

COVID-19 related legislation

January 2020

Instrument	Date registered	Description
Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00037]	21/01/2020	The instrument adds 'human coronavirus with pandemic potential' to the list of Listed Human Diseases made under the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> . This enables the Government to use the measures in Chapter 2 of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> to manage and respond to biosecurity risks to human health caused by the virus.

February 2020

Instrument	Date registered	Description
Biosecurity (Human Health Response Zone) (Royal Australian Air Force Base Learmonth) Determination 2020 [F2020L00086]	03/02/2020	The instrument specifies the Royal Australian Air Force Base Learmonth as a human health response zone for the purposes of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> and sets requirements for individuals entering and leaving the zone.
Biosecurity (Human Health Response Zone) (North West Point Immigration Detention Centre) Determination 2020 [F2020L00087]	03/02/2020	The instrument specifies the North West Point Immigration Detention Centre on Christmas Island as a human health response zone for the purposes of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> and sets requirements for individuals entering and leaving the zone.
Biosecurity (Human Health Response Zone) (Howard Springs Accommodation Village) Determination 2020 [F2020L00107]	07/02/2020	The instrument specifies the Howard Springs Accommodation Village as a human health response zone for the purposes of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> and sets requirements for individuals entering and leaving the zone.
National Health Security (National Notifiable Disease List) Amendment Instrument 2020 [F2020L00111]	10/02/2020	The instrument adds the 'human coronavirus with pandemic potential' to the National Notifiable Disease List, requiring state and territory governments to notify the Commonwealth government of cases of the disease.

Migration (LIN 20/102: Arrangements for Student (Temporary) (Class TU) visa applications) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00156]	24/02/2020	The instrument specifies the form and manner in which an application must be made to reapply for a Student (Temporary) (Class TU) visa for individuals who have had their visa cancelled due to the designation of the coronavirus pandemic as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organisation.
Migration (LIN 20/045: Class of persons for Visitor (Class FA) visa applications) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00157]	24/02/2020	The instrument broadens the classes of persons who may apply for a Visitor (Class FA) visa to include individuals who have had their visa cancelled due to the designation of the coronavirus pandemic as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organisation.
Migration (LIN 20/099: Classes of Persons for Student (Temporary) (Class TU) Visa Applications) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00158]	24/02/2020	The instrument specifies the classes of persons to whom the first installment of a visa application charge amount is nil. This applies to applicants in Australia who are former Student (Temporary) (Class TU) visa holders and whose visas were cancelled due to the designation of the coronavirus pandemic as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organisation.
Migration (LIN 20/046: Arrangements for Visitor (Class FA) Visa Applications) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00160]	24/02/2020	The instrument specifies the form and manner in which an application must be made to reapply for a Visitor (Class FA) visa for individuals who have had their visa cancelled due to the designation of the coronavirus pandemic as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organisation.

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Instrument	Date registered	Description
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 1 of 2019-2020) [F2020L00220]	04/03/2020	The instrument increases the amount allocated to the Department of Health for Administered Assets and Liabilities by \$100 million. The purpose of the increase is to enable the Department of Health to fund the procurement of masks and other emergency medical or emergency health equipment for the National Medical Stockpile as part of the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response for Novel Coronavirus.

8-14 March

Instrument	Date registered	Description
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 2 of 2019-2020) [F2020L00235]	09/03/2020	The instrument increases the amount allocated to the Department of Health for Administered Assets and Liabilities by \$200 million. The purpose of the increase is to enable the Department of Health to fund the procurement of masks and other emergency medical or emergency health equipment for the National Medical Stockpile as part of the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response for Novel Coronavirus.
Social Security (Ordinary Waiting Period Exemption) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00247]	12/03/2020	The instrument provides an exemption from the ordinary waiting period for persons who claim Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance or Newstart Allowance to allow recipients who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic to receive social security payments immediately.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Specialist, Consultant Physician and Consultant Psychiatrist COVID-19 Telehealth Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00248]	12/03/2020	The instrument provides for the payment of Medicare benefits for ten Medicare Benefits Schedule items to allow specialists, consultant physicians and consultant psychiatrists to provide telehealth consultations to patients who have been diagnosed with, or are vulnerable to contracting, the COVID-19 virus.

Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00249]	12/03/2020	The instrument provides for the payment of Medicare benefits for Medicare Benefits Schedule items to allow general practitioners to provide telehealth consultations to patients who have been diagnosed with, or are vulnerable to contracting, the COVID-19 virus.
Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Determination 2020 [F2020L00250]	12/03/2020	The instrument provides for the payment of Medicare benefits for pathology services to test for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The instrument also requires that testing for the virus must be conducted in conjunction with other separate viral respiratory tests to determine if the patient has COVID-19 or another respiratory virus such as influenza.
Health Insurance (Pathologist-determinable Services) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00251]	12/03/2020	The instrument provides that a pathologist may test for other respiratory viruses as necessary if a treating practitioner has requested a test for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, the virus that causes COVID-19.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Specialist, Consultant Physician and Consultant Psychiatrist COVID-19 Telehealth Services) Amendment Determination No.1 2020 [F2020L00254]	13/03/2020	The instrument adds ten new temporary Medicare Benefits Schedule items to expand the types of services which specialists, consultant physicians and consultant psychiatrists may provide via the phone when video conferencing is unavailable to patients who have been diagnosed with, or are vulnerable to contracting, the COVID-19 virus.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Amendment Determination No.1 2020 [F2020L00255]	13/03/2020	The instrument provides for the payment of Medicare benefits for Medicare Benefits Schedule items to allow nurse practitioners and mental health allied health workers to provide these services via the phone when video conferencing is unavailable to patients who have been diagnosed with, or are vulnerable to contracting, the COVID-19 virus.

15-21 March

Instrument	Date registered	Description
Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00258]	16/03/2020	The instrument removes the requirement to test for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in conjunction with other separate viral respiratory tests to determine if the patient has COVID-19 or another respiratory virus such as influenza due to the unnecessary burden placed on pathology testing resources.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Amendment Determination No. 2 2020 [F2020L00259]	16/03/2020	The instrument provides for the payment of Medicare benefits for Medicare Benefits Schedule items to allow midwives to provide certain services via telehealth and the phone when video conferencing is unavailable to patients who have been diagnosed with, or are vulnerable to contracting, the COVID-19 virus.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Specialist, Consultant Physician and Consultant Psychiatrist COVID-19 Telehealth Services) Amendment Determination No.2 2020 [F2020L00260]	16/03/2020	The instrument clarifies attendance time requirements for the provision of temporary Medicare Benefits Schedule items related to psychiatrist telehealth and phone services to patients diagnosed with, or vulnerable to contracting, the COVID-19 virus.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Amendment Determination No. 3 2020 [F2020L00261]	17/03/2020	The instrument allows telehealth services provided by GPs, other doctors in general practice, and nurse practitioners to be bulk billed if there is a risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements) Determination 2020 [F2020L00267]	18/03/2020	The instrument prohibits international cruise ships from entering Australian ports before 15 April 2020.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020 [F2020L00266]	18/03/2020	The instrument declares that a human biosecurity emergency exists for the purposes of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> . This declaration allows the minister to give directions deemed necessary to prevent or control the entry, emergence, establishment or spread of COVID-19 in Australian territory or prevent its spread to

		another country. The emergency is declared to last for three months.
Biosecurity Repeal (Human Health Response Zones) Determination 2020 [F2020L00270]	19/03/2020	The instrument repeals three instruments which specified the Howard Springs Accommodation Village, the North West Point Immigration Detention Centre on Christmas Island, and the Royal Australian Air Force Base Learmonth as human health response zones for the purposes of the Biosecurity Act 2015 to temporarily quarantine individuals who requested repatriation from Wuhan city, China, and the Diamond Princess cruise ship.
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (COVID-19 response) Determination 2020 (No. 6) [F2020L00278]	19/03/2020	The instrument amends the domestic and overseas conditions of service for Australia Defence Force members to account for special circumstances related to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

22-31 March

Instrument/Bill	Date registered/ introduced	Description
Poisons Standard Amendment (Hydroxychloroquine and Salbutamol) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00291]	23/03/2020	The instrument amends the Poisons Standard February 2020 in relation to the substances, hydroxychloroquine and salbutamol to ensure the continued availability of medicines containing these substances in Australia during the public health emergency caused by the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00292]	23/03/2020	The instrument consolidates all the temporary Medicare Benefits Schedule items that prescribe COVID-19 medical services into one legislative instrument and expands the definition of “health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus.
Appropriation (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act (No. 1) 2019-2020	23/03/2020	The Act appropriates \$1,651,133,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government in relation to the Coronavirus Economic Response, and for related purposes.
Appropriation (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act (No. 2) 2019-2020	23/03/2020	The Act appropriates \$740,050,000 in additional money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in

		relation to the Coronavirus Economic Response, and for related purposes.
Assistance for Severely Affected Regions (Special Appropriation (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act appropriates up to \$1 billion in funds for the purposes of making payments to support communities, regions and industry sectors affected by the economic impacts of Covid-19, for specified purposes. Any payments under this appropriation must be made by 30 June 2021.
Australian Business Growth Fund (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act appropriates \$100,000,000 to be invested in an Australian Business Growth Fund for the purpose of providing small and medium Australian enterprises with access to capital.
Boosting Cash Flow for Employers (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act provides that two sets of cash flow boost payments may be made to businesses which have made payments for wages or salaries, where the Commissioner for Taxation is satisfied that they are eligible to receive such payments.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus Act 2020	23/03/2020	The omnibus Act, containing 16 schedules, amends a number of Acts in order to provide an economic response, and deal with other matters, relating to the coronavirus, and for related purposes. For example, schedule 4 of the bill amends social security and taxation Acts to provide for a \$750 stimulus payment to some recipients of social welfare and veterans payments; schedule 11 provides for a temporary fortnightly supplement of \$550 to some social welfare payment recipients; and schedule 13 enables the release of up to \$10,000 of superannuation on compassionate grounds.
Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprises (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act provides that the minister may grant a guarantee to a financial institution in connection with loans made, or to be made, by the financial institution if granting the guarantee is likely to assist in dealing with the economic impacts of the coronavirus. It also provides that up to \$20 billion from the Consolidated Revenue Fund may be appropriated for

		the purpose of meeting any liabilities that the Commonwealth incurs under those guarantees.
Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act sets up the Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response) Fund. The Fund, consisting of the Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response) Fund Special Account and investments of the fund, must be credited with \$15 billion.
Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Minister's Rules 2020 [F2020L00295]	24/03/2020	The instrument creates additional reason for absence from childcare where self-isolating re COVID-19; expands the circumstances in which a child may be absent from childcare without needing to provide a medical certificate; allocates an extra 20 allowable absence days; and provides an exemption to the current obligation of child care providers to take reasonable steps to enforce payment of gap fees from individuals in response to COVID-19.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Application of GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services and Specialist, Consultant Physician and Consultant Psychiatrist COVID-19 Telehealth Services) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00298]	24/03/2020	The instrument specifies that the temporary Medicare Benefits Schedule items that prescribe COVID-19 medical services only apply to services supplied between 13 March 2020 and prior to the commencement of the Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Services) Determination 2020 on 23 March 2020.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Overseas Travel Ban Emergency Requirements) Determination 2020 [F2020L00306]	25/03/2020	The instrument prohibits an Australian citizen or permanent resident from travel outside Australia (by air or sea or as the operator of an outgoing aircraft or vessel), unless an exemption is granted to them. The instrument commenced at 12.00 pm on 25 March 2020 and is in force for an initial period of 4 weeks.
Biosecurity (Human Health Response Zone) (Swissotel Sydney) Determination 2020 [F2020L00313]	25/03/2020	The instrument specifies the Swissotel Sydney as a human health response zone for the purposes of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> and sets requirements for individuals entering and leaving the zone. The instrument commenced on 25 March 2020 and is in force for three months from that day.

Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Rules 2020 [F2020L00309]	25/03/2020	<p>The instrument sets out matters relevant to the implementation of the Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response) Fund. Specifically, it specifies the Australian Office of Financial Management as a listed entity whose officials may be 'eligible delegates' for the purposes of the Minister's delegation powers under the <i>Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020</i>. It also prevents first loss securities from being invested in as authorised debt securities under that Act.</p>
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 1) Determination 2020 [F2020L00310]	25/03/2020	<p>The instrument modifies the <i>Social Security Act 1991</i> to enable persons receiving Youth Allowance who are undertaking full-time study, or new apprentices, to receive the COVID-19 supplement from 27 April 2020; ensure that claimants for parenting payment are able to qualify for the payment where they do not meet the qualifying residence period requirements; and ensure that claimants for Austudy are able to qualify for payment where they do not meet the assets test, or where the liquid assets waiting period, the newly arrived resident's waiting period or the seasonal workers preclusion period would otherwise apply. The instrument also modifies the <i>Social Security (Administration) Act 1999</i> to enable people who tried to make contact during the period 23 March 2020 to 29 March 2020, or who made contact during this period but did not complete their claim, to be taken to have lodged a claim on 23 March 2020 or the date of eligibility, if later, provided they complete a claim by 19 April 2020.</p>
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 2) Determination 2020 [F2020L00311]	25/03/2020	<p>The instrument specifies the criteria a person must meet in order to qualify for youth allowance, jobseeker payment or crisis payment under the <i>Social Security Act 1991</i> in circumstances relating to COVID-19, and provides for recipients of Austudy payment to receive the COVID-19 supplement from 27 April 2020.</p>

National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020 [F2020L00312]	25/03/2020	<p>This instrument is an interim measure for some patients who are confined at home. It allows prescribers and patients to provide a pharmacy with a digital image of their prescription via fax, email or text message, enabling the pharmacy to dispense their medicines, and deliver or post them to the patient. The patient or prescriber would then be required to supply the pharmacy with the paper prescription within 15 days.</p>
Biosecurity (Exit Requirements) Determination 2020 [F2020L00323]	26/03/2020	<p>The instrument requires persons who are departing from prescribed airports and arriving in prescribed countries to be screened by a biosecurity officer or human biosecurity officer for the purposes of establishing whether the individual may be, or may have been, infected with human coronavirus with pandemic potential. Screening may be by equipment or by being required to answer questions or provide information in writing.</p>
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Determination 2020 [F2020L00324]	26/03/2020	<p>This instrument, made under the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i>, establishes rules regulating entry to remote communities, in order to prevent or control the entry or spread of COVID-19 in designated parts of Australia in Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and Northern Territory.</p>
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (COVID-19 response) Determination 2020 (No. 7) [F2020L00336]	27/03/2020	<p>The instrument seeks to enable the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to respond to COVID-19 in relation to members of Reserves who are absent from their place of duty when they are required to</p>
CASA EX57/20 — Licensing, and Operator Training and Checking (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemptions Instrument 2020 [F2020L00337]	27/03/2020	<p>This instrument exempts pilots, air traffic controllers, air operator certificate holders and air traffic service providers from certain regulatory requirements related to medical certification, continued operational proficiency and training (as action to avoid such breaches may involve testing, checking, training or other activity that would break, weaken or undermine</p>

		the social distancing rules required in Australia because of the COVID-19 pandemic).
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 3) Determination 2020 [F2020L00338]	27/03/2020	This instrument temporarily modifies the Social Security Act in respect of the rates of payment paid to people who only qualify for a social security payment on 25 March 2020 because of the temporary modifications made to the Social Security Act relating to COVID-19. The first instalment of such a person’s payment will include an additional amount that represents two days’ worth of their daily rate of payment.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements) Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00339]	27/03/2020	The instrument prevents cruise ships from entering Australian territory and requires cruise ships to leave Australian territory before 15 June 2020, subject to limited exceptions, to prevent or control the entry or spread of COVID-19 in Australian territory.
Therapeutic Goods (Excluded Goods—Hand Sanitisers) Determination 2020 [F2020L00340]	27/03/2020	The instrument excludes specified hand sanitisers from the operation of the <i>Therapeutic Good Act 1989</i> , so that those goods may be manufactured and supplied urgently within Australia.
Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Bulk-billing Incentive) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00341]	29/03/2020	The instrument temporarily increases the fees for bulk-billing incentive items as part of Stage Four of the Government’s health care package to protect all Australians from COVID-19.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services - COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2020 [F2020L00342]	29/03/2020	The instrument provides that all Australians can access certain prescribed COVID-19 medical services via telehealth and phone services. It commenced on 30 March 2020 and ceases as if revoked on 30 September 2020.
Customs (Prohibited Exports) Amendment (COVID-19 Human Biosecurity Emergency) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00343]	29/03/2020	Subject to certain exceptions, the instrument implements a temporary prohibition on the export of goods which are considered essential to preventing the spread of COVID-19. These include face masks and hand sanitizers.

Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements— Retail Outlets at International Airports) Determination 2020 [F2020L00344]	29/03/2020	Subject to limited exceptions, the instrument requires retail outlets at international terminals and in the international area of joint domestic and international terminals at Australian international airports to cease trading to prevent or control the entry, emergence, establishment or spread of the declaration listed human disease COVID-19 in Australian territory.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Essential Goods) Determination 2020 [F2020L00355]	30/03/2020	The instrument imposes requirements to prohibit the practice of price gouging of prescribed essential goods (including face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer), and ensures that those who breach the relevant restrictions surrender these goods to law enforcement (who will be required to redistribute the surrendered goods to the National Medical Stockpile, provided they are not deficient).
Banking (BEAR) determination No. 1 of 2020 [F2020L00347]	30/3/2020	The instrument determines that the time for lodging changes to accountability statements and maps is 30 days.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Deferral of Sunsetting – Financial Management and Accountability Determination 2010/02) Determination 2020 [F2020L00348]	30/3/2020	The instrument extends the operation of the Financial Management and Accountability Determination 2010/02 – Services for Other Entities and Trust Moneys – Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts Special Account Establishment 2010 before it sunsets on 1 April 2020. The operation is extended to 1 October 2020.
Aged Care (Subsidy, Fees and Payments) Amendment (Workforce Continuity Funding) Determination 2020 [F2020L00352]	30/03/2020	The instrument implements temporary increases to the rates of aged care basic subsidy, viability supplement, and homeless supplement, designed to support continuity of the aged care workforce due to the impacts from COVID-19.
Aged Care (Transitional Provisions) (Subsidy and Other Measures) Amendment (Workforce Continuity Funding) Determination 2020 [F2020L00353]	30/03/2020	The instrument implements temporary increases to the rates of aged care basic subsidy, viability supplement, and homeless supplement, designed to support continuity of the aged care workforce due to the impacts from COVID-19.
Private Health Insurance	30/03/2020	The instrument sets the rebate

(Incentives) Amendment Rules (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00354]		adjustment factor (used to calculate the rebate contribution from the Australian Government) for the adjustment year commencing on 1 April 2020 to one (1).
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Excluded Goods—Hand Sanitisers) Determination 2020 [F2020L00359]	31/03/2020	The instruments amends the requirements for the contents required on a front label on hand sanitisers to ensure that the contact details of the manufacturer or supplier are included on that label.
National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measures) Amendment Determination 2020 (No.2) (PB 23 of 2020) [F2020L00361]	31/03/2020	The instrument expands the list of pharmaceutical benefits that can be supplied without a prescription, and provides the conditions for such a supply (a ‘Continued Dispensing’ supply) so that consumers have subsidised access to their medicines to assist in managing the demand on the health system during the COVID-19 outbreak.
Medical Indemnity Amendment (Eligible Run-off Claims) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00363]	31/03/2020	The instrument enables retired doctors to retain their eligibility under the Run-Off Cover scheme for prior practice if they return to private practice in order to provide treatment during the COVID-19.
Veterans' Entitlements (Provisional Access to Medical Treatment) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00368]	31/03/2020	The instrument extends the intake period of the Provisional Access to Medical Treatment Trial by three months in response to COVID-19.
Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Amendment (No. 2) Determination 2020 [F2020L00373]	31/03/2020	The instrument increases the Medicare benefits payable for COVID-19 testing.

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April 2020

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Instrument	Date registered	Description
Medical and Midwife Indemnity Legislation Amendment (Eligible Run-off Claims) Rules 2020 [F2020L00375]	01/04/2020	The instrument amends existing medical and midwife indemnity legislation to introduce a temporary exemption under the Run-off Cover Scheme (ROCS) during the COVID-19 pandemic. The exemption will enable non-practising doctors and eligible midwives to return to practice and temporarily assist during the pandemic without losing their eligibility under the ROCS for prior practice. It will also introduce mirror provisions within new delegated legislation to commence on 1 July 2020, to ensure there is continuity in these arrangements.
Poisons Standard Amendment (Hydroxychloroquine) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00387]	02/04/2020	The instrument amends the Poisons Standard February 2020 in relation to the substance hydroxychloroquine, principally to ensure the continued availability of medicines containing this substance in Australia during the public health emergency caused by the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19).
Biosecurity (Exit Requirements) Amendment (Nauru) Determination 2020 [F2020L00388]	02/04/2020	The instrument amends the Biosecurity (Exit Requirements) Determination 2020 to enable travellers to Nauru to undergo a health screening by human biosecurity officers from listed airports to establish whether individuals may be, or may have been, infected with human coronavirus with pandemic potential.
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/290 [F2020L00376]	1/4/2020	The instrument amends ASIC Corporations (Share and Interest Purchase Plans) Instrument 2019/547 as if the permissible total trading suspension days specified in paragraph 7(a)(ii) were 10 days instead of 5 days. This is a temporary measures in relation to offers of shares and interests under purchase plans covered by the purchase plan instrument
ASIC Corporations (Trading Suspensions Relief) Instrument 2020/289 [F2020L00377]	1/4/2020	The instrument modifies the operation of sections 708AA, 708A, 1012DAA and 1012DA of the Corporations Act 2001 by declaring that the sections apply as if the permissible total trading suspension days specified in the sections were 10 days instead of 5 days.
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response	02/04/2020	These regulations temporarily exempt Australian credit licensees from responsible lending obligations. The exemption operates in limited situations where a

Package) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00386]		consumer obtains credit under a credit contract or goods under a consumer lease for purposes that include a purpose of a small business operated by the consumer.
Part 101 Manual of Standards (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00394]	3/04/2020	This instrument defers for 6 months the 10 April 2020 take effect date for most of the provisions in the Manual Of Standards relating to unmanned aircraft and rockets, in particular those relating to training course.
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 3 of 2019-2020) [F2020L00402]	03/04/2020	The instrument increases the funds administered by the Department of Health, by \$800 million, to enable the Department of Health to fund the further procurement of masks and other emergency medical or emergency health equipment to address the unforeseen scale of the COVID-19 spread across the globe and possible shortages due to global demand and domestic manufacturing capability.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00403]	03/04/2020	The instrument corrects typographical and other minor errors.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Bulk-billing) Determination 2020 [F2020L00404]	04/04/2020	The determination provides that the telehealth service is to be bulk-billed to a patient at risk of the COVID-19 virus or a person who is a concessional beneficiary.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Expansion of Specialist Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00405]	04/04/2020	The determination lists 22 new items for specialist, consultant physician and consultant psychiatrist telehealth and phone services.

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Act/ Instrument	Date introduced/ registered	Description
Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 2) Minister's Rules 2020	05/04/2020	The instrument amends the Child Care Subsidy Minister's Rules 2017 to prescribe the further circumstances, conditions and period during which an

[F2020L00406]		<p>approved child care provider is not required to enforce the payment of child care gap fees from parents. In particular, under these amendments, a child care provider is not required to enforce payment of child care gap fees for a session of care provided by a service that is open where children are absent from care, due to COVID-19</p>
Migration (LIN 20/122: COVID-19 Pandemic event for Subclass 408 (Temporary Activity) visa and visa application charge for Temporary Activity (Class GG) visa) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00409]	<p>06/04/2020</p>	<p>The purpose of the instrument is to provide a pathway for certain former and current holders of temporary visas to lawfully remain in Australia and who would otherwise be required to depart Australia, but for the COVID-19 pandemic, are unable to leave Australia. The instrument limits the class of persons who can be granted the visa to those who hold a visa that is 28 days or less from ceasing to be in effect, or held a visa that is no more than 28 days from ceasing to be in effect. It further limits the class of persons to those who are unable to apply for the same temporary visa they hold or held or any other subclass of temporary visa other than the Subclass 408 visa.</p>
CASA EX63/20 — Licensing, and Operator Training and Checking (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemptions Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00412]	<p>7/04/2020</p>	<p>This instrument corrects some minor editorial errors to an earlier instrument (CASA EX57/20), recasting some existing provisions for greater clarity, and incorporating further emergency exemptions, similar to those in CASA EX57/20, from certain provisions of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 and the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998.</p>
Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprises (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Rules 2020 [F2020L00413]	<p>07/04/2020</p>	<p>The instrument defines the term ‘SME entity’ for the purposes of the <i>Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprises (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020</i> (to help ensure credit continues to flow to SME entities so that they can meet their immediate financing needs during the uncertain economic conditions caused by COVID-19). SME entity is defined as either an entity that carries on a business or is a non-profit body with an annual turnover that is likely to be less than \$50 million in the current financial year, or an entity that carried on a business or was a non-profit body in the previous financial year and had an annual turnover less than \$50 million.</p>
National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits (Expansion of Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Special Arrangement 2020 [F2020L00414]	<p>07/04/2020</p>	<p>The instrument amends the <i>National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020</i> to make the supply of pharmaceutical benefits to patients who have had a telehealth or telephone attendance more convenient and effective.</p>
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity	<p>07/04/2020</p>	<p>The instrument makes amendments to prevent or</p>

Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00415]		<p>control the entry or spread of COVID-19 in Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory. The key feature of the amendments is to limit the operation of the essential activities exemption to cases of urgency; or when persons are operating in a manner agreed with a human biosecurity officer to minimise the extent to which other persons in the area are exposed to the persons carrying out those operations.</p>
Social Security (Deeming Threshold Rates) Determination 2020 [F2020L00416]	7/04/2020	<p>The instrument determines the below threshold rate as 0.25 per cent, and the above threshold rate as 2.25 per cent, for the purpose of calculating income from financial assets under Division 1B of Part 3.10 of the Social Security Act 1991.</p>
Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus (Measures No. 2) Act 2020	08/04/2020	<p>The Act makes a number of amendments to various other Acts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support the practical operation of the JobKeeper scheme in Australian workplaces; - ensure certain categories of smaller non-ADI lenders will fall within the definition of financial institution in existing legislation; - modify the calculation method used for Child Care Subsidy reconciliation and ensure that payments of Additional Child Care Subsidy and certain grants can draw on standing appropriations; - create a temporary mechanism for responsible Ministers to change arrangements for meeting information and documentary requirements in response to the challenges posed by the coronavirus; - allow the Veterans' Minister to increase the amount paid to persons receiving a payment under a provision of the Veterans' Law by the amount of the COVID-19 supplement and vary the qualifications and eligibility for payments; - allow de-identified taxation information to be disclosed to the Treasury for the purposes of policy development, or analysis, in relation to the coronavirus.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020	08/04/2020	<p>The Act establishes a framework for the Treasurer to make rules to provide for the Commissioner of Taxation to make payments to eligible entities. Eligibility for particular payments as well as the amount of payments and the time when they are to be paid are to be set out in the rules. The payments may only be made in respect of the period from 1 March 2020 until 31 December 2020 (inclusive).</p>
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (COVID-19 response)	09/04/2020	<p>The instrument amends provisions relating to the availability of short absence from duty for ADF members that relate to COVID-19 and the provision of food</p>

Determination 2020 (No. 8) [F2020L00417]		allowance. It also amends benefits provided to ADF members and their families being evacuated from overseas posting locations and places of duty in response to changes made by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
Public Service (Terms and Conditions of Employment) (General wage increase deferrals during the COVID-19 pandemic) Determination 2020 [F2020L00418]	09/04/2020	The instrument provides a six-month delay to APS wage increases occurring during a period of 12 months in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Rules 2020 [F2020L00419]	09/04/2020	The instrument establishes the JobKeeper payment to assist employers affected by the Coronavirus to allow them to continue to retain their employees.
CASA EX65/20 — Extension of Airworthiness Review Certificate (COVID-19) Exemption 2020 [F2020L00420]	9/04/2020	This instrument enables a continuing airworthiness management organisation (CAMO) to extend the time for which an airworthiness review certificate (ARC) for an aircraft is in force a third time and for a maximum period of 6 months. It also enables a CAMO to extend the time for which an ARC for a relevant aircraft is in force, even though the aircraft may not be airworthy. This has arisen because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and consequent emergency situation in Australia.
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 4 of 2019-2020) [F2020L00421]	10/04/2020	The instrument increases the funds administered by the Department of Health, by \$400 million, to enable the Department of Health to fund the further procurement of masks and other emergency medical or emergency health equipment to address the unforeseen scale of the COVID-19 spread across the globe and possible shortages due to global demand and domestic manufacturing capability.
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 5 of 2019-2020) [F2020L00422]	10/04/2020	The instrument increases the funds administered by the Department of Health, by \$380 million, to enable the Department of Health to fund the further procurement of masks and other emergency medical or emergency health equipment to address the unforeseen scale of the COVID-19 spread across the globe and possible shortages due to global demand and domestic manufacturing capability.

