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Subject: RE: Update - Servicing arrangements for NSW job seekers and participants
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon,

Update on the advice I provided yesterday.

The Department will be running contingency 'behind the scenes' to ensure there is no payment suspensions for people (jobactive, ParentsNext, Online Employment Services and DES) in the northern area of the Northern Beaches, from Monday 4 to Sunday 10 January 2021.

If the timeframe is extended I will again reach out and advise.

Regards

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Subject: Servicing arrangements for NSW job seekers and participants [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning,

The department has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation in NSW, and a decision has been made that contingency (i.e. lifting mutual obligation requirements) will not be applied to the northern area of the Northern Beaches at this stage.

If circumstances change and contingency is needed, the department will act and keep you informed. Similarly, if you become aware of a situation that would impact our decision, please contact me directly.

Happy to discuss any of the above.

Regards

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Subject: Lifting of mutual obligations for Greater Brisbane, QLD [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 210108 Media Release - Minister Cash - Mutual Obligations Brisbane.pdf

OFFICIAL

Hi All

FYI – attached is the Media Release from Minister Cash on the lifting of mutual obligations for Greater Brisbane from today 8 January 2021 to Sunday, 17 January 2021. We have advised our provider CEO's via a letter this afternoon and SMS's to job seekers will commence from Monday morning 11 January.

Also, mutual obligation requirements will re-commence for the northern area of the northern beaches, NSW from Monday, 11 January 2021.

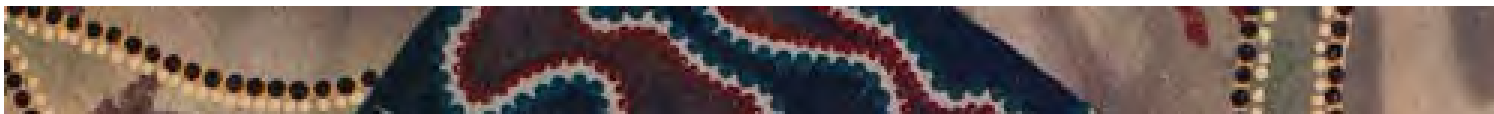
Thank you to your teams for their continued cooperation.

Let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks

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MEDIA RELEASE

08 January 2021

SUPPORTING GREATER BRISBANE THROUGH COVID-19

The Australian Government will lift mutual obligation requirements for job seekers in the Greater Brisbane area from today 8 January 2021 until Sunday 17 January 2021.

This follows an announcement by the Queensland Government that Greater Brisbane will undertake a three-day shutdown to curb a COVID-19 outbreak in the area.

No job seeker in the affected areas will face payment suspension or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements – such as not being able to attend appointments or activities.

Job seekers are still being encouraged to remain connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance including mental health services, if required.

This will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services and Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext.

The Australian Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in Queensland.

More information is available at <https://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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Subject: Perth COVID-19 - servicing arrangements for job seekers and participants
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning all

I wanted to reach out to you and let you know that we are aware of the current Perth COVID announcement and restrictions: <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus>.

While providers should always be setting mutual obligation requirements and making compliance decisions in line with health advice, we are currently reviewing the situation and seeking advice from the Minister's Office on whether or not to apply contingency.

I will provide an update once we have a decision.

Please feel free to reach out if you require any further information in the meantime.

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Subject: RE: Perth COVID-19 - servicing arrangements for job seekers and participants
[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 20210201 - Mutual obligations suspension WA 1 February .pdf

OFFICIAL

Hi all

I can now advise that the department will be invoking contingency from today, Monday 1 February 2021 to Tuesday 9 February 2021, see attached media release.

These arrangements apply to three Regions of Perth Metropolitan, Peel and South West Perth, and apply for jobactive, ParentsNext, Online Employment Services and Disability Employment Services.

To support providers and job seekers we will be undertaking a range of communications.

Happy to discuss any of the above.

