

Client eBrief



SME Loan Recovery Scheme

SME Loan Recovery Scheme Extended to June 2022

The SME Loan Recovery Scheme has been extended for another six months. It was due to expire at the end of December 2021. The extension means loans under the scheme will remain available until 30th June, 2022.

The Government will reduce its loan guarantee from 80% to 50%, helping drive a private sector-led recovery.

Other key features of the SME Recovery Loan Scheme include:

- Lenders can offer borrowers a repayment holiday of up to 24 months.
- Loans can be used for a broad range of business purposes, including to support investment.
- Loans may be used to refinance any pre-existing debt of an eligible borrower.
- Loans can be either unsecured or secured (excluding residential property).

Why Apply for the Loan Scheme?

Some sectors still remain under pressure. For those businesses, the extension of the scheme will provide targeted support and will also help to close the funding gap, giving businesses more time to recover.

Businesses need to consider cash flow. Is there money to grow, expand or strengthen the business? Can you stay afloat? If not, discuss your options under the SME Recovery Loan Scheme with your Bookkeeper. Evaluate the benefits each of the banks have to offer.

Participating banks are also offering loans, including overdrafts, at exceptionally low interest rates, to help bridge cash flow gaps. The Australian Banking Association provides some detail on participating banks:

[The Australian Banking Association – The Business Relief Package](#)

ATO Lodgement Dates

These dates are from the ATO website and do not account for possible extensions.

You remain responsible for ensuring that the necessary information is with us in time.

See [ATO Due dates by month](#) to check monthly lodgment and payment dates.

BAS/IAS Monthly Lodgements

Final dates for lodgements and payments:

February Activity Statement
21 March 2022

March Activity Statement
21 April 2022

BAS Quarterly Lodgements

Final dates for lodgements and payments:

2nd Quarter 2022 Financial Year:

December Quarter 2022 (incl. PAYGI)
28 February, 2022

3rd Quarter 2022 Financial Year:

March Quarter 2022 (incl. PAYGI)
28 April, 2022

When a due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Public Holiday*, you can lodge or pay on the next business day.

*A day that is a public holiday for the whole of any state or territory in Australia.

Due date for super guarantee contributions:

2nd Quarter 2022 Financial Year:

October to December 2022 – contributions must be **in the fund** by 28 January, 2022

3rd Quarter 2022 Financial Year:

January to March 2022 – contributions must be **in the fund** by 28 April, 2022

Late payments of superannuation are **not** tax deductible. If your business has overdue superannuation guarantee payments and you are unsure of how to proceed, please contact us to discuss.



Payment Times Reports Register

How Quickly Does Large Business Pay Small Business?

The Payment Times Reports Register shows information on payments from large businesses, and other reporting entities, to their small business suppliers. Under the scheme, large businesses and certain government enterprises must report their payment terms and times twice a year for small business.

The scheme makes information about large business's payment performance available to the public and helps small businesses decide who to do business with. This creates incentives for improved payment times and practices. The Payment Times Reporting Regulator (the Regulator) publishes these reports on the Payment Times Reports Register. The register will be available as a downloadable data table of all reports screened by the Regulator from the first reporting period, 1st January 2021 to 30th June 2021.

The reports will be published as received by the Regulator, unless redacted or withheld from publication in accordance with section 20 of the [Payment Times Reporting Act 2020](#).

Scheme Background

The Payment Times Reporting Scheme aims to create transparency around the payment practices of large business entities. It gives small businesses access to information on large business's payment times and performance. This helps small businesses make informed decisions about who they do business with.

The Scheme applies to:

- Constitutionally covered entities that carry on an enterprise in Australia.

Where any of the following income tests apply:

- Large businesses and certain government enterprises with a total annual income of over \$100 million.
- Controlling corporations where the combined total annual income for all members is more than \$100 million.
- Businesses with a total annual income greater than \$10 million that are part of a group, headed by a controlling corporation, with a collective income greater than \$100 million.
- Businesses that fall into these categories must register for the scheme through the [Payment Times Reporting Portal](#).
- Businesses who do not meet these requirements may choose to voluntarily submit a report. Charitable and not-for-profit entities are exempt from the reporting requirements.
- Reporting entities report twice a year on their payment terms and times for their small business suppliers. The first reporting window opened 1st July 2021.

For more information and to view the reports visit the [Payment Times Reporting Regulator's website](#).

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