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Act/Instrument	Date introduced/registered	Description
ASIC Corporations (COVID-19—Advice-related Relief) Instrument	14/04/2020	The instrument prescribes relief measures to facilitate affordable and quality financial advice during the COVID-

2020/355 [F2020L00425]		19 pandemic
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Rules Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00427]	15/04/2020	The instrument exempts reporting entities from the requirements of section 32 of the <i>Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006</i> . The instrument provides for the early release of superannuation to those individuals approved by the Australian Taxation Office as meeting the relevant criteria in response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 8) Determination 2020 [F2020L00428]	15/04/2020	The instrument temporarily modifies the <i>Social Security Act 1991</i> in relation to when a person is regarded as a 'member of a couple' for the purposes of jobseeker payment.
Tax Agent Services (Specified BAS Services No.1) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00429]	15/04/2020	The instrument declares, for the purposes of a Business Activity Statement (BAS) certain services as BAS services, to allow registered BAS agents to provide certain services, that they would otherwise be unable to lawfully provide, without the requirement to be a registered tax agent. Such services relate to: (a) a service under the Boosting Cash Flow for Employers (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020; (b) a service under the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020; (c) a service under any rules that the Treasurer has made or may make, by legislative instrument, pursuant to section 20 of the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020; and (d) a service under any legislative instrument made under subsections (b) and (c)
Fair Work Amendment (Variation of Enterprise Agreements) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00432]	16/04/2020	The instrument amends the Fair Work Regulations 2009 to temporarily shorten the period that employees must have access to a copy of a proposed variation of an enterprise agreement, and before which employees must be notified of the details of the vote on the variation, from seven calendar days to one calendar day. As this is only intended to be a temporary measure to support employers and employees during the current pandemic, the measure will be repealed six months after commencement, or at a later time prescribed by the Fair Work Regulations.
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) class of corporations determination No. 1 of 2020 [F2020L00433]	16/04/2020	The instrument specifies the corporations eligible to be granted a guarantee under section 5 of the <i>Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprise (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020</i> .
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 4 of 2020	16/04/2020	The instrument determines the Reporting Standard ARS 920.0 Australian Government Coronavirus Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Guarantee Scheme.

[F2020L00434]		
Tax Agent Services (Specified BAS Services No.1) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00429]	16/04/2020	This instrument declares certain services as Business Activity Services (BAS) services. These relate to: (a) a service under the Boosting Cash Flow for Employers (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020; (b) a service under the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020; (c) a service under any rules that the Treasurer has made or may make, by legislative instrument, pursuant to section 20 of the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020; and (d) a service under any legislative instrument made under subsections(b) and (c)
Treasury Laws Amendment (Release of Superannuation on Compassionate Grounds) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00431]	16/04/2020	The instrument allows temporary residents affected by the adverse economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to have up to \$10,000 released from their superannuation or retirement savings account on compassionate grounds.
Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment (Threshold Test) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00435]	17/04/2020	The instrument prescribes monetary value thresholds for particular significant actions and notifiable actions to nil. This requires a greater number of investments by foreign persons in Australia to be notified to the Treasurer for review to ensure they are not contrary to the national interest (as the significant impact of coronavirus on the Australian economy has increased the risk of foreign investment in Australia occurring in ways that would be contrary to the national interest).
Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Benefits Schemes Amendment (Special Arrangement—COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Determination 2020 [F2020L00437]	17/04/2020	The instrument implements an interim measure to allow prescribers and patients to provide pharmacists with a digital image of a prescription via fax, email or text message, enabling the pharmacist to dispense medicines and to deliver or post them to the patient.
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 9) Determination 2020 [F2020L00440]	17/04/2020	The instrument gives people who attempt to contact or actually contact Services Australia between 23 March and 29 March until 8 May 2020 to complete their social security payment claim and have their payment backdated until 23 March 2020 (or the day they qualify for payment if this is a later day). This determination also ensures that people who contact Services Australia between 30 March 2020 and 21 April 2020 will have until 8 May 2020 to complete their claim and have their payment backdated to the date they make contact (or the day they qualify for payment if this is a later day).
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services –	17/04/2020	The instrument temporarily expands access to the bulk-billing incentive as part of the Government's health care

Additional GP Bulk-billing Incentives) Determination 2020 [F2020L00441]		package to protect all Australians from the coronavirus (COVID-19).
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Bulk-billing Requirement and New Remote Attendance Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00442]	17/04/2020	This instrument amends the Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services - COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2020 to remove the requirement for specialists and consultant physicians, nurse practitioners, midwives and allied health professionals to bulk-bill certain telehealth or phone health consultations. The instrument also lists 28 additional telehealth and phone service items relating to neurosurgery consultations, public health physician consultations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner consultations and group psychotherapy services performed by psychiatrists.

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Act/instrument	Date introduced/registered	Description
National Health (Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Trial) Amendment (Approved Residential Care Services) Special Arrangement 2 of 2020 [F2020L00446]	21/04/2020	This instrument allows additional residential aged care facilities to participate in the eNRMC Trial due to COVID19. This is a trial of an electronic medication order chart system, which provides an electronic record of prescriptions without the need to also produce a paper prescription.
Torres Strait Regional Authority (Postponement of Election) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00448]	21/04/2020	This instrument extends the timeframe for holding the election for the Torres Strait Regional Authority. The election was due to be held before the end of July 2020 and is postponed to no later than 31 March 2021.
CASA EX69/20 – EPC Requirements for ATOs Transitioning to the FER (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) – Exemption Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00456]	22/04/2020	This instrument provides a three months extension for approximately 50 former approved testing officers who had transitioned to the new (equivalent) status of flight examiner rating (FER) holder, to complete a required examiner proficiency check (EPC), due to the social distancing rules required to be observed during the COVID-19 pandemic.
CASA EX70/20 – Licensing, and Operator Training and Checking (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemptions Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 2) [F2020L00457]	22/04/2020	This instrument amends CASA EX57/20 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic social distancing rules which require relevant licence holders to avoid, as far as possible, working in close proximity to others during assessment activities. In addition, the air traffic service provider responsible for these activities (Airservices Australia) has implemented a rostering scheme which aims to mitigate operational and personnel risks

		associated with COVID-19 and, therefore, the availability of relevant licence holders to conduct assessments and supervision is reduced, and the ability to meet recency requirements is diminished.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Alternative Decline in Turnover Test Rules 2020 [F2020L00461]	23/4/2020	This instrument provides alternative bases for an entity in a class of entities to satisfy the decline in turnover test for the purposes of receiving JobKeeper payments, when the Commissioner is satisfied that there is not a relevant comparison period for the purposes of an entity in a class of entities satisfying the decline in turnover test under subsection 8(1) of the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Rules 2020.
Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices—Specified Articles) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00463]	23/4/2020	This instrument specifies a particular class of non-sterile personal protective equipment and safety apparel to be medical devices under section 41BD(2B) of the <i>Therapeutic Goods Act 1989</i> .
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Excluded Goods) Determination (No.1) 2020 [F2020L00464]	23/4/2020	This instrument excludes from the operation of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 all non-sterile personal protective equipment and safety apparel other than articles specified in item 1 of Schedule 1 to the Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices—Specified Articles) Instrument 2020.
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Declared Goods) Order (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00465]	23/4/2020	This instrument makes consequential amendments related to the specification of a class of non-sterile personal protective equipment and safety apparel to be medical devices under section 41BD(2B) of the <i>Therapeutic Goods Act 1989</i> .
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Amendment (No. 2) Determination 2020 [F2020L00466]	23/4/2020	This instrument amends the existing biosecurity emergency measures in remote communities by amending some designated locations, and to require that a person entering a designated area has not been in a 'foreign country' (rather than 'outside Australian territory') in the 14 days immediately prior to entry.
ASIC Corporations (Extended Reporting and Lodgment Deadlines—Unlisted Entities) Instrument 2020/395 [F2020L00469]	24/4/2020	This instrument implements temporary measures aimed at facilitating financial reporting by unlisted entities whose reporting processes take additional time due to current remote work arrangements, travel restrictions and other impacts of COVID-19. The temporary measures are intended to allow unlisted entities up to one additional month to complete financial reports and have those reports audited, in compliance with the financial reporting and audit requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.
ASIC Corporations (Amendment)	24/4/2020	This instrument amends the ASIC Corporations (Exempt

Instrument 2020/396 [F2020L00470]		<p>Proprietary Companies) Instrument 2015/840 to preserve the grandfathered status of certain proprietary companies that use the relief under the primary instrument. Grandfathered proprietary companies must meet certain conditions, including reporting to members within the statutory deadline each year, to be exempt from lodging financial reports with ASIC.</p>
Fair Work Commission Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Rules 2020 [F2020L00471]	24/4/2020	<p>This instrument amends the Fair Work Commission Rules 2013 to provide for practice and procedure that is to be followed by the Fair Work Commission and the conduct of business in relation to matters allowed or required to be dealt with by the Fair Work Commission.</p>
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 4) Determination 2020 [F2020L00474]	24/4/2020	<p>This instrument modifies the Social Security Act in relation to the partner income reduction rate for jobseeker payment by reducing it from 60 per cent to 25 per cent of the person’s partner income excess.</p>
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 6) Determination 2020 [F2020L00475]	24/4/2020	<p>This determination provides for recipients of widow allowance, partner allowance and special benefit under the social security law to receive the COVID-19 supplement from 27 April 2020.</p>
Veterans’ Children Education Schemes (COVID-19 Supplement) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00477]	24/4/2020	<p>This instrument temporarily increases payments to certain recipients receiving benefits under the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme and the MRCA Education and Training Scheme by providing for receipt of the new and temporary COVID-19 supplement.</p>
ASIC Corporations (COVID-19 – Distribution of Debit Cards) Instrument 2020/401 [F2020L00478]	24/4/2020	<p>This instrument provides exemptions and modifications in relation to the hawking and product disclosure requirements in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to issuing basic deposit products, linked non-cash payment facilities and debit cards due to adverse implications on consumers without debit cards – including vulnerable and elderly consumers – due to COVID-19.</p>
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Amendment Rules (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00479]	24/4/2020	<p>This instrument requires the Commissioner of Taxation to verify JobKeeper payment information with authorised deposit-taking institutions.</p>
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements—Public Health Contact Information) Determination 2020 [F2020L00480]	25/4/2020	<p>This instrument provides privacy protections for data collected through a contact tracing app, providing that a person must not collect, use, disclose or otherwise deal with the data unless one of the exemptions listed in the instrument apply.</p>

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Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 3) Minister's Rules 2020 [F2020L00490]	28/4/2020	This instrument provides that Child Care Subsidy and Additional Child Care Subsidy are not payable while child care providers are also in receipt of business continuity payments (BCPs) under the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package (the package). It also places a condition on the approval of child care providers to not charge fees while in receipt of BCPs under the package; prescribes the Community Child Care Fund – Special Circumstances program, in order to enable payments under that program to draw on the special appropriation in the family assistance law; and provides that applications for approval not be made for the duration of the BCPs under the package, with the exception of applications resulting from the sale of a service.
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 5) Determination 2020 [F2020L00509]	28/4/2020	This instrument facilitates the provision of information (including tax file number information) by the Commissioner of Taxation to the Secretary of the Department of Social Services in matters related to the administration of the JobKeeper payment.
Biosecurity Repeal (Human Health Response Zone) (Swissotel Sydney) Determination 2020 [F2020L00510]	29/4/2020	This instrument repeals the Biosecurity (Human Health Response Zone) (Swissotel Sydney) Determination 2020 as the Swissotel is no longer a Human Health Response Zone.
Health Insurance (Pathologist-determinable Services) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L00519]	29/4/2020	This instrument includes a reference to three pathology items for the detection of Chlamydia trachomatis (69316, 69317, and 69319), two pathology items for viral respiratory pathology tests where the service is referred to a laboratory that did not receive the original request (69497 and 69498), twenty new items for genetic testing of somatic markers for the diagnosis and classification of tumours (73364 to 73383), and one pathology item for archival tissue retrieval and review (72860).
National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measures) Amendment Determination 2020 (No.3) (PB 36 of 2020) [F2020L00522]	30/4/2020	This instrument adds and deletes drugs and forms to the list of pharmaceutical benefits that can be supplied as a Continued Dispensing supply.