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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

1 February 2021

SUPPORTING WESTERN AUSTRALIA THROUGH COVID-19

The Morrison Government will lift mutual obligation requirements for job seekers in the Perth Metropolitan, Peel and South West regions from today 1 February 2021 to Tuesday 9 February 2021.

This follows an announcement by the Western Australian Government that the three listed regions are under a five-day lockdown to curb a COVID-19 outbreak in the area.

No job seeker in the affected areas will face payment suspension or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements such as not being able to attend appointments or activities.

Job seekers are still being encouraged to remain connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance including mental health services, if required.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext.

The Morrison Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in Western Australia.

More information about mutual obligations requirements can be found at www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers.

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Subject: Victoria - Contingency arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: SMS messages - COVID Victoria.docx; 20210212 Minister Cash - Minister Ruston - Joint Media Release - Supporting Victoria Through Covid-19.pdf

OFFICIAL

Hi all

I can now advise that the department will be invoking contingency for Victoria, from today, Friday 12 February 2021 to Monday 22 February 2021 (inclusive), see attached media release.

These arrangements apply for jobactive, ParentsNext, Online Employment Services and Disability Employment Services.

To support providers and job seekers we will undertake our standard contingency suite of communications, including sending out SMS's (attached) on Monday 15 February 2021.

Happy to discuss any of the above.

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Subject: Greater Melbourne - Contingency arrangements [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good Afternoon all

I wanted to reach out to you and let you know that we are aware and monitoring the possibility of a Greater Melbourne 5 day lock down.

While providers should always be setting mutual obligation requirements and making compliance decisions in line with health advice, we are currently reviewing the situation and will seek advice from the Minister's Office on whether or not to apply contingency.

I will provide an update once we have a decision.

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Service	Cohort	Message	Template Name
jobactive	Victoria - compellable caseload	Your mutual obligation requirements are lifted from 12 to 22 Feb 2021 due to the COVID-19 lockdown, Victoria. See jobactive.gov.au or contact your provider (156)	DEPT Only! Vic COVID-19 - jobactive compellable
OES		Your mutual obligation requirements are lifted from 12 to 22 Feb 2021 due to the COVID-19 lockdown, Victoria. For more information, see jobactive.gov.au (153)	DEPT Only! Vic COVID-19 - OEST compellable
DES		Your mutual obligation requirements are lifted from 12 to 22 Feb 2021 due to the COVID-19 lockdown, Victoria. See jobsearch.gov.au or contact your DES provider (160)	DEPT Only! Vic COVID-19 - DES compellable
ParentsNext		Your mutual obligation requirements are lifted from 12 to 22 Feb 2021 due to the COVID-19 lockdown, Victoria. See dese.gov.au/ParentsNext (138)	DEPT Only! Vic COVID-19 - ParentsNext compellable



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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

12 February 2021

SUPPORTING VICTORIA THROUGH COVID-19

The Morrison Government will lift mutual obligation requirements for job seekers in Victoria from today 12 February 2021 to Monday 22 February 2021 inclusive.

This follows an announcement by the Victorian Government that the state of Victoria is under a five-day lockdown as a short, sharp circuit breaker to curb a COVID-19 outbreak in the state.

No job seeker in the affected areas will face payment suspension or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements such as not being able to attend appointments or activities.

Job seekers are still being encouraged to remain connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance including mental health services, if required.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext.

The Morrison Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in Victoria.

More information about mutual obligations requirements can be found at www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers.

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Subject: FW: Brisbane three day lockdown - COVID -19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 210329 CASH Joint MR - Supporting Job Seekers during Brisbane Lockdown .pdf

OFFICIAL

Hi all

I can now confirm that contingency has been invoked from today Monday 29 March to Tuesday 6 April 2021 (inclusive).

This is for all jobactive, ParentsNext and DES participants in Ipswich, Logan, Redlands, Moreton Bay and Brisbane Local Government Areas.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, SMSs messages will be sent from tomorrow.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required we will update you all.

Media Release attached.

Regards
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Subject: Brisbane three day lockdown - COVID -19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Once I know more I will reply to this email.

