

Key Additions/Amendments to the CRSS

1. Businesses in the hospitality sector that would normally stay open later than 8pm such as bars, restaurants, nightclubs and hotels as well as indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas and theatres that are required, under specific terms of public health regulations, to close at 8pm each night from 20 December 2020 to 31 January 2021 will be regarded as being significantly restricted from operating for the purposes of the CRSS.
2. Businesses in the hospitality and indoor entertainment sectors which do not ordinarily operate after 8pm (or much after 8pm), such as a café that operates daytime hours, will not, for the purposes of the CRSS, be regarded as being significantly restricted from operating under restrictions in operation from 20 December 2021 and will not be eligible for the scheme.
3. The turnover threshold is being increased from 25% to 40%, which means that an eligible business will be able to make a claim under the scheme where turnover in respect of the relevant business activity in the claim period will be 40% (or less) of the relevant turnover amount.
4. A new class of new business (Category B new business) is being introduced, which will allow businesses established during the period 13 October 2020 to 26 July 2021 to access supports under the scheme where eligibility criteria are met.
5. In circumstances where it is not viable for a person carrying on a relevant business activity, which is significantly restricted from operating under specific terms of Covid restrictions, to continue carrying on the relevant business activity during the period of restrictions, the person can make a claim for support under the CRSS in respect of the relevant business activity where the eligibility criteria are met. To qualify, the person must have actively carried on the relevant business activity up to the date of the latest Covid restrictions and have an intention to continue carrying on that activity when restrictions are eased.