



STIMULUS PACKAGES AND SUPPORT FOR QUEENSLAND CLUBS AND ZONES



STAYING CONNECTED

Football Federation Australia (FFA) and Football Queensland (FQ) have developed a number of at-home programs to keep participants active and engaged in football from home. Football Coaches Australia (FCA) also has support services available to coaches at all levels of the game.

FFA Football Skills Hub

The FFA Football Skills Hub has been launched by FFA and Member Federations as part of the #PlayAtHomeChallenge

Progress through the varying difficulty levels of the four core football skills. There are 12 challenges that can be undertaken within the four categories; first touch, striking the ball, running with the ball and 1 v 1.

FQ Home Skills Program

Football Queensland has developed a series of short videos to show participants how they can refine their football skills from home.

An FQ coach leads each session, talking participants through how to perform a specific drill and how it can help develop a player's football skills and technique.

The FQ Home Skills program will be available to watch on the FQ website and social media channels.

Football Coaches Australia Support Services

Football Coaches Australia (FCA) provides Advanced Licence and community coaches with the following support services:

- Advocacy (incl. best terms and conditions Employment Agreement)
- Wellbeing
- Personal development

More Information:

FFA Football Skills Hub - [CLICK HERE](#)

FQ Home Skills Program - [CLICK HERE](#)

Football Coaches Australia Support Services - [CLICK HERE](#)

Contact FCA via info@footballcoachesaus.org.au



OVERVIEW OF SUPPORT

All levels of government have recently released information on a variety of stimulus packages to support businesses and community organisations affected by COVID-19.

Football Queensland has begun compiling information on a number of stimulus and relief packages that may be relevant to Queensland football clubs and zones.

All clubs and zones are encouraged to research the stimulus packages announced by all levels of government to determine eligibility for financial support under each stimulus program.

Clubs and zones can also monitor government websites through the links in this document to find updated information on government assistance.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For a full list of federal government stimulus packages visit the Australian Government Treasury website.

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Boosting cash flow for employers

Key Points

Federal Government is providing up to **\$100,000** to eligible small and medium-sized businesses and not-for-profits that employ people .

The minimum amount provided across two payments will be **\$20,000**.

Payments will help cash flow so businesses and not-for-profits can continue operating, paying bills, and retaining staff.

Who is eligible?

Not-for-profit entities with aggregated annual turnover under \$50 million that employ workers.

Small and medium-sized business entities with aggregated annual turnover under \$50 million that employ workers.

\$100K
ELIGIBLE

\$20K
MINIMUM



NOT-FOR-PROFIT
ENTITIES



SMALL
BUSINESSES



MEDIUM
BUSINESSES



What payment can my business/not-for-profit entity receive?

Employers will receive a payment equal to 100 per cent of their salary and wages withheld, with a maximum payment of \$50,000 and a minimum payment of \$10,000.

An additional payment is being introduced in the July – October 2020 period. Eligible entities will receive an additional payment equal to the total of all the Boosting Cash Flow for Employers payments they have received.

This means that eligible entities will receive at least \$20,000 up to a total of \$100,000 under both payments.

How will payments be delivered?

The payment will be delivered by the ATO as an automatic credit in the activity statement system from 28 April 2020 upon employers lodging eligible upcoming activity statements. Lodgement of business activity statements should be prioritised in order to receive payments.

Increasing the instant asset write-off

Federal Government is increasing the instant asset write-off (IAWO) threshold from \$30,000 to \$150,000 and expanding access to include all businesses with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$500 million until 30 June 2020.

The higher IAWO threshold provides cash flow benefits for businesses that will be able to immediately deduct purchases of eligible assets each costing less than \$150,000.

The threshold applies on a per asset basis, so eligible businesses can immediately write-off multiple assets.

The IAWO is due to revert to \$1,000 for small businesses (turnover less than \$10 million) from 1 July 2020.

Applies until 30 June 2020, for new or second-hand assets first used or installed ready for use in this timeframe.



JobKeeper payment

Businesses that have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 will be able to access a wages subsidy to continue paying employees.

The JobKeeper program will enable employers to claim a fortnightly payment of \$1,500 per eligible employee from 30 March 2020, for a maximum of six months.

Not-for-profit entities and self-employed individuals that meet the turnover tests that apply for businesses are eligible to apply.