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MEDIA RELEASE

29 March 2021

SUPPORTING GREATER BRISBANE THROUGH COVID-19

The Australian Government will lift mutual obligation requirements for job seekers in Ipswich, Logan, Redlands, Moreton Bay and Brisbane Local Government Areas from today 29 March 2021 to Tuesday 6 April 2021 inclusive.

This follows an announcement by the Queensland Government that Greater Brisbane is under a snap three-day lockdown from 5pm today to curb a COVID-19 outbreak in the area.

No job seeker in the affected areas will face payment suspension or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements, such as not being able to attend appointments or activities.

Job seekers are still being encouraged to remain connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance including mental health services, if required.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext.

The Australian Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in Greater Brisbane.

More information about mutual obligations requirements can be found at www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers.

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Subject: RE: Update - Victoria - COVID19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 210527 - Robert Ruston - Mutual Obligations suspended in Victoria.pdf

OFFICIAL

Hi all

As you would be aware the Victorian Government has announced Victoria is going into a seven day lockdown, due to an increase in COVID-19 cases in the state- [Statement From The Acting Premier | Premier of Victoria](#)

I can now confirm that contingency has been invoked from today, Thursday 27 May to **Monday 7 June 2021** (inclusive).

This is for all jobactive, ParentsNext and DES participants in Victoria.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, SMSs messages will be sent from tomorrow.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required we will update you all.

Media Release attached.

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The Hon Stuart Robert MP

Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills, Small and Family Business

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Minister for Families and Social Services

Minister for Women's Safety

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, 27 May 2021

Suspension of mutual obligations requirements for Victoria

The Morrison Government has suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in Victoria following the announcement of a seven-day lockdown under COVID-19 hotspot arrangements.

The suspension of mutual obligation requirements will be enacted state-wide from today Thursday 27 May 2021 to Monday 7 June 2021 inclusive.

No job seeker or participant in Victoria will face payment suspension or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements, such as not being able to attend appointments or activities.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext.

Job seekers and participants are still being encouraged to remain connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance including mental health services, if required.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in Victoria.

More information about mutual obligations requirements can be found at <http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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Subject: Update - Victoria - contingency [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good Morning

Today the Australian Government announced mutual obligation requirements will continue to be suspended for job seekers and participants in Greater Melbourne until Tuesday 15 June 2021 (inclusive).

These arrangements apply to job seekers and participants across jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and ParentsNext.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, SMS messages will be sent from today.

The Local Government Areas in Greater Melbourne included in the arrangements are.

- Banyule
- Bayside
- Boroondara
- Brimbank
- Cardinia
- Casey
- Darebin
- Frankston
- Glen Eira
- Greater Dandenong
- Hobsons Bay
- Hume
- Kingston
- Knox
- Manningham
- Maribyrnong
- Maroondah
- Melbourne
- Melton
- Monash
- Moonee Valley
- Moreland
- Mornington Peninsula
- Nillumbik
- Port Phillip
- Stonnington
- Whitehorse
- Whittlesea
- Wyndham
- Yarra
- Yarra Ranges.

Please note, mutual obligation requirements will return for job seekers and participants in Regional Victoria from Tuesday 8 June 2021.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required we will update you all, media release attached.

Regards
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Subject: Update - Victoria - contingency [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon all,

Please be advised that DESE is aware of the changes to the current Victorian Government COVID-19 restrictions.

We are seeking advice on further contingency arrangements that may be needed once the current contingency ends, on Monday 7 June 2021.

Once I know more I will reach out to you all again.

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Subject: Victoria - COVID19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning all

Please be advised we are aware of and are monitoring the possibility of a lockdown in Victoria, due to COVID-19.

We will also be seeking advice from the Minister office for any potential IT contingency arrangements following any announcement.

As soon as I have any further updates I will reach out to you all again.

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Minister for Women's Safety

MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, 7 June 2021

Update on mutual obligations requirements in Victoria

The Morrison Government has extended the suspension of mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in the Commonwealth COVID-19 hotspot declared region of Greater Melbourne, Victoria.

