

BUSINESS & INDIVIDUALS – GOVERNMENT GRANTS & SCHEMES

JOBMAKER HIRING CREDIT

Over three years from 2020-21, the Government will plans to accelerate employment growth by supporting organisations to take on additional employees through a hiring credit. The JobMaker Hiring Credit will be available for 12 months to eligible employers for each additional new job they create for an eligible employee.

Eligible employers will be able to claim the following JobMaker Hiring Credit from 7 October 2020:

- \$200 a week for each additional eligible employee they hire aged 16 to 29 years old; and
- \$100 a week for each additional eligible employee they hire aged 30 to 35 years old.

The JobMaker Credit will be available for new jobs created until 6 October 2021 for up to 12 months, with a maximum amount of \$10,400 per additional new position created.

In addition to the above, the employee must be in an additional job created from 7 October 2020. To demonstrate this, there must be an increase in:

- the employer's total employee headcount (minimum of one additional employee) from the reference date of 30 September 2020;
- The payroll of the business for the reporting period, as compared to the three months to 30 September 2020.

WAGE SUBSIDY FOR NEW APPRENTICES

The Government has announced the introduction of a new Boosting Apprenticeship wage subsidy. The program will run from 5 October 2020 to 30 September 2021.

Businesses of any size across Australia that employ new, or recommencing, apprentices or trainees will be received up to:

- 50% of an apprentice or trainee's wages, up to \$7,000 per quarter, and
- it is capped to 100,000 new apprentices or trainees in total.

This is a big win for businesses in general, as the Government has committed an additional \$1.2 billion to the creation of jobs for new apprenticeships and traineeships.

FIRST HOME LOAN DEPOSIT SCHEME

The Government has announced an additional 10,000 places for first homebuyers of new homes under the existing First Home Loan Deposit Scheme.

The additional 10,000 places will be provided from 6 October 2020 until the scheme is filled.

Under the existing arrangement:

- Eligible first home buyers can obtain a loan to build a new home or purchase a newly built home with a deposit of at least 5% of the purchase price.
- The Government guarantees to a participating lender up to 15 percent of the value of the property purchased that is financed by an eligible first home buyer's home loan.

The additional guarantees will be available until 30 June 2021.