Employers will be eligible for the subsidy if:

- Their business has a turnover of less than \$1 billion and their turnover will be reduced by more than 30 per cent relative to a comparable period a year ago (of at least a month); and
- The business is not subject to the Major Bank Levy

Eligible employees are employees who:

- Are currently employed by the eligible employer (including those stood down or re-hired);
- Were employed by the employer at 1 March 2020
- Are full-time, part-time, or long-term casuals (a casual employed on a regular basis for longer than 12 months as at 1 March 2020)

Employers can register their interest in applying for the JobKeeper Payment via ato.gov.au from 30 March 2020.

The first payment will be received by employers from the ATO in the first week of May.

More information:

Fact Sheet: [CLICK HERE](#)



STATE GOVERNMENT

COVID-19 Jobs Support Loans

Applications are now open for the Queensland Government's \$500 million COVID-19 Jobs Support Loan scheme.

The scheme is for businesses and not-for-profit organisations financially affected by COVID-19 to retain employees and maintain their operations, and will assist with carry-on expenses such as employee wages, rent, rates and other related expenditure.

- Maximum loan up to \$250,000
- Concessional loans are available up to 50 per cent of an eligible entity's annual wage expense
- No repayments or interest charged for the first year
- Following first year, payments will be interest-only for two years
- 2.5% fixed interest rate
- 10-year term of loan

Applications are open until 25 September 2020 or until funding is fully committed.

More information:

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Payroll Tax Relief

Immediate payroll tax refunds of \$740 million for COVID-19 affected businesses.

A payroll tax holiday and deferral until the end of 2020 for eligible businesses.

All small and medium businesses (payroll up to \$6.5 million) in Queensland will be eligible for:

- A two-month refund of payroll tax
- A three-month payroll tax holiday
- Deferral of all payroll tax payments for the rest of 2020

Electricity Bill Relief

Sole traders, small and medium businesses will get a \$500 rebate on their power bill.

Any business consuming less than 100,000 kilowatt hours will receive the rebate, which will automatically be applied on business electricity bills.

For a full list of state government stimulus packages visit the Queensland Government website.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Brisbane City Council business fee waiver

- \$7.9 billion business relief package will apply to businesses and Council lessees
- Brisbane City Council will waive all charges, rents, levies and permit fees effective immediately for all businesses for the next three months
- Lease fees for community organisations will not be collected
- Businesses that have paid these fees since March 1 will have them refunded

City of Logan's COVID-19 relief package

- Financial relief for more than 180 sport, recreation and community organisations within Logan that have memberships in excess of 40,000 people, through lease fee waivers
- Three months of lease fees will be waived to external operators engaged to manage Council-owned venues
- Annual lease fees for not-for-profit organisations who lease a Council community leased facility will be waived for 2020

More information Brisbane City Council:
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City of Logan Relief Package:
Fact Sheet: [CLICK HERE](#)



**\$7.9
Billion**

Relief Package



180

**Sport, recreation and
community organisations**



40K

Memberships

City of Gold Coast

A number of changes implemented regarding venue fees and rates, effective immediately until 30 June 2020 as a minimum.

Fees and charges:

- Waiving fees for any bookings of a Council facility, venue or park between 1 February and 30 June that has to cancel due to COVID-19
- All refund policies are being relaxed to accommodate full refunds

Rates, water charges, waste water charges and waste charges:

- Waiving of all interest payments for businesses that enter affordable repayment agreements for water charges, waste water charges, waste charges and rates

Eligibility now applies to all business property owners and approval can be provided over the phone

- All new debt recovery action for overdue water charges, waste water charges, waste charges and rates will be suspended for businesses who enter an approved payment arrangement

This excludes pre-existing debt incurred prior to the pandemic

- Interest charged on unpaid water charges, waste water charges, waste charges and rates will be zero per cent (0%) for businesses that enter into an approved repayment arrangement

Businesses without approved arrangements for repaying overdue water charges, waste water charges, waste charges and rates will have their penalty interest rate cut from 9.83 per cent to 3 per cent

More information:

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Sunshine Coast Council business support

Council will contact affected businesses to discuss the following additional support measures:

- Venue hire (bookings): refunds and waiver of normal cancellation fees at all Council venues from 16 March to 30 June
- Community event and major event permit fees: reimbursement/refund from 1 March to 30 June or ability to postpone for 12 months and bond refunded until new date set

More information:

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Moreton Bay Regional Council

A \$15 million stimulus package will assist residents, community groups, community clubs and businesses experiencing financial distress.

The package delivers specific relief actions for at-risk groups including ratepayers in financial distress and struggling community groups and clubs.

