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Q&A on Support for Businesses

In response to the large number of businesses enrolling for JobKeeper and their feedback on the pressure of cashflow, the Federal Government has announced further measures to help. Here are some takeaways:

My business is eligible for JobKeeper, but what if I can't complete my enrolment by the deadline?

The Government knows businesses are struggling so we've changed the deadline to enrol for the initial JobKeeper periods to 31 May 2020, not 30 April. In other words, if a business enrolls by 31 May they will still be able to claim payments for JobKeeper for April and May, provided they meet the eligibility requirements.

So if the JobKeeper enrolment date has been extended, when do we have to pay our employees?

You now have until 8 May 2020 to ensure all eligible employees have received a minimum of \$3,000 in gross wages for the first two fortnights of the JobKeeper support period (30 March – 12 April and 13 April – 26 April).

Does this mean my business can wait to receive JobKeeper payments before I pay my employees?

No, the Government still pays businesses in arrears and so the sooner you enrol and pay staff, the sooner the ATO can reimburse you the JobKeeper payments.

Where can I get advice on other help that may be available for businesses?

Australian Government Business Hotline	13 28 46	www.business.gov.au
Queensland Government Business Hotline	1300 654 687	www.business.qld.gov.au
Sunshine Coast Council Helpline	1300 007 272	www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/business

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