

# Budget 2020

## \$7.8 million – Territory Small Business JobMaker Booster

The Northern Territory Government will help Territory small business by filling the gaps in the Australian Government's JobMaker program by addressing the Territory-specific hiring needs for new workers with two schemes.

1. The NT Government will provide funding to boost the **Australian Government's** JobMaker Hiring Credit Scheme. This funding would be used to provide eligible Territory small business with \$100 per week for eligible employees between 30-35 years of age and \$200 a week for employees over 35 years of age. That means all eligible employees will receive \$200 a week.
2. The NT Government will co-contribute matched funding to any peak industry body to support their interstate marketing campaigns that target workers to come to the Territory to fill needed jobs or skills that are listed on the Northern Territory's Skills and Occupations Priority List (NTSOPL).

As a smaller jurisdiction with specific needs, the NT Government knows that the age restrictions may be restrictive for Territory small business to fill a job and that we need specific targeted campaigns to get certain skilled workers to move to the Territory.

### Scheme 1 (for employers):

- Employers can register for the scheme from 15 December 2020, and provide their payroll and FTE as a baseline.
- Claims can be made from February 2021 on a quarterly basis, noting payroll evidence may be requested at that time.
- Payments will be made to eligible employers retrospectively on a quarterly basis.
- All payments are taxable.
- Payments will be made on a pro rata basis.
- An eligible employee must be able to show that they were eligible for an Australian Government employment program, such as Jobseeker, CDP or Jobactive, to be eligible (noting they cannot claim these entitlements while they receive the NT Government's JobMaker Booster) prior to 15 December 2020.
- An employee must demonstrate they have a Territory Medicare card and are enrolled at a Territory address.
- The payment is in addition to all existing programs and aims to get unemployed Territorians into work.
- Eligible employers need to demonstrate that a new employee was previously unemployed and on Jobseeker, CDP or Jobactive.

- This program is about maximising job creation, contributing to the Territory's economic recovery and encouraging vacancies to be filled by people moving from Jobseeker, CDP or Jobactive to employment.
- To ensure the integrity of the program, random audits will be conducted.

#### To be eligible:

- Open to all Territory small businesses defined as an actively trading business with an annual turnover of less than \$10 million.
- Eligible employers must meet the Australian Government's JobMaker Hiring Credit criteria.
- An eligible employee is someone who has been approved to participate in the JobMaker program or who was unemployed for at least one month during the three months prior to accepting the new job.
- A payment of \$100 or \$200 per week for up to 12 months will be made to eligible employers for each eligible employee.
- The eligible employer must demonstrate that the eligible has come off Jobseeker, CDP or Jobactive, to employment.
- Eligible jobs are those created in the 12 months following the program commencement date.

#### Scheme 2 (for peak industry bodies):

- Must be a recognised peak body in the Territory.
- Campaign must target workers outside of the Territory.
- Campaign must target a skill or profession listed on the NTSOPL.

#### Timeframes:

Date	Activity
15 December 2020	Applications open for businesses to register for the scheme.
February 2021	Employers commence claiming, consistent with the Australian Government's JobMaker Hiring Credit program.

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