The suspension of mutual obligation requirements for Greater Melbourne will be in place until Tuesday, 15 June 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who reside or are serviced in Greater Melbourne.

Job seekers and participants in Greater Melbourne will not face payment suspension or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements.

Job seekers and participants in Greater Melbourne are still encouraged to remain connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance including mental health services, if required.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers who require them.

Mutual obligation requirements will return for job seekers and participants in Regional Victoria from Tuesday, 8 June 2021.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in Victoria.

More information about mutual obligations requirements can be found at <http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>.

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Subject: Contingency for Western Australia and the Northern Territory [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Joint Media Release.pdf

Good afternoon all

- **Western Australia** for job seekers and participants in the Perth Region and Peel Region is in place from today, Tuesday 29 June until Tuesday 6 July 2021 inclusive.
- **Northern Territory** for job seekers and participants in the City of Darwin and the City of Palmerston is in place, applying from Monday 28 June until Tuesday 6 July 2021 inclusive. NIAA have also suspended in the CDP region over these same dates.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, SMSs messages sent.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

Media Release attached.

Regarding Queensland's evolving situation, I will update you all tomorrow.

Regards
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The Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP

Minister for Indigenous Affairs

MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday, 29 June 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in Western Australia and the Northern Territory

The Morrison Government has suspended mutual obligation requirements for employment services participants in regions affected by the COVID-19 lockdowns announced in Western Australian and Northern Territory yesterday.

The temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements in the Northern Territory is in place, starting yesterday Monday 28 June until Tuesday 6 July 2021 inclusive.

This includes the Local Government Areas of the City of Darwin, the City of Palmerston, and the Community Development Program region of Darwin-Daly.

For Western Australia, the temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements is in place from today until Tuesday 6 July 2021 inclusive and includes the Perth Metro Region and Peel Region.

No employment services participant in the affected Local Government Areas or a Community Development Program region will face payment suspension or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements, such as not being able to attend appointments or activities, or not meeting their Job Search requirement if it is due while mutual obligation requirements are suspended.

Where it is safe to do so in line with health advice, job seekers and participants can engage with their employment service provider.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services, and participants in ParentsNext and the Community Development Program.

More information about mutual obligation requirements for jobactive, Online Employment Services, and participants of ParentsNext can be found at www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers

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Subject: Contingency for Queensland [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: ROBERT RUSTON WYATT - JMR - Mutual obligation suspension QLD - 29 Jun
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OFFICIAL

Good evening all

Please note, from tomorrow the Australian Government will also temporarily suspend mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in **Queensland** Local Government Areas of Townsville, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Logan, Moreton Bay, Noosa, Redland, Scenic Rim, Somerset and Sunshine Coast, from Wednesday 30 June until Tuesday 6 July 2021 inclusive.

The above applies for jobactive, online employment services, ParentsNext and Disability Employment Services programs.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, and SMSs messages sent.

National Indigenous Australians Agency have also invoked contingency in the CDP region of Palm Island over these same dates.

Media Release attached.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday, 29 June 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in Queensland

The Morrison Government has suspended mutual obligation requirements for employment services participants in Queensland in the Local Government Areas of Townsville, Palm Island, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Logan, Moreton Bay, Noosa, Redland, Scenic Rim, Somerset and Sunshine Coast.

The temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements for employment services participants in these areas will be in place from today, Tuesday 29 June until Tuesday 6 July 2021 inclusive.

No employment services participant in the affected Local Government Areas will face payment suspension or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements, such as not being able to attend appointments or activities, or not meeting their Job Search requirement if it is due while mutual obligation requirements are suspended.

Where it is safe to do so in line with health advice, employment services participants can engage with their employment services provider.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services, and participants in ParentsNext and the Community Development Program.

