

# COVID-19 Lockdown Financial Support Factsheet

The New Zealand Government has a range of support schemes to help businesses and their employees in times of difficulty created by COVID-19 lockdowns.

## Wage Subsidy

available via the MSD website

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/wage-subsidy/index.html>

The Wage Subsidy is a support scheme designed to help a business afford the wages of its employees through a period of lockdown in order to keep people in employment.

- Available:** Nationwide when anywhere in the New Zealand moves to Alert Level 3 or 4 for a period of 7 days or more.
- Eligibility:** 40% drop in revenue over a 7-day period as a direct result of the lockdown.
- Payment:** \$600 per week per full-time staff member (work 20 hours or more per week)  
\$359 per week per part-time staff member.
- Use it for:** Helping to pay your staff during lockdown. Pay your staff as normal or as agreed through payroll, using the subsidy to give your business the cash to pay (like it's an overdraft).

## Resurgence Support

available via the IRD website

[www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz)

The Resurgence Support Payment is designed to help a business afford to keep paying its general overheads (rent, suppliers, etc.) through a period of lockdown in order to keep the business in a position it can reopen easily.

- Available:** Nationwide when anywhere in New Zealand moves to Alert Level 2 or higher for a period of 7 days or more.
- Eligibility:** 30% drop in revenue over a 7-day period as a direct result of the lockdown.
- Payment:** \$1500 as a base rate for the business.  
\$400 per week per part-time staff member. Maximum payment available of \$21,500 per business.
- Use it for:** Paying your bills.