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Instrument	Date registered	Description
Customs By-law No. 2019608 [F2020L00540]	1/05/2020	This by-law prescribes certain medical products and hygiene products imported as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation (Early Release Payments) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00542]	1/05/2020	The instrument allows early access to superannuation by deferred members in the Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Scheme (PCSS) due to severe financial hardship and compassionate grounds due to COVID-19.
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Radiopharmaceuticals and Radiopharmaceutical Active Ingredients) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00544]	1/05/2020	This instrument introduces an exemption from the operation of Part 3-3 of the <i>Therapeutic Goods Act 1989</i> for certain radiopharmaceuticals and radiopharmaceutical active ingredients. This exemption is necessary to facilitate the continued supply of radiopharmaceuticals to patients around Australia which has been negatively impacted by the unforeseen reduction in commercial flights between Australian capital cities caused by the current outbreak of COVID-19.
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 7) Determination 2020 [F2020L00545]	1/05/2020	This instrument varies the <i>Social Security Act 1991</i> to remove the liquid assets test waiting period and seasonal work preclusion period for social security claimants who had already served a part of such period prior to 25 March 2020, and for people who claim during certain periods, to expand and expedite access to payments for those financially impacted by COVID-19.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Amendment Rules (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L00546]	1/05/2020	This instrument amends the rules relating to the JobKeeper scheme to adjust some elements of the scheme, and expand access to the scheme in some areas.
National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Charges) Amendment (COVID-19) Determination 2020 [F2020L00547]	4/05/2020	This instrument provides for the refunding and waiver of charges imposed on registered training organisations and registered providers by the Australian Skills Quality Authority, to assist the vocational education and training sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Australian Skills Quality Authority Instrument Fixing Fees Amendment (Refund of Fees)	4/05/2020	This instrument further provides for the refunding and waiver of fees charged to registered training organisations and registered providers by the Australian Skills Quality Authority to assist the

Determination 2020 [F2020L00548]		vocational education and training sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Determination of Fees No. 1 of 2020 [F2020L00549]	4/05/2020	This instrument provides the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) with the capacity to refund certain fees due to special or unusual circumstances that cause the fee to be unreasonable or inequitable, including in circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic event.
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Excluded Goods—Hand Sanitisers) Determination (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L00551]	5/5/2020	This instrument clarifies certain matters relating to the specification of hand sanitisers that are excluded goods for the purposes of the <i>Therapeutic Goods Act 1989</i> , and to introduce minor safety measures.
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Rules Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 2) [F2020L00559]	7/05/2020	This instrument clarifies the rules where reporting entities are seeking to rely on alternative identity proofing processes to establish the identity of their customer in circumstances where that customer possesses, but cannot produce or provide, relevant identity documents due to measures designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
ASIC Corporations (AFCA Regulatory Requirement) Instrument 2020/0433 [F2020L00560]	7/05/2020	This instrument makes some amendments to the manner in which the Australian Financial Complaints Authority operator must comply with conditions of the AFCA Scheme Authorisation 2018, as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response.
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 5 of 2020 [F2020L00561]	7/05/2020	This instrument reinstates reporting standards to APRA for Registered Financial Corporations and authorised deposit-taking institutions, which had been revoked in January. These have been reinstated in light of the volatile market movements and unprecedented economic conditions caused by the COVID-19 virus, given the need for a consistent series of reporting to develop the National Accounts to accurately represent the impacts of the COVID-19 virus on Australia's economic activity.
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 6 of 2020 [F2020L00562]	7/05/2020	This instrument reinstates reporting standards to APRA for Registered Financial Corporations and authorised deposit-taking institutions, which had been revoked in January. These have been reinstated in light of the volatile market movements and unprecedented economic conditions caused by the COVID-19 virus, given the need for a consistent series of reporting to develop the National Accounts to accurately represent the impacts of the COVID-19 virus on Australia's economic activity.

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Bill/Instrument	Date registered	Description
National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Safeguard Mechanism) Amendment (Extended Transition) Rule 2020 [F2020L00566]	11/05/2020	This instrument amends the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Safeguard Mechanism) Rule 2015 to delay the requirement to apply for new baselines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
VET Student Loans Amendment Rules (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00569]	12/05/2020	This instrument temporarily exempts students from the requirement to pay loan fees associated with Vocational Education and Training (VET) student loans for six months, to assist students as they deal with the financial consequences of the global outbreak of COVID-19.
Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Emergency Leave) Bill 2020	13/05/2020	This bill introduces an emergency leave type that will enable approved providers to remain eligible for residential care subsidy in declared emergency situations (such as the current COVID-19 pandemic) and ensure approved providers cannot decide to charge aged care residents a fee during a declared emergency to reserve their place in an aged care service. These emergency situations may include natural disasters, pandemics or other large-scale emergencies that may impact the safe provision of residential aged care and the safety of the resident.
Privacy Amendment (Public Health Contact Information) Bill 2020	13/05/2020	This bill seeks to provide stronger privacy protections for users of the Commonwealth's COVIDSafe app and data collected through the COVIDSafe app than that which would otherwise apply in the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> .
Air Navigation (Exemption for Commercial Non-Scheduled Flights) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00571]	13/05/2020	This determination removes exemptions for single charter flights carrying passengers where the seating capacity of the aircraft exceeds 80 persons, while the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020 remains in force. This would have the effect that operators of such flights must seek permission from the Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communication for such operations.
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Bill 2020	14/05/2020	This bill effectively waives the requirement for Great Barrier Reef Marine Park permission holders to pay the environmental management charge to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020. This is intended to provide financial relief to the Great Barrier Reef tourism industry and other relevant permission holders impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Deferral of Sunsetting	13/04/2020	This determination extends the end date for the Cashless Debit Card trial in all existing sites and Income Management in the Cape York region from 30 June

– Income Management and Cashless Welfare Arrangements Determination 2020 [F2020L00572]		2020 to 31 December 2020, to avoid changes in the manner in which affected individual's receive income support payments during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Variation (Extension) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00574]	14/05/2020	This instrument extends the human biosecurity emergency period related to the COVID-19 pandemic for a further 3 months until 17 September 2020.
Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (Office Expenses) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00575]	14/05/2020	These regulations enable certain members of parliament to produce and place content on regional broadcast radio. This is in response to the impact of COVID 19 on regional media, in particular the reduction in print media services, to enable members in regional areas to continue to communicate with their constituents. However, the amendments are not limited to the duration of the pandemic.
Australian Postal Corporation (Performance Standards) Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00579]	15/05/2020	These regulations provide a temporary change to performance standards for the delivery of letters by Australia Post, in response to the impacts of COVID-19. They will also give Australia Post an exemption from its retail outlet requirements, should temporary closures be necessary due to workforce impacts COVID-19.
CASA EX83/20 — Aeronautical Knowledge Examinations (Extension of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemption 2020 [F2020L00580]	15/05/2020	This instrument provides temporary relief for persons who have started the aeronautical knowledge examination process but who may be unable to complete the process within the prescribed period of 2 years due to COVID 19 restrictions.

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Bill/Instrument	Date registered	Description
Marriage (Celebrant Registration Charge) Determination 2020 [F2020L00588]	19/05/2020	This determination sets the celebrant registration charge payable by Commonwealth-registered marriage celebrants at \$0 for the 2020-2021 financial year, in response to economic impact of measures implemented to contain the spread of COVID-19.
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/452 [F2020L00591]	20/05/2020	This instrument temporarily provides entities (including public companies, proprietary companies, registered schemes, disclosing entities and financial services licensees) with more time to complete financial reports and have those reports audited, in light of the extra time required due to altered work

		arrangements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Amendment (No. 3) Determination 2020 [F2020L00592]	20/5/2020	This instrument updates a reference in the pathology services table to a COVID-19 test.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services - COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Further Expansion of Remote Attendance Items) Determination 2020 [F2020L00593]	20/5/2020	This instrument further expands the range of telehealth and phone specialist, and other health professional services which may be delivered to include services by specialist anaesthetists, dietitians and dental practitioners.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements) Amendment Determination (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L00594]	20/5/2020	This instrument extends the operation of existing provisions until 17 September 2020 to prevent a cruise ship from entering Australian territory or Australian ports, unless an exemption applies to the ship.

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Bill/Instrument	Date registered	Description
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Amendment Rules (No. 4) 2020 [F2020L00603]	22/05/2020	This extends the period of operation of the mechanism that allows authorised deposit-taking institutions to confirm that notices have been provided by the Commissioner of Taxation to entities concerning their election to participate in the JobKeeper payment scheme.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Modifications— National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse) Determination 2020 [F2020L00604]	22/05/2020	This determination temporarily changes the requirements for a valid application for redress under the National Redress Scheme for the period of 1 March 2020 to 31 December 2020. During this period, applicants will not need to provide a signed and witnessed statutory declaration, in recognition of the social distancing requirements associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and	22/05/2020	This instrument amends the JobKeeper payment eligibility requirements to provide that the 6 month turnover test period applying to universities is limited

Benefits) Amendment Rules (No. 3) 2020 [F2020L00605]		to only those universities that are Table A providers within the meaning of <i>Higher Education Support Act 2003</i> .
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Amendment (No. 3) Determination 2020 [F2020L00606]	23/05/2020	This instrument varies the existing emergency requirements for the management of the human biosecurity risk posed by COVID-19 to remote communities by: amending some designated areas, amending entry rules, and clarify some requirements related to ships docked in ports which are designated areas.
Industry Research and Development (National Communications Campaign to Support Small Business Program) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00607]	23/05/2020	This instrument prescribes the 'National Communications Campaign to Support Small Business Program', the purpose of which is to mitigate the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 on these businesses by encouraging consumers to patronise small businesses.
Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L00611]	25/5/2020	This determination modifies the operation of the civil penalty provisions in the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> to establish a temporary test based on a disclosing entity or its officers' knowledge, recklessness or negligence with respect to whether certain information would have a material effect on the price or value of its enhanced disclosure securities and therefore should be disclosed under the Act. This is stated as being implemented to encourage businesses to continue to meet their reporting obligations during the uncertainty created by COVID-19.
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2019-2020 (No. 6) [F2020L00614]	26/5/2020	This instrument implements machinery of government changes resulting from the Administrative Arrangements Order of 5 December 2019 and from the Government's communications response to COVID-19.
Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Subsidies-COVID-19 Support) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00615]	26/5/2020	This instrument prescribes a new 'other supplement' for the purposes of the <i>Aged Care Act 1997</i> and <i>Aged Care (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997</i> . The new 'other supplement' is the COVID-19 support supplement which is payable to approved providers of residential care and flexible care.
CASA EX60/20 – CRS and SM CRS Document to Cover Specialist Maintenance by a Class D AMO – Instrument 2020 [F2020L00616]	27/5/2020	This instrument uses an exemption to expedite the modification of certain legislative procedures to allow certain specialist maintenance organisations to be used more flexibly by aircraft maintenance. These measures may assist with COVID-19 related social distancing measures, by providing that a larger pool of personnel can provide specialist aircraft maintenance.

ASIC Corporations (Deferral of Design and Distribution Obligations) Instrument 2020/486 [F2020L00618]	27/5/2020	This instrument temporarily exempts any person who is required to make a target market determination from all provisions of Part 7.8A of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> , until the end of 4 October 2021. This is in response to the effect of COVID-19 on the Australian economy, including the financial system.
ASIC Credit (Deferral of Mortgage Broker Obligations) Instrument 2020/487 [F2020L00623]	27/5/2020	This instrument temporarily exempts persons from duties under the <i>National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009</i> in relation to the provision of credit assistance to a consumer before 1 January 2021; and in relation to a benefit given before 1 January 2021 to a licensee or a representative of a licensee. This is in response to the effect of COVID-19 on the Australian economy, including the financial system.
CASA EX82/20 — Non-Destructive Testing and Aircraft Welding Authorities (Visual Testing) Exemption 2020 [F2020L00630]	28/05/2020	This instrument allows the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to renew authorities for non-destructive testing of aircraft and aircraft components, and authorities for aircraft welding, that expire during a specified 6-month period, without requiring the authority holder to undergo certain face-to-face tests or examinations that cannot be carried out while COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

29-31 May

Bill/Instrument	Date registered	Description
National Health (Listing of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 5) (PB 42 of 2020) [F2020L00641]	29/05/2020	This instrument makes changes to the pharmaceutical benefits listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme during the COVID-19 pandemic.
National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measures) Amendment Determination 2020 (No.4) (PB 44 OF 2020) [F2020L00643]	29/05/2020	This instrument expands the list of pharmaceutical benefits that can be supplied by an approved pharmacist, providing a continued option for consumers to obtain Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme subsidised access to their medicines to assist in managing the demand on the health system during the COVID-19 outbreak.
National Health (Highly specialised drugs program) Special Arrangement Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 5) (PB 46 OF 2020) [F2020L00646]	29/05/2020	This instrument makes changes to drugs, forms, manners of administration, brands, responsible person codes, authorised prescribers, maximum quantities and repeats, and the circumstances for prescribing various pharmaceutical benefits (including authority requirements). This includes amendments which apply during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Instrument	Date registered	Description
Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment (Jobkeeper Payment) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00655]	2/06/2020	The instrument forms part of the JobKeeper scheme framework and ensures employers are not subject to additional superannuation guarantee obligations as a result of their participation in the JobKeeper scheme.
Aged Care (Leave from Residential Care Services) (Situation of Emergency—Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Determination 2020 [F2020L00656]	2/06/2020	This instrument declares the current COVID-19 pandemic as a situation of emergency for the purposes of the <i>Aged Care Act 1997</i> , meaning that emergency leave will be available to permanent aged care residents across Australia from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Measures No. 4) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00658]	2/06/2020	These regulations establish legislative authority for two spending activities administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. One of these programs, the Public Interest News Gathering program, will address the shortfalls in public interest journalism in regional Australia in light of financial challenges faced by the sector due to decreased advertising revenues and the COVID-19 pandemic.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Amendment (No. 4) Determination 2020 [F2020L00668]	3/06/2020	The instrument excludes the designated areas in Western Australia from the Current emergency requirements for remote communities determination from 5 June 2020, as the requirements are no longer considered necessary to prevent or control the entry, emergence, establishment or spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment Determination 2020 (No. 11) [F2020L00672]	4/06/2020	This instrument provides a period of salary non-reduction for a member of the Air Force who is an Air Force Flight Test Engineer, a partial resumption of overseas reunion travel benefits that were limited as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the removal of all the sections that provide the contents of chapters, parts and divisions.

