

COVID-19 Resurgence Wage Subsidy

[21 August 2020 – 3 September 2020]

Date authored: 21 August 2020

Reviewed: 1 March 2021

This subsidy has ended and is no longer available to apply for.

At the time of writing there is a community outbreak of COVID-19 in the Auckland region. Therefore, the situation is fast changing and we recommend that you check that the information below is still current before relying on it.

The COVID-19 Resurgence Wage Subsidy was announced by Finance Minister Grant Robertson on [17 August 2020](#).

The two-week COVID-19 Resurgence Wage Subsidy payment was available nationally for employers, including self-employed people, who were financially impacted by the resurgence of COVID-19 and changes to COVID Alert Levels.

The criteria for the payment was as follows:

When applying for the Resurgence Wage Subsidy, you could not receive more than one COVID-19 payment for the same employee at the same time. This included the:

- Wage Subsidy;
- Wage Subsidy Extension;
- Leave Support Scheme; and
- Resurgence Wage Subsidy.

Who could receive the payment?

You had to meet the following criteria to receive the Resurgence Wage Subsidy:

- You must be an eligible employer;
- Your business must be registered and operating in New Zealand;
- Your employees must be legally working in New Zealand;
- Your business must have experienced a minimum 40 per cent decline in revenue for a 14-day period, between 12 August to 10 September 2020, compared to a similar period in 2019;
- You must mitigate the financial impact; and
- You must retain the employees named in your application for the period of the Resurgence Wage Subsidy.

More details on the criteria for receiving the Resurgence Wage Subsidy can be found [here](#).

Payment rates

The subsidy was paid at a flat rate of:

- \$585.80 for people working 20 hours or more per week (full-time rate)
- \$350.00 for people working less than 20 hours per week (part-time rate)

The subsidy was paid as a lump sum and covered two weeks per employee from the date the application was submitted.

If an employee's usual wages were less than the subsidy rate, the difference should have been used for the wages of other affected staff. If there were no other employees to use the subsidy for, then the remaining Resurgence Wage Subsidy should have been paid back.

If you're self-employed and the income you regularly draw from your business was less than the subsidy amount you received, you should have paid back the remaining amount.

How to apply for COVID-19 Resurgence Wage Subsidy

Applications for the Resurgence Wage Subsidy opened at 1pm on 21 August and closed at 11:59pm on 3 September 2020.

As part of the application process you were asked to declare that you met the criteria and agreed to the obligations for the use of the Resurgence Wage Subsidy. All payments are subject to audits and reviews. The declaration can be found [here](#).

See also:

[*Work and Income: COVID-19 Resurgence Wage Subsidy*](#)