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CIRCUIT BREAKER BUSINESS SUPPORT PACKAGE

The Victorian Government has launched the [Circuit Breaker Business Support Package](#) to assist small to medium sized Victorian businesses, including employing and non-employing businesses, in sectors most impacted by the [restrictions announced on Thursday 27 May 2021](#). This package has been extended for metropolitan Melbourne and some business sectors in regional Victoria beyond Thursday 3 June 2021.

The support package includes **\$371 million** for the **Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two**. This program will assist around 76,000 small to medium-sized employing and non-employing businesses in eligible sectors that cannot operate due to the recent restrictions.

Eligible businesses with an annual payroll of up to \$10 million can receive a one-off grant of \$2,500 for businesses that were subject to restrictions between 28 May and 3 June 2021, or \$5,000 for businesses that were subject to further restrictions after 3 June 2021.

Full details on eligibility and how to apply are set out on the [Business Costs Assistance Fund Round Two webpage](#).

Applications are open from Thursday 3 June 2021 until 11:59pm Thursday 24 June 2021.

Other initiatives under the Circuit Breaker Business Support Package Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 - \$70 million

The Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 supports bars, restaurants, pubs, clubs, hotels, cafes, and reception centres that are registered to serve food and alcohol and have been impacted by recent restrictions in Victoria.

Eligible liquor licensees will receive an invitation from Business Victoria to apply and can receive a grant of \$3,500 or \$7,000.

Invitations will be sent to the eLicence email registered by the licensee on the Liquor Portal account with the [Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation](#). Licensees that do not have a Liquor Portal account can [create one now and register an eLicence email](#).

Applications are open from Thursday 3 June 2021 until 11:59pm Thursday 24 June 2021.

Events Support Program - \$20 million

The Events Support Package helps the event industry, including large event operators and suppliers, event promoters, producers and other businesses that deliver live performance events that have had events and work cancelled due to recent restrictions in Victoria.

Further details on this package will be announced soon.

Small and medium businesses make an enormous contribution to the Victorian economy and the [Business Support Package](#) includes support to help businesses through this challenging time. This package builds on more than \$6 billion in COVID-19 support provided to businesses by the Victorian Government.

For other forms of support available to you and your business, please visit Business Victoria's [COVID-19 business information webpage](#). The [Small Business Digital Adaptation Program](#) and the [Partners in Wellbeing helpline](#) are also available to you.

If you require further information on the Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two, please [contact Business Victoria](#) or call the hotline on 13 22 15.

Regards

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