More information about mutual obligation requirements for jobactive, Online Employment Services, and participants of ParentsNext can be found at www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers

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Subject: Contingency - Alice Springs [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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OFFICIAL

Good morning all

Please note, from today the Australian Government will temporarily suspend mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in **Northern Territory Local Government Area of Alice Springs Town Council**, from Thursday 1 July until Tuesday 6 July 2021 inclusive

The above applies for jobactive, online employment services, ParentsNext and Disability Employment Services programs.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, and SMSs messages sent.

National Indigenous Australians Agency have also invoked contingency in the CDP Region 23 – Alice Springs District over these same dates.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 30 June 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in Alice Springs

The Morrison Government has suspended mutual obligation requirements for employment services participants affected by the COVID-19 lockdown in the Northern Territory Local Government Area of Alice Springs Town Council.

The temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements for employment services participants in these areas will be in place from tomorrow, Thursday 1 July until Tuesday 6 July 2021 inclusive.

No employment services participant in the affected Local Government Area will face payment suspension or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements, such as not being able to attend appointments or activities, or not meeting their Job Search requirement if it is due while mutual obligation requirements are suspended.

Where it is safe to do so in line with health advice, employment services participants can continue to engage with their employment services provider.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services, and participants in ParentsNext and the Community Development Program.

More information about mutual obligation requirements for jobactive, Online Employment Services, and participants of ParentsNext can be found at www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers

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Subject: Update - NSW - COVID 19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: ROBERT RUSTON - JMR - Extension of Mutual Obligations suspension in NSW - 8
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OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

Please be advised the suspension of mutual obligation requirements has been extended for New South Wales job seekers and participants affected by the lockdown and restrictions in the Local Government Areas of **Bayside, Blue Mountains, Canada Bay, Central Coast, City of Sydney, Greater Sydney, Inner West, Randwick, Shellharbour, Waverley, Wollongong and Woollahra** and will be in place until Tuesday 20 July 2021 (inclusive).

The above applies to jobactive, Online Employment Services, ParentsNext and Disability Employment Services. Full suite of communication will be undertaken, SMSs messages sent.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

Media Release attached.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, 8 July 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements in NSW extended

The Morrison Government has extended the suspension of mutual obligation requirements after coronavirus lockdown restrictions were further extended in parts of New South Wales.

The suspension of mutual obligation requirements will apply to New South Wales job seekers and participants in the Bayside, Blue Mountains, Canada Bay, Central Coast, City of Sydney, Greater Sydney, Inner West, Randwick, Shellharbour, Waverley, Wollongong and Woollahra and will remain in place until Tuesday 20 July 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in these areas.

Job seekers and participants in these areas will not face payment suspensions or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements that are due, or are arranged to occur, during the suspension period of mutual obligation requirements.

Job seekers and participants in these areas are still encouraged to stay connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance including mental health services if required, and to continue to check when their mutual obligation requirements are due following the temporary suspension.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers who require them.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the evolving situation in New South Wales.

More information about mutual obligation requirements can be found at:
<http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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Subject: RE: Update - NSW - COVID 19 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning all

There is a further extension of mutual obligation suspensions for New South West job seekers and participants in the Regions of Bayside, Blue Mountains, Canada Bay, Central Coast, City of Sydney, Greater Sydney, Inner West, Randwick, Shellharbour, Waverley, Wollongong and Woollahra and will be in place until 3 August 2021 (inclusive).

The above applies to jobactive, Online Employment Services, ParentsNext and Disability Employment Services.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, SMSs messages sent.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

Media Release attached.

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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, 15 July 2021

**Suspension of mutual obligations requirements in
NSW extended further**

The Australian Government has further extended the suspension of mutual obligation requirements after COVID-19 lockdown restrictions were extended in parts of New South Wales.

The suspension of mutual obligation requirements will apply to New South Wales job seekers and participants in the regions of Bayside, Blue Mountains, Canada Bay, Central Coast, City of Sydney, Greater Sydney, Inner West, Randwick, Shellharbour, Waverley, Wollongong, and Woollahra and will remain in place until Tuesday 3 August 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in these areas.