The emergency interim package includes:

- \$7 million worth of rate relief to recipients of the Federal Government's coronavirus supplement. Owner-occupier ratepayers receiving the Federal Government's coronavirus supplement will get a total of \$200 rebate on their rates
- \$5 million for grants to community groups and clubs – applications now open

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Redland City Council

A \$2 million plus social and economic package will support Redlands Coast residents, businesses and community groups through the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

The comprehensive package includes:

- Double the amount of time to pay next rates bill (due date extended until 11 June 2020)
- \$288,000 in grants for business and community groups experiencing hardship due to COVID-19
- Reduced red-tape for businesses and community groups
- Provide one-off contribution towards electricity costs for clubs and associations registered under Council's community electricity scheme
- Promote, review and update Council's financial hardship policy to ensure eligible ratepayers can access hardship provisions in relation to their statutory rates and charges

More information:

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Noosa Shire Council

Noosa Shire Council has announced financial support measures to assist local businesses with cash flow

Council has announced financial support measures to assist local businesses with cash flow:



- Rent relief for tenants of council-owned properties and more. Council Officers will be in touch with all affected businesses regarding these waivers. Should you have any enquiries, please email property@noosa.qld.gov.au.
- Waste charges: Commercial operators that have temporarily closed or have scaled down their business activities can request that Council suspend any unnecessary waste collection services and therefore avoid associated costs. Requests to suspend services can be lodged online or by emailing waste@noosa.qld.gov.au

More information:

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Bundaberg Regional Council

Bundaberg Regional Council has endorsed a package of relief measures to support residents and businesses affected by the coronavirus emergency.

The package includes:

- A moratorium on interest for outstanding rates and charges
- Refund all fees related to event permits and venue bookings
- Defer fees and charges for sporting clubs and associations
- Assistance for sporting clubs and community organisation through a grants program

More information:

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Cairns Regional Council

Cairns Regional Council has announced a series of measures to assist businesses and generate employment in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The package includes:

- Commercial businesses operating from Council premises, such as the School of Arts building, the Cairns Esplanade, Cairns Botanic Gardens and swimming pools, will have a 50% reduction in rent for March through to the end of the financial year
- Residents and businesses will have an additional three months to pay their current water bills. All new water bills will be issued with the extended due date.
- Council will reduce rent for businesses leasing Council facilities
- Council will provide a three-month extension on a range of business-related fees and charges

More information:

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Ipswich City Council

For the quarter from March 1 until March 30, Ipswich City Council will:

- Waive or refund temporary event fees
- Waive or refund fees associated with the use of parks
- Waive or refund booking fees for community venues and;
- Refund booking fees for all cancelled events on council property

More information:

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Gympie Regional Council

As of Monday 30th March 2020, Gympie Regional Council will provide a business information service to assist the community with rate deferral and payment plans, fee and charges waivers and, to connect the community with appropriate state and federal funding programs that may also assist.

Businesses and industry can call 1300 307 800 to access this service.

Toowoomba Regional Council

Toowoomba Regional Council will immediately:

- Pause debt recovery for all outstanding rates and charges through to 30 June 2020
- Refund any fees or charges for forward bookings of Council facilities where events have been cancelled

More information:

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Fraser Coast Regional Council

Fraser Coast Regional Council's financial assistance package includes:

- Extending the due date for the current rates notice until 30 June 2020
- Refunding all event application and permit fees for cancelled events due to COVID-19
- A \$500,000 grants program for sporting and community groups (up to max \$10,000 per group)

More information:

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Gladstone Regional Council

Gladstone Regional Council has announced a \$1 million support package to assist residents, business, sporting and community groups in the Gladstone region, including:

- Rent concessions for Council-leased commercial facilities
- Effective freezing of interest on outstanding rates and charges
- Financial support for sporting and community organisations
- Grants program for eligible sporting groups max of \$400,000

More information:

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Rockhampton Regional Council

Rockhampton Regional Council has announced a \$1.3 million relief package including:

- Lease refunds for eligible sporting and community groups
- No additional interest on outstanding rates until further notice
- Existing business licences extended until 30 June 2021

More information:

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Mackay Regional Council

Mackay Regional Council will:

- Refund all fees or charges for events cancelled due to COVID-19
- Extend the period of due date repayment of rates that are due in September 2020 by three months for all ratepayers
- Waive booking fees for the period April 1 to June 30 2020

More information:

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Townsville City Council

Townsville City Council has announced a \$2.29 million support package including:

- A three month extension on rates
- Refunding the hiring and other fees associated with the proposed use of any Council venue that is unable to proceed because of coronavirus control measures

More information:

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Whitsunday Regional Council

Whitsunday Regional Council has provided a Grant Finder for local businesses and community groups.

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