

Australian Capital Territory

The ACT Government is supporting local businesses and the economy in many ways, with the most relevant initiatives listed below. For more information and the full list of initiatives click [here](#).

| Small or Medium Business Entity | | |
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| Scheme | Support | Eligibility |
| Food business registration, outdoor dining and liquor licencing fees | Off licenced venues with gross liquor purchase value of below \$3 million per annum and licenced venues will receive a 12-month waiver of their food business registration and liquor licencing fees from 1 April 2020. Outdoor dining fees for 2020-2021 will also be waived. In cases where food business registration has been prepaid for more than one year in advance, an additional 12 months will be added to the license. | Businesses do not need to contact Access Canberra or the Health Protection Service for this waiver to occur. This support will be applied automatically as part of the normal annual fee licencing process. |
| Supporting community clubs and the Casino Canberra | Providing clubs with a rebate of fixed water and sewerage charges on their Icon Water bills for the next two quarters. | Icon Water will automatically apply rebates to water and sewerage bills |
| Electricity rebates | Small business owners with electricity usage below 100 megawatts per year will see rebates of \$750 automatically applied to their next electricity bill in around June or July 2020. | The rebate will apply regardless of whether customers are on standing or market offers. You do not need to contact your electricity supplier as this will be automatically applied. |
| Rental relief to tenants of ACT Government owned properties | The ACT Government will review rent charges for commercial tenants of ACT Government properties whose operations have been significantly impacted by COVID-19. | Commercial tenants that can demonstrate this may receive rental relief for up to six-months from 1 April 2020 will need to email ACT Property Group at: ACTPGExecutiveSupport@act.gov.au |
| Six-month waiver of payroll tax | All businesses whose operations are directly affected by the prohibited activities list such as gyms and indoor sporting venues, cinemas, beauty therapists and nail salons will be eligible to receive a six-month waiver of payroll tax from April to September 2020. | Businesses will need to complete a simple online application form on the ACT Revenue Office website to confirm their eligibility. Other payroll tax deferral options are available here . |

The ACT Government announced a Sport Sector Support Package on April 17. Some of the measures within this package are captured above with the most relevant remaining measures listed below. For more information, including FAQs, visit [ACT Government Sport and Recreation](#).

| Community Sporting Organisations | | |
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| Scheme | Support | Eligibility |
| Sport Sector Support Package | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver of ACT Government sportsground hire fees from the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate (TCCS) for the 2020 winter season, starting mid-March to end of September, with all existing booking/s reserved. • Suspension of all outstanding invoice payments due for ACT Government sportsground hire fees from TCCS for an initial period through to 1 July 2020. • Waiver of facility hire fees from the ACT Education Directorate for an initial three-month period effective 14 March through to 14 June 2020, with all existing booking/s reserved. • Rental relief for community organisations using ACT Government properties. From 1 April 2020 there will be a six-month waiver of rent and hire fees for community groups using ACT Government properties, which had already provided an \$80,000 rental reduction for relevant sporting organisations. | Community Sporting Organisations are eligible |