Job seekers and participants in these areas will not face payment suspensions or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements that are due, or are arranged to occur, during the suspension period.

Job seekers and participants in these areas are still encouraged to stay connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance, including mental health services if required. Job seekers should continue to check when their mutual obligation requirements are due after the temporary suspension extension ends.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers who require them.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in New South Wales.

More information about mutual obligations requirements can be found at:

<http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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Attachments: Robert Ruston - JMR - Mutual Obligations update for Victoria - 16 Jul 21.pdf

OFFICIAL

Good morning all

Please note, from today the Australian Government has temporarily suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in Victoria, until Thursday 22 July 2021 inclusive.

The above applies for jobactive, online employment services, ParentsNext and Disability Employment Services programs.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, and SMSs messages sent.

Media Release attached.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Friday, 16 July 2021

Suspension of mutual obligations requirements for Victoria

The Morrison Government has suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in Victoria after the announcement of a five-day COVID-19 lockdown.

The suspension of mutual obligation requirements will be in place from today, Friday 16 July and will remain in place until Thursday 22 July 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in Victoria.

Job seekers and participants in these areas will not face payment suspensions or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements that are due, or are arranged to occur, during the suspension period.

Job seekers and participants in these areas are still encouraged to stay connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance, including mental health services if required. Job seekers should continue to check when their mutual obligation requirements are due after the temporary suspension ends.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers who require them.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in Victoria.

More information about mutual obligations requirements can be found at:
<http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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Attachments: ROBERT REYNOLDS WYATT - JMR - Mutual obligations update for SA and Victoria -
20 Jul 21.pdf

OFFICIAL

Good evening all

Please note, today the Australian Government has temporarily suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in **South Australia, until Tuesday 3 August 2021** inclusive.

National Indigenous Australians Agency have also invoked contingency for CDP participants in South Australia.

The above applies to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext and the Community Development Program who live or are serviced in South Australia.

Also, the current suspension of mutual obligation requirements for **Victoria** has been extended **until Tuesday 3 August 2021** inclusive.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, and SMSs messages sent.

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My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in South Australia and Victoria

The Morrison Government has suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in South Australia and extended the suspension already in place for Victoria after the announcement of COVID-19 lockdown arrangements in those states today.

The temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements in South Australia is in place from today, Tuesday 20 July and will remain in place until Tuesday 3 August 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext and the Community Development Program who live or are serviced in South Australia.

For Victoria, the existing temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements has been extended until Tuesday 3 August 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in Victoria.

Job seekers and participants in these areas will not face payment suspensions or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements that are due, or are arranged to occur, during the suspension period.

Job seekers and participants in South Australia and Victoria are encouraged to stay connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance, including mental health services if required. Job seekers should continue to check when their mutual obligation requirements are due after the temporary suspensions end.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers and participants who require them.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in South Australia and Victoria, and other jurisdictions affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

More information about mutual obligation requirements can be found at:

<http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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Subject: Suspension of mutual obligation requirements - Central West NSW [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: ROBERT RUSTON - JMR - Suspension mutual obligations Central West NSW - 21 Jul
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OFFICIAL

Good evening all

Please note, today the Australian Government has temporarily suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in **in the Blayney, Cabonne and Orange local government areas of Central West New South Wales, until Tuesday 3 August 2021** inclusive.

The above applies to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in these areas.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, and SMSs messages sent.

Media Release attached.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

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Acting Minister for Families and Social Services

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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 21 July 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in Central West New South Wales

The Morrison Government has suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in the Blayney, Cabonne and Orange Local Government Areas in Central West New South Wales after the announcement of a seven-day COVID-19 lockdown.

The temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements will be in place from today, Wednesday 21 July, and will remain in place until Tuesday 3 August 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in in the Blayney, Cabonne and Orange Local Government Areas.

Job seekers and participants in these areas will not face payment suspensions or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements that are due, or are arranged to occur, during the suspension period.

