

COVID LEVEL 4 UPDATE 2

The Government has announced that the Alert Level 4 lockdown is now extended to Tuesday 24th August at 11.59pm.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, there is financial support available for your business as a result of the current Covid19 Level 4 lockdown.

Your business will likely, by definition, qualify for the 40% on the premise that you have lost 5/10 working days, therefore reasonably can expect 50% shortfall in income. But please refer attached links for the fine print and/or contact us for assistance.

If you comply with the 40% reduction in revenue for the WSS then you automatically will comply with the 30% for RSP, you can apply for both. A reminder that applications for the RSP does not open until 8am on Tuesday 24th August. Applications for the WSS are open now.

For our forestry clients - a somewhat silver lining is the one week shutdown might be of assistance in unlogging the ports and also reducing supply chain pressures! 😊

WAGE SUPPORT SUBSIDY

If your business cannot operate because of Alert Level 4 restrictions or you will lose revenue, you can apply for the COVID-19 Wage Subsidy scheme to help keep paying your staff.

Businesses and self-employed people must expect a 40% drop in revenue to be eligible to receive the wage subsidy.

The wage subsidy is paid in a 2 week lump sum. You can get:

- \$600 per week for each full-time employee
- \$359 per week for each part-time employee

Businesses anywhere in New Zealand can apply for the Wage Subsidy Scheme if they are eligible. Details as to eligibility criteria, in particular period of drop in revenue against which the 40% will be assessed are available to view online.

As an employer you must pass on the full wage subsidy to your employee. If the wage subsidy is more than your employee's pay, you can continue to pay them at their normal rate.

If your business has to physically close but your employees can work from home, and you are not eligible for the Wage Subsidy Scheme, you need to keep paying them their usual salary or wages.

For privacy reasons, **businesses must obtain consent from each staff member who the employer wishes to name on the application for the Subsidy.**

To apply for the WSS – click on link [How to apply for the COVID-19 Wage Subsidy August 2021 - Work and Income](#)

RESURGENCE SUPPORT PAYMENT

The COVID-19 Resurgence Support Payment helps to cover wages and fixed costs for businesses who have been directly affected when there is an increase to Alert Level 2 or higher for a week or more.

To be eligible, your business must have experienced at least a 30% drop in revenue or a 30% decline in capital-raising ability over a 7-day period, due to an increase in Alert Levels.

You can receive \$1,500 per business plus \$400 per full-time employee (FTE), up to 50 FTE. The maximum payment is \$21,500.

If you're a sole trader, you can receive a payment of up to \$1,900.

A reminder that applications for this payment will open at 8am on Tuesday 24th August

For further information on the RSP – click on link [COVID-19 Resurgence Support Payment \(RSP\) \(ird.govt.nz\)](#)

If you have any queries or want to discuss further, contact your Manager or Mark and Sonya.