COVID-19 legislative scrutiny

April 2021

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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Measures No. 2) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00409]	01/04/2021	This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on the 'Tourism Aviation Network Support Program', which is intended to assist regions of Australia recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic.
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Business Exemption) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00404]	01/04/2021	This instrument alters the end date for a temporary exemption from responsible lending obligations under the *National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009*, relating to the coronavirus economic response and covering credit with a partial small business purpose.
CASA EX39/21 — Dangerous Goods (2-yearly Training Requirement) Exemption 2021 [F2021L00424]	7/04/2021	This instrument allows persons to use the 24-month period adopted by international bodies for determining when employees have to undertake recurrent training in the safe transport of dangerous goods and the period for which such training remains current when undertaken by an employee. The explanatory material notes that this helps industry to manage the effects of the pandemic.

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Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 7 of 2020-2021) [F2021L00431]	13/04/2021	This instrument determines that the administered item for Outcome 2 for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications is increased by $475,816,000, relating to activities to boost the aviation sector.

ASIC Corporations (COVID-19 - Advice-related Relief) Instrument 2021/268 [F2021L00433]	14/04/2021	This instrument continues the temporary relief in ASIC Corporations (COVID-19—Advice-related Relief) Instrument 2020/355 that allows a record of advice to be provided to existing clients in relation to COVID-19 advice in certain circumstances.

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Industry Research and Development (COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program) Amendment Instrument 2021 [F2021L00452]	16/04/2021	This instrument clarifies that ongoing JobKeeper scheme qualification is not an eligibility requirement for the second round of the Consumer Travel Support Program, given that the JobKeeper scheme ceased on 28 March 2021.
Biosecurity Legislation (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Amendment (No. 1) Determination 2021 [F2021L00456]	18/04/2021	This instrument provides that where a person has spent the previous 14 days only in either or both Australia and New Zealand, they are exempt from the travel ban if they intend to travel directly to New Zealand only and then return to Australia; or they travel directly to New Zealand and do not intend to return to Australia. This clarifies that the general exemption to the travel ban for travel to New Zealand will not apply where a person intends to onward travel from New Zealand to another foreign country.
JobMaker Hiring Credit Reporting Obligations Amendment Instrument 2021 [F2021L00466]	20/04/2021	This instrument enables employers with Single Touch Payroll software constraints to make a claim for JobMaker Hiring Credit payments.

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Federal Financial Relations (National Health Reform Payments for 2019-20) Determination 2021 [F2021L00474]	22/04/2021	This instrument specifies the amounts of National Health Reform funding (as amended by the National Partnership on COVID 19 Response) to be paid to each state, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory for the 2019-20 financial year.
Amendment Statement of Principles concerning Guillain-Barre syndrome	23/04/2021	This instrument revises the factors which must exist before it can be said that (on the balance of probabilities) Guillain-Barre syndrome is connected

(Balance of Probabilities) (No. 58 of 2021) [F2021L00484]		with the circumstances of eligible service rendered by a person. This relates to the COVID-19 infection.
Amendment Statement of Principles concerning Guillain-Barre syndrome (Reasonable Hypothesis) (No. 57 of 2021) [F2021L00483]	23/04/2021	This instrument revises the factors which must exist before it can be said that there is a reasonable hypothesis that a person's Guillain-Barre syndrome is connected with the circumstances of eligible service rendered by a person. This relates to the COVID-19 infection.
Amendment Statement of Principles concerning cerebrovascular accident No. 54 of 2021 [F2021L00496]	27/04/2021	This instrument revises the list of factors which must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, a cerebrovascular accident is connected with the circumstances of eligible service rendered by a person to include being infected with COVID-19 within three months of the clinical onset of the accident.
Amendment Statement of Principles concerning cerebrovascular accident No. 53 of 2021 [F2021L00495]	27/04/2021	This instrument revises the list of factors which must exist before it can be said that there is a reasonable hypothesis that a cerebrovascular accident is connected with the circumstances of eligible service rendered by a person to include being infected with COVID-19 within three months of the clinical onset of the accident.
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/315 [F2021L00493]	27/04/2021	This amends multiple instruments to extend temporary measures aimed at facilitating financial reporting by unlisted and listed entities whose reporting processes take additional time due to current remote work arrangements, travel restrictions and other impacts of COVID-19.
Amendment Statement of Principles concerning ischaemic heart disease (Balance of Probabilities) (No. 56 of 2021) [F2021L00492]	27/04/2021	This instrument revises the list of factors which must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, ischaemic heart disease is connected with the circumstances of eligible service rendered by a person to include being infected with COVID-19.
Amendment Statement of Principles concerning ischaemic heart disease (Reasonable Hypothesis) (No. 55 of 2021) [F2021L00490]	27/04/2021	This instrument revises the list of factors which must exist before it can be said that there is a reasonable hypothesis that ischaemic heart disease is connected with the circumstances of eligible service rendered by a person to include being infected with COVID-19.