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## COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package – 2020-21

### What's new or changing

- The Office of Local Government (OLG) has released updated resources that will assist councils to apply for the *Council Job Retention Allowance Subsidy* for the first quarter 2020-21 (Q1), a key element of the COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package.

### What this will mean for your council

- The following documents are now available:
  - Guidelines for the Council Job Retention Allowance Subsidy (JRA Guidelines)
  - Financial Stimulus Eligibility Criteria (Eligibility Criteria) 2020-21; and
  - Financial Stimulus Eligibility Return – 2020-21 (FSER).
- The JRA Guidelines, Eligibility Criteria and FSER provide detailed guidance to assist councils determine their eligibility for the JRA Subsidy for Q1.
- Councils are encouraged to submit the FSER to access the JRA Subsidy.
- OLG will inform councils of the outcome of its assessment of the FSER.

### Key points

- All councils should have submitted their funding agreement to benefit from the Stimulus Package.
- The JRA Guidelines, Eligibility Criteria and FSER are available for download from the COVID-19 page on OLG's website and the Council Portal page.
- A council's FSER will be its application for the JRA Subsidy.
- The FSER should be completed and emailed to [FSER@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:FSER@olg.nsw.gov.au) by 14 August 2020. Late submissions will be considered but may delay payment of the JRA Subsidy.
- Councils who do not wish to access the JRA do not need to submit a FSER.

### Where to go for further information

- Councils should contact OLG's Performance Team about the Eligibility Criteria and the FSER, and their Council Engagement Manager about the Stimulus Package or in relation to other COVID-19 matters.



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