

2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants

Supplementary Guidelines - COVID-19 Border Business Zone Hardship Grants 14 October 2021

These supplementary Guidelines explain the changes made to the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants on 14 October 2021 to extend the program to incorporate the **COVID-19 Border Business Zone Hardship Grants**.

The supplementary Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the Guidelines for the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants and the supplementary Guidelines for the Border Business Zone extension (effective 16 September 2021). Further information on the one-off hardship grants for non-employed businesses in the Border Business Zone is separately available on the Business Queensland website.

About the changes

The Queensland Government recognises that businesses located in border areas can be reliant on cross border trade and local foot traffic and may have been impacted by the necessary border restrictions. The extension of this program will assist those businesses and not for profit organisations affected by ongoing border restrictions of at least two months by providing additional grant funding that may be used to cover business costs.

On 14 October 2021, the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants program was extended to provide additional hardship assistance to businesses and not for profit organisations located in the Border Business Zone in recognition of the cumulative impact of the Queensland, New South Wales border closure event from 14 August to 14 October 2021.

The **COVID-19 Border Business Zone Hardship Grants** provides additional grant assistance to employing businesses and not for profit organisations in the Border Business Zone by providing a special one-off grant payment of \$5,000.

Grant funding of **\$5,000** is available to employing businesses and not for profit organisations if:

- border closure events have been in effect throughout the period starting on 14 August 2021 and ending on 14 October 2021; and
- the businesses and not for profit organisations:
 - have received or are eligible to receive a 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant;
 - were trading in the Border Business Zone on both 14 August 2021 and 14 October 2021; and
 - have been affected by border closure events throughout the period.



What businesses are eligible?

A business or not for profit organisation is eligible to receive the payment if:

- border closure events have been in effect throughout the period starting on 14 August 2021 and ending on 14 October 2021; and
- the business or not for profit organisation:
 - was trading in the Border Business Zone on both 31 July 2021 and 14 October 2021;
 - is eligible to receive or has already received approval and/or payment under the [2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant](#) program, including the [Border Business Zone](#) extension; and
 - has been affected by the border closure events throughout the period.

Who isn't eligible?

Any business or not for profit organisation, if border closure events have not been in effect throughout the period starting on 14 August 2021 and ending on 14 October 2021.

Any business or not for profit organisation that:

- was not trading in the Border Business Zone on both 31 July 2021 and 14 October 2021;
- has not received or is not eligible to receive approval and/or payment as an employing applicant under the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant program; and
- has not been affected by border closure events throughout the period.

Important words and phrases

The **Border Business Zone** is the border area on the Queensland side of the Queensland, New South Wales border shown on the interactive map [COVID-19 Business Support Grants – Border areas mapping](#)

This includes the border areas of:

- Coolangatta, Currumbin – Tugun and Currumbin Waters*; and
- border towns of Wallangarra, Goondiwindi and Mungindi (Queensland) *.

**See interactive map for specific areas that are eligible in these regions.*

A **border closure event** is an event restricting the reasons why people may enter Queensland detailed in:

- *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 35)* made on 14 August 2021 (revoked); or
- *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 36)* made on 18 August 2021 (revoked); or
- *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 37)* made on 21 August 2021 (revoked); or
- *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 38)* made on 24 August 2021 (revoked); or
- *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 39)* made on 25 August 2021 (revoked); or
- *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 40)* made on 4 September 2021 (revoked); or
- *Border Restrictions Direction (No. 41)* made on 13 September 2021; or
- another future public health direction that restricts the reasons for which a person may enter Queensland from within a postcode listed as a hotspot adjacent to the Queensland, New South Wales.



What are the COVID-19 Border Business Zone Hardship Grants eligibility criteria?

Businesses and not for profit organisations must demonstrate that the business or not for profit organisation meets the eligibility criteria listed in the table below by providing the supporting evidence.

Eligibility criteria	Supporting evidence
The business or not for profit organisation has received, or is eligible to receive, a grant under the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants or the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants Border Business Zone extension.	Details of your grant or application is to be provided in the Border Business Zone Hardship Grants form.
The business or not for profit organisation must have traded in the Border Business Zone on both 31 July 2021 and 14 October 2021 and must declare that details provided in an application for the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants or the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants extension is still current.	A declaration that the business or not for profit organisation was trading within the border business zone on both 31 July 2021 and 14 October 2021 must be provided in the Border Business Zone Hardship Grants form.
The business or not-for-profit organisation has been affected by border closure events throughout the period starting on 14 August 2021 and ending on 14 October 2021.	A declaration must be provided in the Border Business Zone Hardship Grants form.
The business or not-for-profit organisation must not be insolvent or have owners/directors that are insolvent or an undischarged bankrupt.	A declaration must be provided in the Border Business Zone Hardship Grants form.

What can I spend the one-off special payment on?

The payment has been provided to offer relief and support to your business or not for profit organisation following the ongoing closure of the Queensland, New South Wales border. The payment may be used for business expenses.

What are the timeframes?

Assessments and payments will be made from 14 October 2021 onwards to any businesses that have already been approved for and/or paid, or are eligible for, a [2021 COVID-19 Business Support grant](#). Applications will close on 16 November 2021.

When and how can you apply?

If you have already received a payment through the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants program or have applied and are located in the Border Business Zone, you will be invited to register and provide the details and declarations required as supporting evidence in the Border Business Zone Hardship Grants form.

If eligible, you will then receive the one-off hardship grant payment of \$5,000. If further information is required, you will be contacted by QRIDA. Payments will go into your nominated bank account within a few days of approval.

For business and not for profit organisations that apply for the 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants post 14 October 2021, your initial 2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grant application will be concurrently processed with the one-off hardship grant payment together through a single application process.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome by email.

Other information

These Supplementary Guidelines apply to the extension of this Program. Refer to the following parts of the [Guidelines](#) for further information about eligibility, making an application and the process.

- What is the process?
- Other conditions
- Checklist
- Privacy Policy
- Disclaimer

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