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## JobKeeper 2.0 FAQs

### I am a sole trader, how much will I receive?

The self-employed will be eligible to receive the JobKeeper payment where they meet the relevant turnover test, and are not a permanent employee of another employer.

If a sole trader is eligible for the JobKeeper payment they will then be subject to the same payment rates as eligible business participants.

From 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021:

- Sole traders who work an average of 20 hours or more per week will receive \$1200 per fortnight
- Sole traders who work less than 20 hours per week will receive \$750 per fortnight

From 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021:

- Sole traders who work an average of 20 hours or more per week will receive \$1000 per fortnight
- Sole traders who work less than 20 hours per week will receive \$650 per fortnight

### I currently receive the JobKeeper payment, do I need to reapply for the wage subsidy after 28 September?

To ensure you keep receiving the JobKeeper payment past September 28, you must prove your decline in actual GST turnover.

For the first payment extension period of 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021, businesses will need to demonstrate that their actual GST turnover has fallen by 30 per cent (50 per cent for those with an aggregated turnover of more than \$1-billion) in the September quarter 2020 (July, August and September), relative to a comparable period (the same period in 2019).



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For the second payment extension period of 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021, businesses will need to demonstrate that their actual GST turnover has fallen by 30 per cent (50 per cent for those with an aggregated turnover of more than \$1-billion) in the December quarter 2020 (October, November, December), relative to a comparable period (the same period in 2019).

It is important to remember the first extension period begins just before the end of the quarter, so employers will need to ensure all income is recorded accurately and quickly to meet the decline in turnover criteria.

I currently don't receive the JobKeeper wage subsidy, can my business apply now?

Yes you can, as long as you satisfy the decline in turnover test.

To enrol for the JobKeeper program you can:

- Log into to the Business Portal using myGovID
- To enrol, you will need to confirm:
  - business has experienced a fall in turnover
  - expected number of eligible employees (if you have them)
  - an eligible business participant, if you are enrolling one
  - bank and contact details for receiving JobKeeper payments
- Ensure employees have completed the required nomination form
- After you have enrolled in the JobKeeper program, you will need to lodge a business monthly declaration to receive JobKeeper payments.
- A business monthly declaration needs be completed for each month, between the 1st and the 14th of following month.



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## Can I add new employees during the extension periods?

Yes you can, as long as those employees have been working for your business since 1 July. You will then need to contact the ATO on 13 28 66 to claim for any extra employees.

It is also important to remember:

- All eligible employees need to be included in JobKeeper if they are still employed by the business
- Employees must be a resident, tax resident or subclass 444 visa holder on 1 March 2020 to be eligible.
- Full and part time employees on 1 July need to be included.
- Casual employees who have worked regularly for 12 months without permanent employment elsewhere are eligible.

## What is the minimum amount I need to pay my employees under the JobKeeper extension periods?

To be eligible for the JobKeeper program all eligible employees need to be paid a minimum of the subsidy being received for that fortnight.

From 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021 you must pay your employees:

- \$1,200 per fortnight if they work more than 20 hours per week
- \$750 per fortnight if they work less than 20 hours per week

From 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021 you must pay your employees:

- \$1,000 per fortnight if they work more than 20 hours per week
- \$650 per fortnight if they work less than 20 hours per week