Job seekers and participants in these areas are encouraged to stay connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance, including mental health services if required. Job seekers should continue to check when their mutual obligation requirements are due after the temporary suspension ends.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers and participants who require them.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in New South Wales, and other jurisdictions affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

More information about mutual obligation requirements can be found at:
<http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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Subject: Further extension of NSW suspension of mutual obligation requirements
[SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: ROBERT RUSTON - JMR - MOR suspensions extended in NSW - 30 Jul 21.pdf

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon all

Please note, the Australian Government has further extended the suspension of mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in **Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong, and Shellharbour** and will remain in place until Tuesday 31 August 2021 inclusive.

The above applies to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in these areas.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, and SMSs messages sent.

Media Release attached.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Friday, 30 July 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements in NSW extended

The Morrison Government has extended the suspension of mutual obligation requirements after COVID-19 lockdown restrictions were further extended yesterday in parts of New South Wales.

The suspension of mutual obligation requirements will apply to Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong, and Shellharbour and will remain in place until Tuesday 31 August 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in these New South Wales areas.

Job seekers and participants in these areas will not face payment suspensions or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements that are due, or are arranged to occur, during the temporary suspension period.

Job seekers and participants in these areas are encouraged to stay connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance including mental health services if required, and to continue to check when their mutual obligation requirements are due following the temporary suspension.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers who require them.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in New South Wales, and other jurisdictions affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

More information about mutual obligation requirements can be found at:

<http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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Subject: UPDATE - Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for South-East Queensland [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: ROBERT RUSTON - JMR - Extension of MO suspension in South East QLD - 02 Aug 21.pdf

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon all

Please be advised that the Australian Government has extended the current suspension of mutual obligation requirements in South-East Queensland, until Thursday 12 August 2021 inclusive.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, and SMSs messages sent.

Media Release attached.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

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Subject: Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for South-East Queensland [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good Afternoon all

Please note, on Saturday 31 July 2021, the Australian Government suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in South-East Queensland after the Queensland Government announced a three-day COVID-19 lockdown.

The temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements will apply to job seekers and participants in the **Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Logan City, Noosa, Redlands, Scenic Rim, Somerset, and Sunshine Coast Local Government Areas** from Saturday 31 July, and will remain in place until Thursday 5 August 2021 inclusive.

The above applies for jobactive, online employment services, ParentsNext and Disability Employment Services programs.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, and SMSs messages sent.

Media Release attached.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Monday, 2 August 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in South-East Queensland extended

The Morrison Government has extended the suspension of mutual obligation requirements after COVID-19 lockdown restrictions were extended today in South-East Queensland.

The temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements already in place for the Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Logan City, Noosa, Redlands, Scenic Rim, Somerset, and Sunshine Coast Local Government Areas will now remain until Thursday 12 August 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in the 11 South-East Queensland Local Government Areas.

Job seekers and participants in these areas will not face payment suspensions or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements that are due, or are arranged to occur, during the suspension period.

Job seekers and participants in these areas are encouraged to stay connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance, including mental health services if required. Job seekers should continue to check when their mutual obligation requirements are due after the temporary suspension ends.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers and participants who require them.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in Queensland, and other jurisdictions affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

More information about mutual obligation requirements can be found at:
<http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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Subject: Suspension of mutual obligation requirements - Victoria and [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: ROBERT RUSTON - JMR - Suspension of MO in VIC - Hunter Valley NSW - 05 Aug 21.pdf

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon all

Please be advised the Australian Government has temporarily suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in **Victoria** and the **Hunter and Upper Hunter Regions of New South Wales** affected by the lockdown in the **Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens, and Singleton Local Government Areas**, from today 5 August, and will be in place until Tuesday 17 August 2021 (inclusive).

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, and SMSs messages sent.

Media Release attached.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, 5 August 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in Victoria and NSW Hunter and Upper Hunter Regions

The Australian Government has suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in the state of Victoria and the Hunter and Upper Hunter Regions of New South Wales after the announcements of a seven-day COVID-19 lockdown in those areas.

The temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements in Victoria is in place from today, Thursday 5 August 2021, and will remain in place until Tuesday 17 August 2021.

For New South Wales, the temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements will apply to the Local Government Areas of Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens and Singleton Local Government Areas from today, Thursday 5 August 2021, and will remain in place until Tuesday 17 August 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in these areas.

Job seekers and participants in these areas will not face payment suspensions or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements that are due, or are arranged to occur, during the suspension period.

Job seekers and participants in these areas are encouraged to stay connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance, including mental health services if required. Job seekers should continue to check when their mutual obligation requirements are due after the temporary suspension ends.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers and participants who require them. The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in Victoria, New South Wales, and other jurisdictions affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

More information about mutual obligation requirements can be found at:
<http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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Subject: Suspension of mutual obligation requirements - NSW & QLD [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: ROBERT RUSTON - JMR - QLD MO Changes - 08 Aug 21.pdf; ROBERT RUSTON - JMR - Armidale Mutual Obligations Changes - 08 Aug 21.pdf

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon all

Please be advised the Australian Government has temporarily suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in New South Wales and Queensland in the following Local Government Areas:

- in **New South Wales** for job seekers and participants in the **Armidale Regional Local Government Area**, applying from Saturday 7 August 2021 until Tuesday 17 August 2021 inclusive.
- in **Queensland** for job seekers and participants in the **Cairns and Yarrabah Local Government Areas**, applying from Sunday 8 August 2021 until Tuesday 17 August 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements apply to job seekers and participants with mutual obligation requirements across employment services programs - jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and ParentsNext.

Full suite of communication will be undertaken, and SMSs messages sent.

Media Releases attached.

My team will continue to monitor and if further updates are required I will update you all.

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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Sunday, 8 August 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in the Cairns and Yarrabah Local Government Areas

The Morrison Government has suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in the Cairns and Yarrabah Local Government Areas after the Queensland Government announced a three-day COVID-19 lockdown.

The temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements will apply to job seekers and participants in the Cairns and Yarrabah Local Government Areas of Queensland from Sunday 8 August, and will remain in place until Tuesday 17 August 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in the Cairns and Yarrabah Local Government Areas.

Job seekers and participants in these areas will not face payment suspensions or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements that are due, or are arranged to occur, during the suspension period.

Job seekers and participants in these areas are encouraged to stay connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance, including mental health services if required. Job seekers should continue to check when their mutual obligation requirements are due after the temporary suspension ends.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers and participants who require them.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in Queensland, and other jurisdictions affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

More information about mutual obligation requirements can be found at:
<http://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/job-seekers>

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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Sunday, 8 August 2021

Suspension of mutual obligation requirements for New South Wales job seekers and participants in Armidale Regional area

The Morrison Government has suspended mutual obligation requirements for job seekers and participants in the Armidale Regional Local Government Area after the New South Wales Government announced a seven-day COVID-19 lockdown.

The temporary suspension of mutual obligation requirements will apply to job seekers and participants in the Armidale Regional Local Government Area from Saturday 7 August, and will remain in place until Tuesday 17 August 2021 inclusive.

These arrangements will apply to job seekers in jobactive, Online Employment Services, Disability Employment Services and participants in ParentsNext who live or are serviced in the Armidale Regional Local Government Area.

Job seekers and participants in these areas will not face payment suspensions or financial penalties for failing to meet their mutual obligation requirements that are due, or are arranged to occur, during the suspension period.

Job seekers and participants in these areas are encouraged to stay connected to employment services to ensure they are supported to access the full range of assistance, including mental health services if required. Job seekers should continue to check when their mutual obligation requirements are due after the temporary suspension ends.

Special Circumstances Exemptions continue to be available through Services Australia for job seekers and participants who require them.

The Government will continue to closely monitor the situation in New South Wales, and other jurisdictions affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

More information about mutual obligation requirements can be found at:
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