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DRIVER ACTION PLAN FOR COVID-19

Across the globe, small business owners, operators and drivers in the taxi, hire car and rideshare industries are experiencing the sudden and dramatic economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many here in Victoria are reporting a revenue downturn in excess of 70 percent with indications suggesting that this may be sustained for several months. There is no doubt that the forecast is rough but there are avenues of assistance to explore and things that can be done now that may help your business.

The Business Victoria website has practical advice on business continuity planning and may have some information relevant to your business at <https://bit.ly/33DIKbp>

My office is working closely with industry association Transport Alliance Australia who are keeping members updated with business assistance information in each state and federally. Visit their information page at <https://bit.ly/TAA-Covid19>

Immediate actions you may also wish to consider –

- Contact your **vehicle leasing agent** and request to suspend all repayments for 3 - 6 months.
- Contact your **affiliated booking service provider** and request an immediate discount on your monthly network fees and trip-based commissions.
- Contact your **lending institution** and request a reprieve on all mortgage repayments.
- If you rent your home, contact your agent and request a stop on all **rental payments** – landlords may be able to have mortgage repayments suspended for a period, the benefit of which should be passed on to the tenants.
- Work with your accountant to review the [Australian government stimulus package \(LINK\)](#) for business cash flow to check your eligibility - <https://bit.ly/2U3GRjR>
- Call the ATO's Emergency Support Infoline (1800 806 218) or your accountant to discuss **tax relief options**, variation of instalments or deferral of tax payments for GST, PAYG, income tax.
- Call Business Victoria on their dedicated business hotline 13 22 15 for advice and support for businesses during the pandemic.
- Go to **Centrelink** and check your entitlements for government assistance payments – family benefits, Newstart Allowance.
- Review your general insurance policies for any **Business Interruption Insurance** inclusions.
- Contact your utility providers – water, electricity, gas, phone and mobile seeking relief from payments or to discuss payment plan options

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