

Treasurer's announcement – Jobkeeper 2.0

NEW CHANGES TO JOBKEEPER LEGISLATION

The Treasurer has announced two changes to the JobKeeper scheme. The first makes it easier for organisations to qualify for the JobKeeper payment extension (Jobkeeper 2.0) from 28 September 2020, while the second change adjusts the reference date for employee eligibility.

Business turnover test

Businesses will need to meet one of the decline in turnover tests for the September 2020 quarter alone (rather than for both the June and September quarters as announced in July) to be eligible for JobKeeper for the period 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021. Beyond that, businesses will have to meet the decline in turnover tests for the December 2020 quarter to be eligible for JobKeeper for the period 4 January to 28 March 2021.

Eligible employee test

The reference date for assessing which employees are eligible for the JobKeeper 2.0 Payment is now 1 July 2020 (previously 1 March). The reference period for employees regarding their hours worked to determine their tier of payment will be the two fortnightly pay periods prior to 1 March 2020 or 1 July 2020. The period with the higher number of hours is to be used for employees who were eligible at 1 March 2020.

[Read more information from Treasury.](#)

Stay well and take care

Deanne and the team