9-15 June

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Corporate Plans) Rules 2020 [F2020L00677]	9/06/2020	This instrument prescribes a different publication date for 2020-21 corporate plans for entities and companies impacted by COVID-19.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Amendment (No. 5) Determination 2020 [F2020L00683]	10/06/2020	This instrument excludes areas in Queensland which were designated for the purposes of 'Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities' for the purpose of the COVID-19 response. This will take effect on and from 12 June 2020.
Taxation Administration (Coronavirus Economic Response Package— Ancillary Funds) Amendment Guidelines 2020 [F2020L00684]	11/06/2020	This instrument supports giving by public and private ancillary funds in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years in response to the effects of COVID-19. These ancillary trust funds are eligible to be endorsed as deductible gift recipients. The funds provide financial support for other deductible gift recipients to engage in charitable activities.
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 10) Determination 2020 [F2020L00690]	11/06/2020	This instrument implements measures to prevent detriment to recipients of social security payments resulting from the impacts of COVID-19. These relate to carer payment and carer allowance, former recipients of wife pension, mobility allowance, and pension portability.
Education Legislation Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Bill 2020	11/06/2020	Schedule 4 of this bill provides undergraduate students seeking FEE-HELP loans with an exemption from the requirement to pay the 25 per cent loan fee for units of study with census dates from 1 April to 30 September 2020, thereby reducing the financial burden on these students during that period.
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/565 [F2020L00697]	12/06/2020	This instrument specifies that the following temporary relief measures related to COVID-19 will cease to operate six months after they commenced: ASIC Corporations (Share and Interest Purchase Plans) Instrument 2019/547, ASIC Corporations (Trading Suspensions Relief) Instrument 2020/289 and ASIC Corporations (COVID-19 – Advice-related Relief) Instrument 2020/355.
Treasury Laws Amendment (2020 Measures No. 3) Bill	12/06/2020	This bill would authorise the Minister to enter into an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for Australia to provide loans to the IMF, which plays a

2020		key role in responding to the Coronavirus crisis. The bill would also ensure that the Treasurer can continue to enter into agreements with other countries to provide them with financial assistance in support of a program of the IMF. Further, the bill would provide for instant asset write offs connected with the economic conditions created by the pandemic, and clarify the application of cash flow boost provisions.
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00698]	12/06/2020	These regulations waive permission-related fees for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 in order to provide urgent temporary relief from the financial pressures currently faced by Great Barrier Reef Marine Park permission holders and permission applicants, including tourism operators, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.
Fair Work Amendment (Variation of Enterprise Agreements No. 2) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00702]	12/06/2020	These regulations amend the Fair Work Regulations 2009 to repeal amendments made by the Fair Work Amendment (Variation of Enterprise Agreements) Regulations 2020, which modified the period that employees must have access to a copy of a proposed variation of an enterprise agreement, and before which employees must be notified of the details of the vote on the variation (the 'access period'), from seven days to one day. This measure was intended to be a time-limited change to enable employers and their employees to quickly respond to issues that may arise in response to COVID-19.
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Fee Exemptions) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00703]	12/06/2020	These regulations give the Registrar of Plant Breeder's Rights and the Registrar of Trade Marks new powers to exempt specified classes of persons from the payment of the whole or part of a fee prescribed in the principal regulations. This is intended to address financial consequences as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Statement of Principles concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (Reasonable Hypothesis) (No. 46 of 2020) [F2020L00709]	12/06/2020	This instrument is the Statement of Principles concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (Reasonable Hypothesis). It is used in the assessment of any COVID-19 related claims by veterans and members of the military for rehabilitation and compensation.
Statement of Principles concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (Balance of Probabilities) (No. 47 of 2020) [F2020L00710]	12/06/2020	This instrument is the Statement of Principles concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (Balance of Probabilities). It is used in the assessment of any COVID-19 related claims by veterans and members of the military for rehabilitation and compensation.
Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L00711]	15/06/2020	This instrument prescribes a new table of general medical services and increases the schedule fee by 1.5 per cent for most of the general medical services. This applies the temporary increase in schedule fees for the bulk-billing incentive items on an ongoing basis. The schedule fee was temporarily increased to encourage

		medical practitioners to provide bulk-billed services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L00713]	15/06/2020	These regulations prescribe a new table of diagnostic imaging services, and increase the schedule fee by 1.5 percent for some diagnostic imaging services from 1 July 2020. This applies the temporary increase in schedule fees for the bulk-billing diagnostic imaging services on an ongoing basis. The fee was temporarily increased to encourage the provision of bulk-billed services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Export Market Development Grants (Export Performance Requirements) Amendment (2019-20 Grant Year) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00722]	16/06/2020	This instrument provides that the Export Market Development Grants (Export Performance Requirements) Instrument 2018 will not apply for grant year 2019-20. This means for some applicants, the calculation of 50% of all the applicant's eligible expenses less \$2,500 will be applied. This instrument is part of the legislative response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 response.
CASA EX90/20 — Helicopter Aircrew Members Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00724]	16/06/2020	This instrument extends the deadline for training requirements from 30 June 2020 to 31 December 2020, noting that travel restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic have made it impracticable to conduct the training by 30 June 2020.
Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response) Rules 2020 [F2020L00726]	16/06/2020	This instrument provides that people who have been in receipt of Jobkeeper may to continue to meet the work test for Paid Parental Leave (PPL), or Dad and Partner Pay (DaPP). It further provides that a person who has returned to work in response to a state, territory or national emergency (which includes the COVID-19 pandemic) can continue to receive their PPL or DaPP entitlement.
Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00727]	16/06/2020	These regulations increase the annual charges for most products by 1.95 per cent, for the financial year 2020-21. Further, the regulation provide a 50 per cent decrease in the amount that would otherwise have applied to prostheses under the proposed 1.95 per cent increase, in order to alleviate the impact of reductions in elective surgeries as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.
Health Insurance (Pathology Services Table) Amendment (Indexation)	16/06/2020	These regulations increase the fees of two Medicare Benefits Schedule items by 1.5 per cent, to help encourage medical professionals to bulk bill patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulations also

Regulations 2020 [F2020L00728]		clarify that two tests or more under item 69494 for a detection of a virus, microbial antigen or microbial nucleic acid are required.
National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Amendment (2020 Measures No. 2) Rules 2020 [F2020L00733]	17/06/2020	This Instrument provides that the Minister may, until 31 December 2020, declare that an institution, other than a defunct institution, is a participating institution in the scheme. The explanatory materials provide that the extended period of time reflects the time it takes to become a participating institution and takes into account the changed capacity of many institutions due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2019-2020 (No. 7) [F2020L00737]	17/06/2020	This instrument implements machinery of government changes resulting from the Government's communications response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This reflects a transfer of resources from the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Health for COVID-19 communications campaign activities.
Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Indexation) Determination 2020 [F2020L00742]	17/06/2020	This instrument increases the schedule fee by 1.5 per cent for specified the health services. This means that patients will receive a higher Medicare benefit for these services from 1 July 2020. The explanatory materials note that the relevant items are temporary services which enable patients to access many health services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Amendment (No.6) Determination 2020 [F2020L00752]	18/06/2020	This instrument excludes three designated areas in South Australia from the COVID-19 related emergency entry and exist requirements for remote communities.
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Class Waiver Amendment Instrument 2020/586 [F2020L00764]	19/06/2020	This instrument extends, by 19 months, a class waiver exemption, which applies to the extent that the rules require a Market Participant to provide a confirmation to a wholesale client for a market transaction in a derivatives market contract. The explanatory materials state that this will enable participants to focus on their immediate priorities and the needs of their customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 11)	20/06/2020	This instrument temporarily extends qualification for income support payments and concessions, where a recipient would otherwise cease to qualify due to a change in their or their partner's employment income.

Determination 2020 [F2020L00765]		It is made in response to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Deferral of Sunsetting–PGPA Act Determination (National Disability Research Special Account 2016)) Determination 2020 [F2020L00780]	25/06/2020	This instrument defers the end date of the National Disability Research Special Account 2016, under Schedule 16 of the Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus Act 2020. The explanatory materials state that as the Parliament has revised its Autumn and Winter sittings schedule, there may not be sufficient time to make a replacement special account before this were to cease.
Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (Office Expenses No. 2) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00785]	25/06/2020	This instrument enables certain parliamentarians to produce and place content for broadcast on regional community and open narrowcast radio. The explanatory materials state that the regulations are being introduced in response to the impact of COVID 19 on regional media, in particular the reduction in print media services, to enable members in regional areas to continue to communicate with their constituents.
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Measures No. 1) Determination 2020 [F2020L00786]	25/06/2020	Schedule 1 of this instrument will have the effect of halving the minimum drawdown amount from market-linked income streams that is assessable for social security purposes. The explanatory materials note that this takes into consideration the economic impact of COVID-19. Schedule 2 will repeal a related instrument to reflect a change in the name of the relevant department.
ASIC Corporations, Superannuation and Credit (Amendment) Instrument 2020/99 [F2020L00789]	26/06/2020	This instrument preserves ASIC's existing policy in relation to approved standards and requirements for an internal dispute resolution procedure, pending the commencement of ASIC's new policy on 5 October 2021. The explanatory materials notes that the release of ASIC's new internal dispute resolution standards and requirements was delayed due to COVID-19.
National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Provider Registration – Extension of Exemption) Rules 2020 [F2020L00790]	26/06/2020	This instrument extends the NDIS registration exemption available to residential aged care providers under subsection 7(4) of the NDIS Practice Standards Rules from 30 June 2020 until 30 November 2020. The explanatory materials state that aged care providers are currently focused on managing the health risks to residents of aged care facilities from COVID-19.

Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Social Services Measures No. 2) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00792]	26/06/2020	<p>These regulations establish legislative authority for government spending on certain activities administered by the Department of Social Services. This including funding for a grant to Anti-Slavery Australia (part of the University of Technology Sydney) to support its Complex Violence Intervention (Forced Marriage) Project, which aims to address the impact of isolation created by the COVID-19 response on young people at increased risk of forced marriage.</p>
CASA EX92/20 – Materials Flammability Airworthiness Standards (Medical Isolation Transportation Devices) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00796]	26/06/2020	<p>This instrument will enable aircraft to carry a Medical Isolation Transportation Device (MITD) although the MITD does not comply with materials flammability requirements contained in applicable airworthiness standards. The explanatory materials note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is an increased need for aircraft to be able to carry MITDs for the transport of infectious patients.</p>
Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 4) Minister's Rules 2020 [F2020L00802]	26/06/2020	<p>This instrument introduces a number of measures to support approved providers and individuals with children in care, including: an additional one week baseline payment during the ECEC Relief Package period, and temporarily relaxing the CCS activity test to help individuals impacted by COVID-19 to get back into their workforce participation activities from 13 July to 4 October 2020; access to 100 hours of subsidised child care per fortnight where persons now have a reduced number of hours of work, training, study or other recognised activity; extending the Minister's rule which permits child care services to waive gap fees until 31 December 2020 in the event that the service is forced to close on public health advice for COVID-19 reasons; making it a condition for continued approval that an approved provider is not paid an amount of JobKeeper payment for an individual who is not an eligible employee of the provider, and in the case of approved providers that are self-employed, is not paid an amount of JobKeeper payment for themselves. Employees of approved providers who are principally engaged in the operation of a child care service, and self-employed providers, will be ineligible for JobKeeper payments from 20 July 2020.</p>
Civil Aviation Order 48.1 Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00805]	26/06/2020	<p>This instrument defers for 12 months the date on which two Civil Aviation Orders take full effect. This includes an order in relation to a fatigue risk management system. The explanatory materials note that the 12-month deferral of the transition dates seeks to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic for relevant aircraft operators, by giving them sufficient time to adjust operations, identify and make arrangements for</p>

		the timely application of an appropriate Appendix or Appendices.
Civil Aviation Safety Amendment (Part 66 Transition Extension) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00824]	29/06/2020	This instrument extends the current transition arrangements that allow CASA to grant a limited Part 66 aircraft engineer licence to people who had already commenced training and examinations under the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988, for a period of 12 months until 30 June 2021. The explanatory materials note that CASA is developing a replacement self-study pathway but due to the current COVID-19 travel and social distancing restrictions affecting the practical aspects of training and candidates' ability to sit exams, industry has requested a further extension.
Child Care Subsidy (Extension of First Deadline) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00829]	29/06/2020	This instrument extends the period in which affected individuals are able to meet the Child Care Subsidy reconciliation conditions for the 2018-19 income year, from 30 June 2020 to 31 March 2021. The explanatory materials note that this measure is part of the COVID-19 response, and is intended to facilitate families' ongoing access to subsidised child care.
Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Flexibility Measures) Rules 2020 [F2020L00837]	29/06/2020	This instrument set out the eligibility criteria for days in a person's initial continuous 12 week paid parental leave period and for a person's flexible PPL days. It provides for circumstance in which a return to work or the performance should be disregarded for the purposes of determining eligibility for parental leave pay, including where that person is performing emergency work related to COVID-19.
National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measures) Amendment Determination 2020 (No.5) (PB 58 of 2020) [F2020L00848]	30/06/2020	This instrument expands the list of pharmaceutical benefits that can be supplied by an approved pharmacist without a prescription, and provides the conditions for such a supply (a 'Continued Dispensing' supply). The explanatory materials explain that this is intended to allow continued subsidised access to medicines to assist in managing the demand on the health system during the COVID-19 outbreak.
ASIC Corporations (Approval of Variation of March 2020 Banking Code of Practice) Instrument 2020/602 [F2020L00854]	30/06/2020	This instrument approves a variation of the March 2020 Banking Code of Practice. This relates to the insertion of a COVID-19 special note, which temporarily applies to banking services and guarantees during the pandemic.
Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment (Aged Care	30/06/2020	These regulations provide that an employer is not required to make additional superannuation contributions as a result of a bonus payment paid to an employee under the Aged Care Workforce Retention

