

Advice from the ATO on Extension of JobKeeper

Following the publication of the Coronavirus Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Amendment Rules (no.7) 2020, the ATO has implemented the following changes effective from 3 August 2020. These changes include:

- employees' eligibility for the JobKeeper Payment can now be assessed in reference to 1 July 2020.
- employees can now be nominated by alternative employers if their employment has changed since the JobKeeper Payment began. However, they can still only be nominated by one employer at any given time.
- for the fortnights commencing on 3 and 17 August 2020, employers have until 31 August 2020 to meet the wage condition for new eligible employees under the 1 July eligibility test.

In summary, the updates to content based on rule changes are:

New – Long Term Casual Employee Eligibility

If a casual employee was not an eligible employee prior to 3 August 2020, you can use the 1 July 2020 test to reassess that employee's eligibility. The test requires that the employee be employed on a regular and systematic basis for the period 2 July 2019 to 1 July 2020.

Please find below information on how to determine if your employee is considered a long-term casual employee for JobKeeper payments, including new eligibility rules from 3 August.

[Long-term casual employees](#)

Update – Eligibility Requirements

This section outlines rule changes to the JobKeeper Payment including employee nomination requirements and wage conditions for new eligible employees under the 1 July eligibility test.

- [Your eligible employees](#)
- [Eligible employees](#)

Update: to explain that for JobKeeper fortnights commencing on 3 August 2020 and 17 August 2020, employers have until 31 August 2020 to meet the wage condition for all new eligible employees under the 1 July eligibility test.

- [JobKeeper – key dates](#)

Update: form now includes the eligibility changes.

- [JobKeeper payment – employee nomination notice](#)

Minor updates:

- [JobKeeper guide – employers reporting through STP](#)
- [JobKeeper guide – employers not reporting through STP](#)
- [JobKeeper guide – sole traders](#)
- [JobKeeper Payment landing page](#)
- [Not for profits and charities - JobKeeper payment](#)
- [Employee test requirements](#)

Please note: Eligible employers, sole traders and other entities can still enrol at any time until the program closes.

For more information, visit www.ato.gov.au/jobkeeper and [click here](#) for infographic with key dates.