

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update 15/4

Enrol for JobKeeper payments from 20 April (onwards)

We finally have confirmation from the Federal Government when businesses will be able to apply for JobKeeper payments which in turn must be passed onto eligible employees.

You or a registered tax professional will be able to enrol for the JobKeeper payments from 20 April onwards.

There are a number of steps that you will need to take and one of the best head starts you can make is to have a conversation with your employees about getting them to complete a JobKeeper Employee Nomination Notice, which can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Your employees must return this to you by the end of April if you plan to claim JobKeeper payments for them. I highly recommend that if you intend to apply for JobKeeper payments, you get the ball rolling now and start having the conversation with your staff.

[Click here](#) for a complete list of steps that you will need to take to enrol.

We are updating our COVID-19 portal daily and you can access more information about the JobKeeper payments and dedicated FAQ by [clicking here](#). We are still seeking clarification on a number of items including wage conditions and we will update you throughout the week, so be sure to keep reading our communications.

Meeting with State Premier, Steven Marshall, last night

The State Premier's COVID-19 Industry Response and Recovery Council met last night.

It was clear from the Premier that the State Government's number one priority is containing the growth of this disease and getting our hospitals ready with an adequate number of ventilators, masks and other PPE.

I highlighted to the Premier that timing and recovery is a priority of the automotive industry and that businesses in hibernation should be able to reopen soon while following strict social distancing and hygiene rules.

I also expressed the difficulties that sole traders and dealers in particular are having at the moment accessing bridging finance and government stimulus and grant money. We have been advocating strongly to all levels of government for increased support for automotive businesses that have not been able to access essential measures that will help them sustain activity and employment over the next few months and will continue to advocate on your behalf.

The State Premier's COVID-19 Industry Response and Recovery Council is another avenue for the MTA to directly communicate to him what your business needs to survive this crisis and additional measures that will assist in the recovery.

There will be a National Cabinet Meeting on Thursday night, which includes the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers, and we will let you know of the details as they emerge to ensure that you are informed.

Stay safe and please call us if you need assistance - 8291 2000.

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