

JOBKEEPER OVERVIEW AS AT 3rd April

**MOST IMPORTANTLY NOTE THAT IT IS NOT YET LEGISLATED.**

As it stands today:

* It is a subsidy of $1500 for up to 6 months per employee to retain or re-engage with employees
* Key dates – Employer and employee relations must have existed pre March 1, it applies to the first full fortnight of pay from March 30th , the first subsidy is paid to employers on the 1st of May and it will remain one month in arrears
* Government expects SME to fund 1st month from 30 March – could be a facility from Banks or other funds
* The JK Payment is available to eligible employers, businesses including companies, partnerships, trusts and sole traders, not-forprofits and charities
* Employers will be eligible for the subsidy if: ⁃ their business has a turnover of less than $1 billion and their turnover has fallen by more than 30% (of at least a month) or more than 50% for over $1billion
* Eligibility - This Year vs Last Year § Turnover has fallen in the relevant month or 3 months (depending on the natural BAS/IAS reporting period of the business, that is Jan – March or March if monthly) relative to turnover a year earlier HOWEVER the ATO will have discretion to set alternative tests for specific circumstances and apparently will tolerate slightly smaller falls in turnover
* Employers need to register their interest and should receive a text confirmation
* The subsidy is $1500 (before PAYGW) for each eligible employee – this includes employees that are re-engaged by a business that was their employer on March 1, 2020 (even if terminated)
* If the employee received $1500 or less then they are to receive $1500 per fortnight § If the employee received more than $1500 and they are still being paid by the employer, then the employer pays the $1500 and also any top up amounts that they decide.
* There is no Superannuation Guarantee amount on the Government supported component
* Employees that have multiple employers must notify ONE employer as their primary employer. Inform others.
* Leave accrual has not been clarified at this point in time.