Retention Bonus Regulations 2020 [F2020L00859]		Grant Opportunity, two payments made to eligible aged care workers as part of the COVID-19 response.
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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
CASA EX97/20 — Aircraft Engineer Licence and Rating Training and Qualification (Extension of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemption 2020 [F2020L00866]	01/07/2020	<p>This instrument provides temporary relief from legislative time-based obligations for completion of license training and examination programs for the grant of aircraft engineer licences and aircraft type training courses for the grant of a rating for an aircraft type on a licence. This relief is provided because candidates may not be able to meet these timeframes due to COVID-19 restrictions such as the closure of examination venues and travel restrictions.</p>
Defence Determination, Conditions of service (Star rank increment advancement) Amendment Determination 2020 (No. 12) [F2020L00867]	01/07/2020	<p>This instrument applies the Australian Government's request regarding a stay on the remuneration of the Australian Public Service (APS) to senior officers in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), noting that Defence has an integrated workforce of both APS and ADF personnel.</p>
Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Exemption) Instrument (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00868]	01/07/2020	<p>This instrument exempts specified air conditioners from the minimum energy performance standard levels set in Part 3 and Schedule 1 of the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Air Conditioners up to 65kW) Determination 2019. The explanatory materials note that COVID-19 related supply chain disruptions have delayed the shipping of some related units.</p>
Part 66 Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00874]	3/07/2020	<p>This instrument temporarily extends a transitional arrangement allowing the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to grant a limited aircraft engineer licence to a person who had already commenced training and examinations under repealed regulation 31, until 30 June 2021. The explanatory materials note that COVID-19 has impacted the practical aspects of training.</p>
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 1 of 2020-2021) [F2020L00875]	3/07/2020	<p>This instrument determines that the balance available for allocations under the Supply Act (No 2) 2020 2021 is increased by \$250,000,000. The explanatory materials advise that the Commonwealth Government agreed that this appropriation is essential to provide funding to local governments for delivery of road resilience and community infrastructure projects to boost economic activity following the initial impact of COVID-19.</p>

Accounting Standard AASB 2020-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions [F2020L00877]	3/07/2020	This instrument provides a practical expedient for lessees regarding the accounting under a lease for rent concessions granted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Veterans' Entitlements (Asset-test Exempt Income Stream (Market-linked) – Payment Factors) Principles Amendment Instrument 2020 [F2020L00894]	9/07/2020	This instrument implement changes to the minimum payment amounts for income streams payable during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 financial years. The amendments to the Payment Factors Principles are being made to ensure consistency with the amendments made by Schedule 10 to the Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus Act 2020 (Coronavirus Omnibus Act).
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Deferral of Sunsetting—Treasury Portfolio Instruments) Determination 2020 [F2020L00895]	9/07/2020	This instrument defers the sunseting date of the ASIC Class Order [CO 10/407], ASIC Class Order [CO 10/654] and Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 – Takeovers Panel – Procedural Rules (12/04/2010) until 1 April 2021. The explanatory materials state that ASIC and the Takeovers Panel requested this deferral as the preparation of replacement instruments was delayed by urgent work in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Repeal Determination 2020 [F2020L00897]	9/07/2020	This instrument revokes the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Determination 2020 to remove the remaining three designated areas in South Australia on and from 10 July 2020.
Poisons Standard July 2020 [F2020L00899]	9/07/2020	This Standard incorporates a small number of changes to the Poisons Standard (No.3) June 2020, principally, the scheduling of the new substance, remdesivir, in Schedule 4 to the current Poisons Standard. The explanatory materials note that Recent studies have indicated that remdesivir may have potential in the treatment of COVID-19, and there is a need to ensure that the substance is appropriately scheduled in Australia to support controls relating to its supply.

Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (COVID-19 Exemptions) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00905]		<p>This instrument exempts all new and existing CRICOS registered providers from the requirement to pay the 2021 annual registration charge, and exempt all new and existing CRICOS registered providers from the requirement to pay the entry to market charges from 12 April 2020 until 30 June 2021. The explanatory materials state that This measure is designed to reduce the regulatory and cost burden on education providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
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14-20 July 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Corporations (Relevant Providers Continuing Professional Development Standard) Determination (Amendment) 2020 [F2020L00912]	15/07/2020	<p>This instrument modifies the current requirements for continuing professional development that relevant providers (financial planners and financial advisers) must undertake to meet the fourth of the education and training standards under the Corporations Act 2001, providing additional time to provide relief in the context of COVID-19.</p>
Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Part 139 Aerodromes— Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00913]	15/07/2020	<p>This instrument implements transition provisions to ensure aerodromes can commence on 22 August 2020. It will also bring forward the commencement date of the new regulatory framework to 13 August 2020 to align with the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) publication date. These provisions are in response to health risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery (Overcatch and Undercatch) Determination No. 2 of 2020 [F2020L00915]	15/07/2020	<p>This instrument determines the amounts and percentages for undercatch and overcatch for the 2020 fishing season commencing on 1 December 2019 and ending on 30 November 2020. These provide for 'carry over' or 'carry under' of a small amount of end of season quota between fishing seasons thereby allowing fishers the flexibility to catch a certain amount of fish over or under their quota, and debit or credit this to or from the following season's quota. This follows consultation as to the impact of COVID-19 on markets and fishing operations.</p>
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Amendment Rules (No. 6) 2020 [F2020L00921]	17/07/2020	<p>The instrument provides a mechanism to allow an Australian government agency or local governing body to confirm that notices have been issued by the Commissioner of Taxation to entities concerning their election to participate in the JobKeeper scheme. This is because a number of states have introduced assistance programs for entities affected by the impact of COVID-19 health measures for which</p>

		eligibility is conditional on the entities participating in the JobKeeper scheme.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone GP Attendances) Amendment (Patient’s Usual Medical Practitioner) Determination 2020 [F2020L00922]	17/07/2020	This instrument introduces a requirement that GPs and other medical practitioners working in general practice must only perform a remote service where they have relationship with the patient. This requirement does not apply to a person who is under the age of 12 months, a person who is experiencing homelessness, a person who is in a COVID-19 impacted area, a person receiving an urgent after-hours service (in unsociable hours), or a person who receives the service from a medical practitioner located at an Aboriginal Medical Service or an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service. The explanatory materials state that this change responds to advice from medical experts.
Norfolk Island Continued Laws Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response Measures) Rules 2020 [F2020L00926]	20/07/2020	This instrument amends the Norfolk Island Continued Laws Ordinance 2015 with the effect of amending two continued Norfolk Island laws, specifically the Bankruptcy Act 2006 (NI) and the Companies Act 1985 (NI) to implement temporary Coronavirus economic relief measures.

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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 5) Minister’s Rules 2020 [F2020L00930]	21/07/2020	This instrument permits approved child care providers to waive their fees for child care services in areas subject to Stage 3 or higher “stay at home” restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Part 139 (Aerodromes) Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00931]	22/07/2020	This instrument makes transitional arrangements in anticipation of the commencement of the new Manual of Standards on 13 August 2020. This will provide aerodrome operators with more time to implement certain aspects of the new Manual of Standards. This extension of time is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
ASIC Corporations (Amendment and Repeal) Instrument 2020/579 [F2020L00932]	22/07/2020	This instrument clarifies the intended operation of aspects of the fees and costs disclosure regime for Product Disclosure Statements and periodic statements that will apply to superannuation products and collective investment products under the ASIC Corporations (Disclosure of Fees and Costs) Instrument 2019/1070. These amendments are in response to the

		COVID-19 pandemic.
Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) Amendment (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00934]	22/07/2020	This instrument extends the Research Training Program funding allocation arrangements for higher education providers and support for Research Training Program scholarships for research students adversely affected by COVID-19.
Other Grants Guidelines (Research) Amendment (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00936]	22/07/2020	This instrument extends the transitional safety net for higher education providers to 31 December 2021. These changes were requested by a range of higher education stakeholders to support students during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines Amendment (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00940]	23/07/2020	This instrument allows grants to be paid to a number of non-university higher education providers to provide retraining and upskilling opportunities in 2020 in national priority fields of education, including for workers impacted by COVID-19.
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Measures No. 6) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00944]	23/07/2020	This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, which aims to support community-led recovery from the adverse effects of the coronavirus.
Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00946]	23/07/2020	This instrument supports measures recently introduced into the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 by the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Act 2020, and makes a number of other changes including to delay the commencement of certain medical device reforms. These delays reflect the impact of the public health emergency related to COVID-19.
Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) (Administrative Fee) Determination 2020 [F2020L00947]	23/07/2020	This determination specifies the amounts that enable the administrative fee component of the HELP tuition protection levy to be calculated. In setting this levy, consideration was had as to the impacts of COVID-19.

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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) (Administrative Fee)	28/07/2020	This instrument specifies the amounts that enable the administrative fee of the VSL tuition protection levy to

Determination 2020 [F2020L00951]		be determined. The explanatory materials note that the current pandemic was a considering in the setting of the levy.
Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Amendment (No. 4) Determination 2020 [F2020L00954]	28/07/2020	This instrument lists a new item for SARS-COV-2 testing of aged care workers.
Migration (LIN 20/158: Classes of Persons for Student (Temporary) (Class TU) Visa Applications) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00955]	29/07/2020	This instrument specifies an additional class of persons applying for a Subclass 500 visa to whom the nil visa application charge (VAC) amount applies. The explanatory materials notes that, as a result of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 and the consequential pandemic, some Subclass 500 visa holders will be unable to complete their studies within the validity period of their Subclass 500 visa. A nil VAC amount would be applicable to such a visa holder seeking to reapply for further Subclass 500 visa to complete their study, if they were unable to complete their course within their original visa validity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) (Risk Rated Premium and Special Tuition Protection Components) Determination 2020 [F2020I00960]	30/07/2020	This instrument determines various matters relevant to the calculation of the risk rated premium component and special tuition protection component of the HELP Tuition Protection Levy for the 2020 calendar year. The explanatory materials note that the pandemic was a relevant consideration.
VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) (Risk Rated Premium and Special Tuition Protection Components) Determination 2020 [F2020L00961]	30/07/2020	This instrument determines various matters relevant to the calculation of the risk rated premium component and special tuition protection component of the VSL Tuition Protection Levy for the 2020 calendar year. The explanatory materials note that the pandemic was a relevant consideration.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements—Retail Outlets at International Airports) Amendment (No. 1) Determination 2020 [F2020L00964]	30/07/2020	This instrument allows designated retail outlets to trade in the departure areas of international airports. The operator of the retail outlet can trade provided they maintain social distancing amongst customers and measures to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 from international transit passengers.
Customs By-law No.2041552	31/07/2020	This by-law covers certain medical products and

[F2020L00965]		<p>hygiene products imported as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<p>National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measures) Amendment Determination 2020 (No.6) (PB 70 of 2020) [F2020L00977]</p>	<p>31/07/2020</p>	<p>This instrument provides for the addition of forms of the listed drugs metformin and salbutamol to the list of pharmaceutical benefits that can be supplied as a Continued Dispensing supply. The explanatory materials state that this is to assist in managing the demand on the health system during the COVID-19 outbreak</p>
<p>Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 13) Determination 2020 [F2020L00980]</p>	<p>31/07/2020</p>	<p>This instrument extends the nil rate period, meaning that a social security recipient who is currently subject to a nil rate period under subsection 23(4A) of the Social Security Act, or who commence a nil rate period before 16 November 2020, will be taken to be receiving a social security payment at a rate of nil until at least 16 November 2020.</p>

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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Amendment (No. 5) Determination 2020 [F2020L00981]	3/08/2020	This instrument expands the SARS-COV-2 testing item introduced on 28 July 2020 to apply to a person who drives a heavy vehicle interstate.
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Determination of Fees (Amendment) 2020 [F2020L00985]	4/08/2020	This instrument provides for merits review in relation to discretionary decisions to waive and refund fees and narrow the scope of discretions to waive and refund fees. The explanatory materials note that these measures are in response to stakeholder feedback in relation to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the higher education sector.
CASA EX108/20 – EPC Requirements for ATOs Transitioning to the FER (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) – Exemption Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 2) [F2020L00986]	4/08/2020	This instrument varies an existing exemption from certain provisions of Part 61 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 to accommodate to continuing severe impacts from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (COVID-19 response) Determination 2020 (No. 16) [F2020L00990]	5/08/2020	This instrument expands certain benefits that have been provided in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to provide additional benefits to meet the ongoing needs to the Australian Defence Force workforce during this period.

