

Important message for Businesses

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Update on COVID-19 business support provisions

Kia ora koutou

Today we have an update on CSP changes, SBCS application date and variations due to COVID-19 impacts.

2nd COVID-19 Support Payment to open on 14 March

A 2nd COVID-19 Support Payment (CSP) will open on 14 March and a 3rd payment will open on 28 March.

The period of time each CSP will cover are:

- For the 1st CSP, businesses will need to show their income is 40% lower in a 7-day period any time between 16 February 2022 and 4 April 2022, compared to a typical week between 5 January and 15 February in either 2021 or 2022.
- For the 2nd CSP, businesses will need to show their income is 40% lower in a 7-day period any time between 7 March 2022 and 4 April 2022, compared to a typical week between 5 January and 15 February in either 2021 or 2022.
- For the 3rd CSP, businesses will need to show their income is 40% lower in a 7-day period any time between 21 March 2022 and 4 April 2022, compared to a typical week between 5 January and 15 February in either 2021 or 2022.
- The option for businesses to compare their income drop to a typical week in 2021 will be available from 14 March.

Self-employed people who have received the Ministry of Culture and Heritage's one-off emergency grant for self-employed people will be able to apply for the 2nd and 3rd CSPs.

For more information, visit <https://www.ird.govt.nz/search#q=Covid-19%20Support%20Payment&t=All>



Small Business Cashflow Scheme 'top-up' loan

Applications for the 'top up' loan to the Small Business Cashflow Scheme will open on 21 March.

To make this change, the current application process will close at 5pm on 18 March and reopen at 8am on 21 March.

For more information, visit <https://www.ird.govt.nz/covid-19/business-and-organisations/sbcs>

Changes to the timing of disclosures

To help customers manage the impact of COVID-19, we have discretion to vary some timeframes or procedural requirements.

Our decision to extend the time to file 2021 tax returns till May 31 has had an impact on some disclosures. We have made changes to the timing of the following disclosures:

- filing controlled foreign companies (CFC) and foreign investment fund (FIF) disclosure forms
- subvention payments for the 2021 tax year
- look-through company (LTC) elections for new companies or companies that were previously non-active.

You can see details of all variations here: <https://www.taxtechnical.ird.govt.nz/apply-for/apply-for-legislative-modifications/covid-19-response-variations>

Further variations are expected, so keep checking the link for details.

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