

Have your voice heard

Write to your local MLA

We acknowledge the current frustrations and challenges our members are experiencing. To assist our advocacy efforts and have your voice heard, Master Builders ACT is encouraging all members to write to your local MLA and outline the impacts that the lockdown is having on business including:

- The reduction in income you are experiencing
- The number of staff you have had to stand down
- The critical projects that you have had to pause
- The impacts this will have on your clients

For a list of MLAs to write to, [click here](#). We thank you in advance for your contribution to our advocacy efforts on behalf of the industry.

Business Financial Support Measures

Employing businesses – up to \$10,000

The ACT COVID-19 Business Support Grants provide employing businesses with up to \$10,000 over the three-week lockdown period.

Businesses will need to provide evidence of a 30 per cent reduction in turnover revenue in a consecutive 7-day period in the declared lockdown (between Friday 13 August and Thursday 2 September), compared with a consecutive 7-day period in April 2021 to August 2021 for which comparable business activity would have occurred.

View the full [eligibility criteria here](#) and [download the guidelines here](#).

Non-employed businesses – up to \$4,000

The ACT COVID-19 Business Support Grants provide non-employed businesses up to \$4,000 over the three-week lockdown period.

Businesses will need to provide evidence of a 30 per cent reduction in turnover revenue in a consecutive 7-day period in the declared lockdown (between Friday 13 August and Thursday 2 September), compared with a consecutive 7-day period in April 2021 to August 2021 for which comparable business activity would have occurred.

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Applications for these financial support measures will open in the coming days and will be available on the [ACT Government's website](#).

Individual Financial Support Measures

Employees who are unable to earn an income during the lockdown may be able to access the Commonwealth Government's COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

Payment amounts will vary from \$200 to up to \$750 depending on the hours of work lost during the lockdown and other eligibility criteria.

Applications for the individual financial support measures are available NOW. More information about the scheme and how to apply is available on the [Services Australia website](#).

New Industry Guidance Document Released

The ACT Government has released an [updated Lockdown Guidance for the ACT Construction Sector](#).

The updated guidance provides members with information on:

- Clarification on keep-safe activities
- Information on what offsite fabrication and manufacturing activities are permitted
- Permitted construction projects
- Important information about cross-border movement of construction workers

Roll up your sleeves

Master Builders ACT encourages all members to roll up their sleeves and get vaccinated against COVID-19 when they are able to do so.

Not sure how to book your vaccination appointment? [Click here to find out!](#)

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