

Regional Hospitality Revival Fund

Frequently asked questions

My business is located in Hobart, am I eligible to apply?

No. The Fund is open to eligible hospitality businesses located outside the greater Hobart and Launceston city areas.

Businesses physically located in the postcodes listed below are not eligible to apply.

Greater Hobart:

7000 7004 7005 7007 7008

7009 7010 7011 7012

7015 7016 7018 7019 7020 7021

7050 7052 7053 7055

Greater Launceston:

7248 7249 7250

My business does not have an ABN, am I eligible for the rebate?

No. To be eligible **you must hold** an Australian Business Number (ABN) – this ABN must be for the applicant business, and continue to be active at the time of applying for the rebate.

My business is not registered for GST, am I eligible for the rebate?

No. Businesses **not registered** for GST are ineligible to apply for this rebate.

Is my business classified as a hospitality business?

To be eligible to register, your business must be a recognised hospitality business where a main function is hospitality services. For the purpose of this program, to be eligible the business must offer in-house (seated) dining or drinks service. For example, a restaurant, café, bar, pub, or RSL.

Hotels and motels are eligible to apply if the business has an in-house (seated) dining or drinks service.

Bottle shops, serviced apartments, sports and community clubs, short term accommodation and holiday homes (including Bed and Breakfasts and AirBnBs) are not eligible to apply.

At the time of registering, you will be required to provide evidence of business registration and either food licence and/or liquor licence to demonstrate you operate a hospitality business with seated dining or beverage services.

I have multiple businesses and multiple ABNs, can I apply for the rebate for each of these businesses?

Where business owners have multiple businesses registered under multiple ABNs, or multiple businesses registered under one ABN and they wish to submit an application for more than one

registered business, separate application forms need to be submitted for each registered business.

Only **one application per site** can be submitted. For example if a site has a café and a separate restaurant, only one application can be submitted for that site.

When will the rebate be paid?

Following Stage one registration approval and completion of the activity, recipients will be able to access their rebate by providing proof of payment of eligible expenditure.

Recipients will be required to provide proof of payment by 31 May 2022. Upon confirmation of eligible expenditure, funds of up to \$1 500 will be transferred to the recipient's nominated bank account. All payments remain subject to final eligibility checks.

Who can lodge an application?

Applications **must be submitted** and lodged by the business owner.

Is assessment on a first come first served basis?

Yes. The Program will consist of two stages. Stage one - registration will open at 10:00am, Monday 23 August 2021 and close at 2:00pm, Monday 31 January 2022. Assessment of registration applications will commence as received, and eligibility will be confirmed within ten business days by email.

The program will be continuously monitored to manage the program budget. Although the program is open until 2:00pm, Monday 31 January 2022, once the funding limit has been reached, no further applications will be accepted.

When does the program open and close?

Guidelines will be published at 1:00pm on Friday, 13 August 2021. The Stage one registration process will open at 10:00am, Monday 23 August 2021 and close at 2:00pm, Monday 31 January 2022, unless funds are fully allocated before then.

To be eligible for the rebate payment, businesses must submit proof of payment by 2:00pm, Tuesday 31 May 2022.

I am a self-employed, sole trader or owner operator - am I eligible to apply for a rebate?

Yes, provided you meet the eligibility criteria.

If I am eligible how much will I get?

Businesses will be rebated for eligible expenditure as approved through Stage one of the program – registration. Rebates will be provided up to a maximum of \$1 500 per application.

Rebates can be provided up to a maximum of \$1 500 for more than one eligible category of expenditure. For example, a business may register for \$500 expenditure on marketing activities and \$1 000 for minor works up to a total value of \$1 500.

Will I be required to submit an acquittal for this rebate?

No. The information provided as part of the Stage one registration process and submission of proof of expenditure (Stage two of the program) will be used as evidence for the purpose of acquittal. The Department of State Growth may contact you for clarification on the evidence you provided if required.