

JOBKeeper

And changes you need to
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Amendments to JobKeeper extension eligibility rules



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On 7 August 2020, the Government made [amendments](#) to the previously announced [extension of JobKeeper](#), which will ease the eligibility criteria and increase the number of employees and employers that qualify for JobKeeper

The two major changes cover the:

- relevant date of employment for eligible employees, and
- method of calculating the decline in turnover for businesses.

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Relevant date of employment for eligible employees

From 3 August 2020, the relevant date of employment to determine eligible employees will change from the originally announced date of 1 March to 1 July 2020. This means that new employees since 1 March 2020 may be eligible if they were employed on 1 July 2020

Furthermore, determining an employee's tier of payment will be based on the two fortnightly pay periods prior to 1 March 2020 or 1 July 2020. For employees who were eligible at 1 March 2020, the period with the higher number of hours is used when determining the tier.

Decline in turnover test

The reference period to show a decline in actual GST turnover was also amended.

For the first phase of the JobKeeper extension during 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021, businesses will need to have a significant fall in actual GST turnover in the September 2020 quarter only (compared to the September 2019), rather than the June and September 2020 quarters as originally announced.

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During the second phase of the JobKeeper extension from 4 January to 28 March 2021, businesses will need to have a significant fall in actual GST turnover in the December 2020 quarter only (compared to the December 2019), rather than the June, September and December 2020 quarters as originally announced.

More information

For more information, you can refer to our original [JobKeeper extension](#) news item. We've also updated our [JobKeeper payment](#) article to help you support impacted clients and answer commonly asked questions.