



COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme

COVID-19 support to help pay workers and self-employed people who are self-isolating and can't work at home.

The COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme is available to employers, including self-employed people, to help pay employees who must self-isolate because of COVID-19.

This includes employees and self-employed people who either:

- have COVID-19
- are caring for a dependent who has COVID-19, or
- are at risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or have a household member who is, and have been advised by a medical practitioner to self-isolate.

The Leave Support Scheme is paid at a flat rate of:

- \$600 for workers who were working 20 hours or more a week (full-time)
- \$359 for workers who were working less than 20 hours a week (part-time).

There's no revenue test for this payment.

Employers can apply for casual workers and people who work variable hours. You and your employee need to agree in writing what their hours would usually be during this period to work out what rate you should apply for.

Applications for the COVID-19 Leave Support Scheme must be made within 8 weeks of the employee's (or self-employed person's) self-isolation period ending.

For more information about the Covid-19 Leave Support Scheme go to: workandincome.govt.nz and search on **leave support scheme**.

Before applying

Before applying for this payment, an employer needs to have a conversation and get the employee's consent and understand the declaration they are agreeing to.