9-15 August 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Exemption) Instrument (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L00993]	6/08/2020	This instrument specifies models of Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) products that the GEMS Regulator has exempted from requirements under the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Air Conditioners up to 65kW) Determination 2019 due to testing delays associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
Financial Framework (Supplementary	6/08/2020	These regulations establish legislative authority for government to make pandemic leave disaster payment

Powers) Amendment (Home Affairs Measures No. 4) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00994]		grants to eligible individuals who are unable to earn income while under a direction to self-isolate or quarantine resulting from COVID-19.
CASA EX94/20 – Exemption from Regulation 42.150 of CASR (Time Allowed to Vary Approved Maintenance Program) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00995]	6/08/2020	This instrument exempts persons responsible for the continuing airworthiness of certain aircraft from complying with a 90-day limit imposed under regulation 42.150 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 for varying an aircraft’s approved maintenance program. This is in response to a lack of staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical – Expansion of GP and Allied Health Mental Health Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00996]	6/08/2020	This instrument lists 36 new temporary mental health treatment items to provide 10 additional Medicare-subsidised psychological therapy sessions for people subject to further restrictions outlined in public health orders as part of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Fee Amounts and Other Measures) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00997]	7/08/2020	These regulations implement changes in fees arising from the fee review conducted by IP Australia, including taking into consideration an anticipated decline in customer demand for IP rights associated with the COVID-19 economic downturn.
National Health Security (National Notifiable Disease List) Amendment (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01009]	10/08/2020	This instrument amends the National Health Security (National Notifiable Disease List) Instrument 2018 to permanently list ‘human coronavirus with pandemic potential’ on the National Notifiable Disease List under the National Health Security Act 2007.
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 12) Determination 2020 [F2020L01010]	10/08/2020	This provides for additional purposes for which the Secretary of the Department of Social Services can use JobKeeper information provided to the Secretary by the Commissioner of Taxation under section 204A of the Administration Act. It also authorises the Secretary to use JobKeeper information for additional purposes.
Therapeutic Goods (Standard for Faecal Microbiota Transplant Products) (TGO 105) Order 2020 [F2020L01011]	11/08/2020	This instrument establishes a ministerial standard for therapeutic goods that are faecal microbiota transplant products. The timing of the introduction of these measures is associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Refrigerated Cabinets Revocation) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01013]	11/08/2020	This instrument revokes the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Refrigerated Cabinets) Determination 2019 which was due to commence on 15 August 2020. This follows feedback from industry

		stakeholders as to the effect of COVID-19 on their capacity to register all products in accordance with that determination.
Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Refrigerated Cabinets) Determination 2020 [F2020L01014]	11/08/2020	This instrument establishes minimum energy efficiency requirements, and associated requirements for conducting tests, for refrigerated display cabinets, refrigerated storage cabinets, ice cream freezers and refrigerated display scooping cabinets for gelato. This determination mirrors an earlier determination which was revoked before its commencement due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Amendment Rules (No. 7) 2020 [F2020L01021]	14/08/2020	This instrument provides a new employment reference date of 1 July 2020 for employees to be eligible for JobKeeper scheme.

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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Benefits Schemes Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L01026]	17/08/2020	This instrument updates references to the current Community Pharmacy Agreement, and extends the transitional period for the implementation of Active Ingredient Prescribing, and updates references to the pharmaceutical benefits which may be prescribed without a prescription under the emergency arrangements which were put in place for the bushfires and extended for the COVID-19 pandemic.
Migration (LIN 20/182: Subclass 417 (Working Holiday) visa—Specified work and places) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01033]	18/08/2020	The instrument specifies critical COVID-19 work in the healthcare and medical sectors carried out after 31 January 2020, enabling relevant applicants who have carried out critical COVID-19 work in the healthcare and medical sectors after 31 January 2020 in any place in Australia to count this work towards eligibility for a second or third Subclass 417 visa.
Migration (LIN 20/184: Subclass 462 (Work and Holiday) visa – Specified work and areas) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01034]	18/08/2020	This instrument provides that relevant applicants who undertake critical COVID-19 work in the healthcare and medical sectors after 31 January 2020 in any postcode area in Australia may count this work towards eligibility for a second or third Subclass 462 visa.
National Health (Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy) Amendment (COVID-19	20/08/2020	This instrument enables eligible public hospitals to use a 'chemotherapy medication chart' to write prescriptions for infusions and related pharmaceutical

Simplified Prescribing) Special Arrangement 2020 [F2020L01037]		benefits, to enable private hospitals to use a chemotherapy medication chart to write prescriptions for infusions, without the need for the original paper prescriptions, to help ensure timely access to such medications during the COVID-10 pandemic.
National Health (Chemotherapy Prescribing) Special Arrangement 2020 [F2020L01038]	20/08/2020	This instrument authorises the use of a Chemotherapy Medication Chart either in paper or electronic form, and was developed in response to the potential impact of the pandemic on vulnerable patients.
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education, Skills and Employment Measures No. 4) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01040]	20/08/2020	This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on certain activities administered by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, including the Local Jobs – COVID-19 Recovery Pilot.
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Health Measures No. 4) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01041]	20/08/2020	This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on certain activities administered by the Department of Health, including a grant to Raise Foundation, to improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes for young people, and improve resilience to the current COVID-19 pandemic.
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Measures No. 7) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01042]	20/08/2020	This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on certain activities administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, including programs to support the recovery of the arts sector from the adverse impacts of COVID-19.

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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Deferral of Effective Date [AASB 101] [F2020L01049]	21/08/2020	This instrument defers recently made requirements for the presentation of liabilities in the statement of financial position as current or non-current by one year, to periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Covid-19-Related Rent	21/08/2020	This instrument adds new disclosure requirements for COVID-19-related rent concessions for entities reporting under Tier 2 (Simplified Disclosures).

Concessions: Tier 2 Disclosures [AASB 16 & AASB 1060] [F2020L01050]		
Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 6) Minister's Rules 2020 [F2020L01052]	21/08/2020	This instrument increases the number of allowable absence days that are available to individuals whose children are in care at approved child care services in Victoria, and increases the cap on the appropriation in section 233 of the A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999 for payments under the Community Child Care Fund Special Circumstances (CCCF-SC) Grant Opportunity program for the 2020-2021 financial year from \$584 million to \$623 million.
Banking, Insurance, Life Insurance and Superannuation (prudential standard) determination No. 1 of 2020 [F2020L01062]	26/08/2020	This instrument determines Prudential Standard CPS 226 Margining and risk mitigation for non-centrally cleared derivatives, and includes deferrals of some arrangements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Jobkeeper Payments) Amendment Act 2020	26/08/2020	This Act extends the operation of the JobKeeper scheme to 28 March 2021.
CASA EX121/20 – Commercial Pilot Licence (Helicopter) Flight Training Requirements (COVID-19) Exemption 2020 [F2020L01067]	27/08/2020	This instrument exempts a group of applicants for the commercial pilot licence with the helicopter category rating from the requirement to undergo the last 30 hours of their required flight training within the period of 3 months immediately before the flight test for the licence, noting the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
ASIC Corporations (Hardship Withdrawals Relief) Instrument 2020/778 [F2020L01069]	27/08/2020	This instrument provides responsible entities of registered managed investment schemes relief from certain provisions in Chapter 5C of the Corporations Act 2001 to facilitate withdrawals by members suffering hardship while the scheme is frozen. The explanatory materials note that the COVID-19 impact may lead to increased investor demand to withdraw on hardship grounds.
National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measures) Amendment Determination 2020 (No. 7) [F2020L01070]	27/08/2020	This instrument provides for the addition of the listed drug acalabrutinib and for the addition of forms of the listed drugs imipramine and methylphenidate to the list of pharmaceutical benefits that can be supplied as a Continued Dispensing supply, to assist in managing the demands on the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Aged Care (Transitional Provisions) (Subsidy and Other Measures) Amendment (Cessation of Temporary Funding Increases) Determination 2020 [F2020L01076]	27/08/2020	This instrument ceases from 1 September 2020 temporary aged care funding increases payable to approved aged care providers (relating to home care, residential care and the homeless supplement). Those temporary increases provided additional support from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 in response to pressures on workforce supply resulting from COVID-19.
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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Aged Care (Subsidy, Fees and Payments) Amendment (Cessation of Temporary Funding Increases) Determination 2020 [F2020L01077]	28/08/2020	This instrument ceases, from 1 September 2020, temporary aged care funding increases payable to approved aged care providers announced by the Australian Government on 20 March 2020. Those temporary increases provided additional support from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 in response to pressures on workforce supply resulting from COVID-19.
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 14) Determination 2020 [F2020L01093]	30/08/2020	This instrument: extends the period in respect of which the COVID-19 supplement will be paid; reinstates the assets tests and the liquid assets test waiting period for certain payments; temporarily increases the income free area to \$300 a fortnight for JobSeeker Payment recipients (except recipients who are both not a member of a couple and who are the principal carer of a child) and Youth Allowance (Other) recipients; increases the partner income taper rate for JobSeeker Payment recipients from 25 cents for every dollar over the partner income free area to 27 cents for every dollar over the partner income free area. It also extends other measures to assist social security payment recipients impacted by COVID-19.
Industry Research and Development (Eat Seafood Australia Program) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01101]	31/08/2020	This instrument prescribes the Eat Seafood Australia Program, providing funding through the \$1 billion COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund. The explanatory materials state that this will the program will support the survival and recovery of the seafood industry, which has been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 crisis
Veterans' Entitlements (Provisional Access to Medical Treatment) Amendment Determination No. 2 2020 [F2020L01109]	31/08/2020	This instrument extends the intake period of the Provisional Access to Medical Treatment Trial (the Trial) by twelve months to 1 July 2021 and the closing date of the provision of treatment under the Trial by twelve months to 31 December 2021. The explanatory materials note that this reflects changing processing times and capacity amid unprecedented increases in

		claims intakes as well as workforce capacity within the COVID-19 pandemic environment
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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Cruise Ships) Amendment (No. 1) Determination 2020 [F2020L01114]	1/09/2020	This instrument extends the prohibition on cruise ships from entering Australian territory or Australian ports, unless an exemption applies to the ship, and operates from 2 September 2020 for the duration of the declared human biosecurity emergency period (to 17 December 2020).
Migration (LIN 20/156: Jobactive - Period, manner and evidence of labour market testing) Amendment Instrument 2020 [F2020L01123]	2/09/2020	This instrument includes an additional requirement for the manner in which labour market testing is required to be undertaken. Specifically, this instrument requires for nominated positions to be advertised on the Government's Jobactive website.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Variation (Extension No. 2) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01129]	3/09/2020	This instrument extends the COVID-19 human biosecurity emergency period for a further 3 months until 17 December 2020.
Treasury Laws Amendment (Release of Superannuation on Compassionate Grounds) Regulations (No. 3) 2020 [F2020L01133]	3/09/2020	This instrument extends the deadline by which applications must be made for coronavirus related early release from superannuation and retirement savings accounts to 31 December 2020.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Deferral of Sunsetting—ASIO Special Powers Relating to Terrorism Offences) Determination 2020 [F2020L01134]	4/09/2020	The instrument provides that Division 3 of Part III of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979 will continue to operate until 7 March 2021. This has the effect that the framework allowing the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) to question and detain persons under a warrant in relation to terrorism offences would continue in operation.
Parliamentary Contributory	4/09/2020	This instrument aligns the timing period for early release superannuation applications due to COVID-19

Superannuation (Early Release Payments) Amendment Regulations 2020 [F2020L01136]		in the Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Scheme with that available to other Australians.
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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Product Stewardship (Oil) Amendment (Re-refined Base Oil) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01140]	7/09/2020	This instrument creates an additional 12 cents per litre of product stewardship (oil) benefit, in respect of re-refined base oil, where the entitlement to the benefit arose on or after 1 July 2020 and on or before 31 December 2020. This temporary additional amount of the product stewardship (oil) benefit is part of the COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund.
Migration (LIN 20/229: COVID-19 Pandemic event for Subclass 408 (Temporary Activity) visa and visa application charge for Temporary Activity (Class GG) visa) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01145]	7/09/2020	This instrument specifies an additional class of persons to enable people with the relevant skills and qualifications to undertake work in the aged care sector to apply for the Subclass 408 visa.
Banking (prudential standard) determination No. 4 of 2020 [F2020L01147]	9/09/2020	This instrument temporarily adjusts the prudential treatment for loans granted repayment deferrals, or that are otherwise restructured, due to COVID-19. Where an authorised deposit-taking institution provides an eligible borrower with a repayment deferral, it does not need to classify the loan as restructured, and may pause the counting of days past-due, so as not to trigger the requirement to classify the loan as impaired.
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (confidentiality) determination No. 2 of 2020 [F2020L01148]	9/09/2020	This instrument provides that information given to APRA under ARS 923.2 is non-confidential. As a result, the information will be disclosed by APRA under subsection 56(5C) of the Act. The explanatory materials state that information will provide the public with a better understanding of exposures by authorised deposit-taking institutions (ADIs) to loans subject to repayment deferrals, or otherwise restructured, due to COVID-19 and the resulting impact on an ADI's risk profile.
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 8 of 2020 [F2020L01149]	9/09/2020	This instrument determines ARS 923.2 which collects data from authorised deposit-taking institutions on their exposure to loans with repayment deferrals due to COVID-19, and is aligned with the temporary

		amendments to APS 220.
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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Rules Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 4) [F2020L01161]	14/09/2020	This instrument extends the period to 31 December 2020 during which individuals affected by the adverse economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic can apply to the Australian Taxation Office for the early release of funds from their superannuation or retirement savings account.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Amendment Rules (No. 8) 2020 [F2020L01165]	15/09/2020	This instrument extends the period of wage subsidy support provided under the JobKeeper scheme until 28 March 2021, but tapering the scheme in the December 2020 and March 2021 quarters.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) (Timing of Supplies Made and Decline in Turnover Test) Rules 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L01171]	16/09/2020	This instrument sets out the time or times a supply is treated as being made when determining the current GST turnover of an entity for the purposes of section 8B of the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Rules 2020.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Higher Rate Determination 2020 [F2020L01172]	16/09/2020	For fortnights beginning on or after 28 September 2020, there are two rates for JobKeeper payments that entities can claim. This instrument specifies circumstances in which the higher rate of an entity's JobKeeper payment applies to an individual who is an eligible employee of the entity.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Alternative Reference Period Determination 2020 [F2020L01173]	16/09/2020	For fortnights beginning on or after 28 September 2020, there are two rates for JobKeeper payments that entities can claim. This instrument determines an alternative reference period that applies to a specified class of individuals if the Commissioner considers this to be a more suitable reference period for the purpose of applying the Rules to individuals in the specified class.
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Overseas Travel Ban Emergency Requirements)	17/09/2020	This instrument clarifies the requirement imposed on the operator of an aircraft or vessel to ensure that the aircraft or vessel does not leave Australian territory with an Australian citizen or permanent resident on board and to expand the decision-making authority to grant exemptions.

