resource and Industrial Relations Assistance

- \$80,000 will be provided to the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) to provide Human Resources and Industrial Relations assistance associated with the coronavirus to businesses.

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Assistance for Local Government

Interest Free Loans for Local Government

- \$50 million in interest free loans over three years will be made available to encourage Local Government to upgrade, renovate and to do necessary maintenance to improve tourism and other assets, so when visitor numbers bounce back, we are ready.



Targeted Industry Assistance: Tourism, Hospitality & Fisheries

Supporting our Tourism Industry

- For April, May and June 2020, the Government will waive a number of lease, license and parks' entry fees for tourism operators. This initiative will support around 300 of our hard-working tourism businesses, right around Tasmania.

Liquor license fees reductions and waivers

- A 50 per cent discount on liquor licencing fees and waive all application fees for the calendar year 2020, back dated to 1 January 2020.

Fisheries Fee Waiver

- Annual fees and levies for the rock lobster, giant crab, fin fishers and for abalone divers, will be waived for 12 months.

The Tourism and Hospitality Training Fund

- \$100,000 will be provided to the Tourism Institute Council Tasmanian (TICT) and the Tasmanian Hospitality Association (THA) for training in the tourism and hospitality sectors over the winter months, to improve productivity and to be ready to bounce back when tourism returns to normal levels across

Holiday at Home Campaign

- \$1 million has been made available for Tourism Tasmania to develop a local holiday campaign to encourage Tasmanians to support our tourism industry this year.

More Information

Business Tasmania

For more information on the \$20 million Small Business Loans please contact Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026 or visit www.business.tas.gov.au/coronavirus_information

State Revenue Office

For more information on the youth employment scheme, payroll tax waiver please contact the State Revenue Office on (03) 6166 4400 or taxhelp@treasury.tas.gov.au or visit www.sro.tas.gov.au/payroll-taxcoronavirus_information

Skills Tasmania

For more information on the Targeted Small Business Grants Scheme please contact Skills Tasmania on 1800 655 846 or enquiries@skills.tas.gov.au or visit www.skills.tas.gov.au/

For other elements of the package, the Government will provide further information.

We have tailored our assistance packages to key industry sectors in the state