

## Notice

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Game Animal Council  
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## NZ hunting businesses: COVID-19 support

The Game Animal Council knows that many businesses within the NZ hunting sector, particularly those that work with and cater for international clients, will be heavily impacted by the virus and the global response to it. The Government has announced a \$12.1 billion support package to assist New Zealanders and businesses get through.

Included in the package are the following items that NZ hunting sector businesses that qualify should seek to access:

- \$5.1 billion in wage subsidies for affected businesses in all sectors and regions, available from today
- \$126 million in COVID-19 leave and self-isolation support
- \$2.8 billion in business tax changes to free up cashflow, including a provisional tax threshold lift, the reinstatement of building depreciation and writing off interest on the late payment of tax

An overview of the package including factsheets on the wage subsidy scheme, income support scheme, leave support and business cashflow and tax are available at <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/121-billion-support-new-zealanders-and-business>.

To access the wage subsidy and leave payments go to <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/emergencies/2020/coronavirus.html#null>.

Information on the tax relief available to businesses is at <https://www.ird.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/tax-relief/tax-relief-for-businesses>.

Further information for businesses is available at <https://www.business.govt.nz/news/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/>.

The GAC is planning to write to Government Ministers within the next couple of days to highlight to them just how much hunting businesses are being affected and to make them aware that further assistance maybe required to preserve livelihoods within the sector.