

Coronavirus Payroll Tax Relief for Queensland Businesses

As a response to the impacts of COVID-19 on businesses, the Queensland Government have announced the immediate refund of the last 2 months of payroll tax paid or payable and a payroll tax holiday (no payroll tax to be paid) for 3 months for employers (or part of a group of employers) who pay **\$6.5 million or less** in Australian taxable wages. Employers (or part of a group of employers) who's Australian taxable wages **exceed \$6.5 million** may receive a refund of the last 2 months payroll tax but no payroll tax holiday.

All employers will be entitled to apply for a payroll payment deferral for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year. Businesses will need to continue to lodge their returns in OSRconnect but all payments will be deferred until 14 January 2021.

Eligibility

You may have already received an email from the Office of State Revenue to confirm your eligibility for a payroll tax refund & payroll tax holiday if you are an employer (or part of a group of employers) who pays **\$6.5 million or less** in Australian taxable wages.

If you haven't received an email, you can complete the online [payroll tax refund & payroll holiday application form](#) to assist you in determining your eligibility.

For employers (or part of a group of employers) who's Australian taxable wages **exceed \$6.5 million** you can apply for the payroll tax refund & payroll tax deferral.

The online application forms can be accessed through the links below:

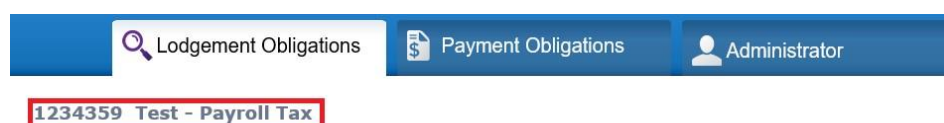
- [Apply for payroll tax refund &/or holiday](#)
- [Apply for payroll tax deferral](#) - if you have already applied for a deferral, it will be extended – there is no need to reapply.

You must lodge the request for payroll tax refund &/or holiday by **31 May 2020**.

Helpful hints to navigate OSRconnect

Where can I find my client Identification number?

- When you log into OSRconnect, you will see your 7-digit client identification number displayed right under the **Lodgement Obligations** tab.

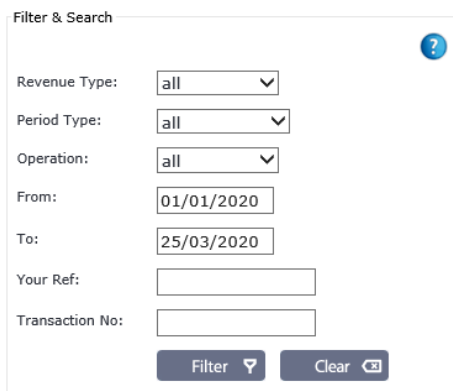


- You can also find the 7-digit client identification number on your Notice of registration, **Identification** tab of your previously submitted returns in OSRconnect and any assessment/reassessment notices issued to you by the Commissioner.

If you cannot find it, call OSR on 1300 300 734 or email payrolltax@treasury.qld.gov.au

Finding your submitted returns in OSRconnect so you can apply for them to be refunded

- On the **Lodgement Obligations** tab, locate the submitted return using the **Filter & Search** function on the right hand side of the page.



Editing your return form to access the refund

- If you don't need to make any other changes, and you are just applying for the refund, select **Edit** (at the bottom of the screen) to start amending the return.



- Select 'COVID-19' as the re-assessment reason.
- Please enter/confirm your bank account details if prompted.
- Submit.

If you any questions in relation to the payroll tax relief, please contact our office on **07 3490 9988**.