



Supporting workers through COVID-19

There's a range of financial support available to help workers affected by COVID-19 as Alert Levels change.

Support for businesses whose revenue has dropped



The **COVID-19 Wage Subsidy** has been reintroduced to help businesses and self-employed people whose revenue has dropped because Auckland is now at Alert Level 3. It's to help them keep paying workers, or themselves if they are self-employed, and protect jobs. This includes workers on casual contracts. Employers and self-employed people throughout New Zealand can apply for the Wage Subsidy from 1pm on 4 March, with payments made from Monday 8 March.



Inland Revenue's **Resurgence Support Payment** is also available. It's to help businesses whose revenue has reduced because of a COVID-19 Alert Level 2 or higher. Applications need to be made in MyIR on the Inland Revenue website: www.ird.govt.nz
The Resurgence Support Payment is in addition to the payments we're making.

Support for affected workers at all COVID-19 Alert Levels

If workers are directly affected by COVID-19 there's support available for businesses to help keep paying them at any Alert Level. It's important workers tell their employer about their situation as the employer needs to make the application.



The **Short-Term Absence Payment** is available to employers and self-employed people to help pay workers (or themselves if they're self-employed) who can't work from home while they wait for a COVID-19 test result (in line with public health guidance). This includes workers on casual contracts.



The **COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme** is to help employers and self-employed people pay workers (or themselves if they're self-employed) who can't work from home and meet certain health criteria. For example, they have COVID-19 or are defined by Ministry of Health as a 'close contact' who has been told to self-isolate for 14 days. This includes workers on casual contracts. Search for 'contact tracing locations' on the Ministry of Health website: www.health.govt.nz



To find out more about the three Work and Income payments, check eligibility or apply go to www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19