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Payment rates for COVID-19 Wage Subsidy August 2021 payments

Full-time and part-time payment rates, payment details and application processing timeframes for COVID-19 Wage Subsidy August 2021 payments.

The COVID-19 Wage Subsidy August 2021 was available from 9am on 18 August 2021 to 11:59pm on 9 December 2021. It was to help employers and self-employed people keep paying staff and protect jobs impacted by the alert level changes from 17 August 2021.

Payment rates

The Wage Subsidy August 2021 will cover a two week period at the rate of:

- \$600 a week for each full-time employee retained (20 hours a week or more)
- \$359 a week for each part-time employee retained (less than 20 hours a week).

Hours fluctuate and casual workers

If you work variable hours (or your employee does), you can use an average to work out what rate to apply for.

Use the average hours worked each week:

- over the last 12 months, or
- over the period of time you (or they) have been employed (if it's less than 12 months).

If the average hours are:

- 20 or more, apply for the full-time rate
- less than 20, apply for the part-time rate.

After you've applied

Find out what happens after you apply for a Wage Subsidy August 2021, including processing your application, cancelling or changing applications, what happens if your application is not approved, and payment if your application is approved.

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