

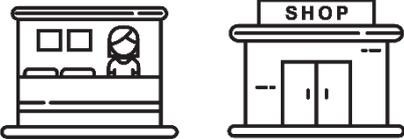
## Coronavirus information and support for business as at 31 March 2020

**Kirby has summarised the information that is relevant for HVACR contractors and your customers with respect to the economic stimulus provided by the government through the COVID-19 situation.**

Importantly, equipment owners that are considering investment in an asset could be entitled to the **increased instant asset write-off** provision or the **backing business investment** incentive.

These schemes provide the asset owners the opportunity to get an early financial benefit when upgrading assets for use in their business. Tools for trade and refrigeration / air-conditioning are great examples where this could apply to you or your customers.

For a Kirby equipment or tool package quotations, please reach out to your local Kirby representative on **13 23 50**.

	<p><b>Increasing the instant asset write-off</b> applicable to <u>refrigeration and air-conditioning products for end users</u> and <u>tools for tradespeople</u></p>
	<p><b>Backing business investment</b> through accelerated depreciation on assets for businesses</p>
	<p><b>Boosting cash flow for employers / Supporting apprentices and trainees</b> to keep staff employed and encouraging investment in apprentices</p>
	<p><b>Controlling the Flow of Credit</b> to preserve your business and keep you trading with your customers and suppliers</p>

## Support for Business

### Increasing the instant asset write-off

The Government is increasing the instant asset write-off threshold from \$30,000 to \$150,000 and expanding access to include businesses with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$500 million (up from \$50 million) until 30 June 2020. In 2017-18 there were more than 360,000 businesses that benefited from the current instant asset write-off, claiming deductions to the value of over \$4 billion. This measure will support over 3.5 million businesses (over 99 per cent of businesses) employing more than 9.7 million employees.

<https://www.business.gov.au/Risk-management/Emergency-management/Coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/Instant-Asset-Write-Off>

### Backing business investment

The Government is introducing a time limited 15 month investment incentive (through to 30 June 2021) to support business investment and economic growth over the short term, by accelerating depreciation deductions. Businesses with a turnover of less than \$500 million will be able to deduct 50 per cent of the cost of an eligible asset on installation, with existing depreciation rules applying to the balance of the asset's cost. This measure will support business investment and is estimated to lower taxes paid by Australian businesses by \$6.7 billion over the next two years. This measure will support over 3.5 million businesses (over 99 per cent of businesses) employing more than 9.7 million employees.

[Fact Sheet-Delivering support for business investment.pdf](#)

### Supporting apprentices and trainees

The Government is supporting small business to retain their apprentices and trainees. Eligible employers can apply for a wage subsidy of 50 per cent of the apprentice's or trainee's wage for 9 months from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020. Where a small business is not able to retain an apprentice, the subsidy will be available to a new employer that employs that apprentice. Employers will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$21,000 per eligible apprentice or trainee (\$7,000 per quarter).

Support will also be provided to the National Apprentice Employment Network, the peak national body representing Group Training Organisations, to co-ordinate the re-employment of displaced apprentices and trainees throughout their network of host employers across Australia.

This measure will support up to 70,000 small businesses, employing around 117,000 apprentices.

<https://www.business.gov.au/risk-management/emergency-management/coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/supporting-apprentices-and-trainees>

### Boosting cash flow for employers

The Government is enhancing the Boosting Cash Flow for Employers measure it announced on 12 March 2020. The Government is providing up to \$100,000 to eligible small and medium-sized businesses, and not for-profits (NFPs) that employ people, with a minimum payment of \$20,000. These payments will help businesses and NFPs with their cash flow so they can keep operating, pay their rent, electricity and other bills and retain staff.

[Fact sheet-Cash flow assistance for businesses 0.pdf](#)

### Controlling the flow of credit

<https://www.business.gov.au/Risk-management/Emergency-management/Coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/Coronavirus-SME-Guarantee-Scheme>

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**For further information** on financial assistance, eligibility and timing for the new government support for Australian businesses, visit [Business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au), <https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/businesses>, [ato.gov.au](https://ato.gov.au)