Amendment (No. 1) Determination 2020 [F2020L01176]		
Aged Care (Leave from Residential Care Services) (Situation of Emergency—Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L01180]	18/09/2020	This instrument provides for the situation of emergency under the <i>Aged Care Act 1997</i> to be extended from 30 September 2020 until 30 June 2021, and provide emergency leave to residential aged care recipients across Australia.
Migration Amendment (COVID-19 Concessions) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01181]	18/09/2020	This instrument assists certain temporary and provisional visa holders, including individuals who are on a pathway to permanent residence, who have been disadvantaged by the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as border closures, restrictions imposed on businesses and the general economic downturn, by providing several concessions.
Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Subsidies—COVID-19 Support Supplement and Workforce Continuity Funding Measures No. 2) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01183]	18/09/2020	This instrument prescribes a second COVID-19 support supplement payment, which is payable for each day in June 2020 that a care recipient was being provided residential care by their approved provider, and continue, from 1 September 2020, the temporary increases to the viability supplement and to the homeless supplement which had ended on 31 August 2020.
Fair Work Amendment (Jobkeeper Payments) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01185]	18/09/2020	This instrument supports the extension of the temporary workplace flexibilities in the <i>Fair Work Act 2009</i> that complement the JobKeeper payment scheme by ensuring that the 10 per cent decline in turnover test continues to be aligned with the decline in turnover test set out in the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits Rules 2020), and providing for a method of determining the ‘ordinary hours’ of particular classes of employees relevant to a legacy employer issuing a JobKeeper enabling stand down direction under s 789GJA.

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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Extend Cessation Date of Temporary COVID-19 Items) Determination 2020 [F2020L01190]	21/09/2020	This instrument extends the temporary telehealth and phone consultation services for six months until 31 March 2021, expand the pathology testing item for essential workers to include people who travel interstate as a rail crew member and remove the requirement to bulk-bill attendances for certain

		patients.
Corporations and Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Extending Temporary Relief for Financially Distressed Businesses and Individuals) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01191]	21/09/2020	This instrument extends the application of temporarily increased thresholds relating to bankruptcy until 31 December 2020.
Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination (No. 3) 2020 [F2020L01194]	22/09/2020	This instrument enables meetings to be run electronically and to enable electronic signatures to be used, in response to problems which companies face during the COVID-19 pandemic.
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/862 [F2020L01198]	23/09/2020	This instrument extends the end dates for three separate temporary relief measures relating to capital raisings and financial advice due to the uncertain impacts of COVID-19.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Alternative Decline in Turnover Test Rules (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L01200]	23/09/2020	This instrument gives certain entities or classes of entities an alternative basis on which they may satisfy the actual decline in turnover test or the decline in turnover test to be eligible for JobKeeper payments.
CASA EX132/20 — Licensing, and Operator Training and Checking (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemptions Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 3) [F2020L01202]	23/09/2020	This instrument further extends the already extended time provided for pilots and others to satisfy flight proficiency, flight review and medical certification requirements.
Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Bulk-billing Incentive (No. 2)) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01203]	23/09/2020	This instrument removes the temporary increase that was applied to the schedule fees for the bulk-billing incentive items, and returns the schedule fees to their normal rate from 1 October 2020. This includes the application of indexation of 1.5 per cent that was applied to most MBS items on 1 July 2020.
Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination (No. 4) 2020 [F2020L01206]	23/09/2020	This determination temporarily modifies the operation of some civil penalty provisions in the Corporations Act 2001 to establish a temporary test based on a disclosing entity or its officers' knowledge, recklessness or negligence with respect to whether certain information would have a material effect on the price or value of its enhanced disclosure securities and therefore should be disclosed under the Act. The explanatory statement

		states that this is to facilitate the continuation of business in circumstances relating to COVID-19.
Norfolk Island Continued Laws Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response Measures) Rules (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L01207]	24/09/2020	This instrument extends the temporary Coronavirus economic response measures contained in the Bankruptcy Act 2006 (NI) and the Companies Act 1985 (NI), to match the same time periods as the equivalent Commonwealth Coronavirus economic response measures.
National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement Amendment (Extension and Record Forms) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01212]	24/09/2020	This instrument extends the special arrangement to make the supply of pharmaceutical benefits to patients at risk of COVID-19, or who have been prescribed a pharmaceutical benefit by a health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus, more convenient; removes the provision requiring for a person in receipt of a pharmaceutical benefit to acknowledge the receipt of the pharmaceutical benefit upon supply; and waives requirements of an approved pharmacist or medical practitioner to sign a record of supply of a pharmaceutical benefit for the purpose of the PBS Safety Net.
Work Health and Safety (Hazardous Chemicals) Exemption 2020 [F2020L01218]	25/09/2020	This instrument provides that manufacturers, importers, suppliers and end users of chemicals who currently comply with the most recent (seventh) edition of the United Nations Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Hazardous Chemicals, may seek to be exempted from certain Work Health and Safety regulations as agreed by Safe Work Australia Members.

28-30 September

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment (HFC Quota Allocation—Grandfathered Quota) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01229]	28/09/2020	These regulations adjust the hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) grandfathered quota calculation method for the 2022 and 2023 allocation period and all future allocation periods in response to COVID-19 disruptions.
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/885 [F2020L01235]	28/09/2020	This instrument extends the relief granted for issuance of debit cards until 31 December 2020.
Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices—Information that Must Accompany Application	28/09/2020	This instrument specifies that a declaration of conformity must accompany an application for inclusion in relation to certain Class I medical devices

for Inclusion) Amendment (COVID-19 Measures—Class I Medical Devices) Determination 2020 [F2020L01236]		<p>and Class I system or procedure pack. The explanatory statement advises that the need to determine accompanying information in relation to Class I medical devices has arisen because of the pandemic, which has significantly increased the number of applications for inclusion of Class I medical devices in the Register, from an average of 150 applications per month to a peak of over 1,200 applications in April 2020.</p>
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 3 of 2020-2021) [F2020L01237]	28/09/2020	<p>This instrument allocates \$808,754,000 to the Department of Health following the entering into of agreements with AstraZeneca, CSL and Seqirus for the supply and production of the University of Oxford and University of Queensland COVID-19 Vaccine candidates and essential in order to participate in the COVAX Facility.</p>
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (COVID-19 Postings) Determination 2020 (No. 19) [F2020L01239]	28/09/2020	<p>This instrument makes provisions relating to the posting of members during the COVID-19 pandemic, making rules applying to members and their dependants travelling from their old posting location to their new posting location and the removal of their furniture and effects, vehicles and animals.</p>
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment Determination 2020 (No. 20) [F2020L01246]	29/09/2020	<p>This determination amends rules relating to conditions of service, including amendments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Legislation Amendment (Continuing Treatment during Coronavirus Pandemic) Instrument 2020 (No. 2) [F2020L01247]	29/09/2020	<p>This instrument changes the date of repeal of some of provisions, including those related to the supply of highly specialised drugs, and ensures the temporary measures remain in effect during the current health pandemic.</p>
Part 101 Manual of Standards (Miscellaneous Amendments) Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L01249]	29/09/2020	<p>This instrument amends the Part 101 (Unmanned Aircraft and Rockets) Manual of Standards 2019 to include a “take effect” date deferral (associated with the COVID-19 pandemic), transitional arrangements and administrative procedures.</p>
Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Rules (No. 6) 2020 [F2020L01244]	29/09/2020	<p>This instrument reflects adjustments to accommodation benefits in Tasmania, and changes to items of the Medicare Benefits Schedule, including those related to the provision of additional mental health therapy sessions for persons with a mental health disorder who are subject to COVID-19 public health orders.</p>

VET Student Loans Amendment Rules (No. 3) 2020 [F2020L01269]	30/09/2020	This instrument extends the period students are temporarily exempt from the requirement to pay loan fees associated with VET student loans until 30 June 2021.
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October 2020

1-9 October 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
VET Student Loans Amendment Rules (No.2) 2020 [F2020L01270]	1/10/2020	This instrument waives the payment of the VSL tuition protection levy for all approved course providers for the calendar year 2020.
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 9 of 2020 [F2020L01272]	1/10/2020	This instrument determines Reporting Standard ARS 920.0 Australian Government Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Guarantee Scheme Phase 1 (a coronavirus-related measure).
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 4 of 2020-2021) [F2020L01273]	1/10/2020	The instrument determines that the administered assets and liabilities item for Outcome 5 for the Department of Health is increased by \$384,060,000.
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 10 of 2020 [F2020L01274]	1/10/2020	This instrument determines Reporting Standard ARS 920.2 Australian Government Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Guarantee Scheme Phase 2 (a coronavirus-related measure).
Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 7) Minister's Rules 2020 [F2020L01276]	1/10/2020	This instrument extends the relaxation of the CCS activity test to help individuals impacted by COVID-19 to get back into their workforce participation activities; and increases the cap on the appropriation for payments under the Community Child Care Fund Special Circumstances (CCCF-SC) Grant Opportunity program for the 2020-2021 financial year from \$623 million to \$949 million.
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Responsible Lending Obligations) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01277]	1/10/2020	This instrument makes a targeted adjustment to the regulatory settings pertaining to the responsible lending obligations contained in the National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009. The explanatory materials state that this is to facilitate the timely flow of credit to small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock (Maximum Total Face Value of Stock and Securities) Amendment Direction 2020 [F2020L01284]	6/10/2020	This instrument increases the maximum total face value of stock and securities that may be on issue under the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911 and the Loans Securities Act 1919 in relation to borrowings under section 3A of the Act and section 4 of the Loans Redemption and Conversion Act 1921, from \$850 billion to \$1,200 billion. The explanatory materials state that this provides certainty to financial

		markets about the Government's ability to issue additional debt in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Economic Recovery Package (JobMaker Hiring Credit) Amendment Bill 2020	07/10/2020	This Act provides for an additional kind of payment during October 2020 for the purposes of improving the prospects of individuals getting employment in Australia, and increasing workforce participation in Australia. This Act also facilitates the JobMaker Hiring Credit scheme
Treasury Laws Amendment (A Tax Plan for the COVID-19 Economic Recovery) Act 2020	07/10/2020	This Act amends the rates of income tax payable by persons, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical – Expansion of GP and Allied Health Mental Health Services) Amendment (Expand Eligible Patients) Determination 2020 [F2020L01290]	8/10/2020	This instrument expands the 10 additional Medicare-subsidised psychological therapy sessions to any Medicare-eligible person.

10-16 October 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Alternative Decline in Turnover Test Amendment Rules 2020 [F2020L01295]	9/10/2020	This instrument set out an additional alternative decline in turnover test for the purposes of JobKeeper eligibility. That is, where there is not an appropriate relevant comparison period in 2019 for the purpose of an entity in the class of entities satisfying both the actual decline in turnover test in section 8B of the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Rules 2020 (Rules) and the decline in turnover test in section 8 of the Rules (including as modified by section 8A of the Rules).
Tax Administration Withholding Schedules No.2 2020 [F2020L01297]	12/10/2020	This instrument makes publicly available the withholding schedules updated in accordance with the pay as you go system. These provide certainty to payers about withholding correct amounts of tax on behalf of their payees, which then assists payees to meet their annual income tax liability. The explanatory materials state that these schedules are being updated in response to the changes to tax scales that are contained in Treasury Laws Amendment (A Tax Plan for the COVID-19 Economic Recovery) Bill 2020, which passed Parliament on 9 October 2020.

Industry Research and Development (Exploring for the Future Program) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01299]	13/10/2020	<p>This instrument prescribes the Exploring for the Future Program, which provides \$124.5M over four years to Geoscience Australia. The explanatory materials explain that the program seeks to deliver public geoscientific data and the evidentiary basis required to attract future investment in resource exploration and development, including in minerals, critical minerals and hydrocarbon energy, as well as information on groundwater to inform agricultural developments and boost the knowledge and understanding of our natural resources. The explanatory materials state that this program will support the survival and recovery of the resources and agricultural sectors from the negative economic impact of COVID-19.</p>
Defence Determination, Conditions of service (COVID-19 response) Amendment Determination 2020 (No. 21) [F2020L01304]	14/10/2020	<p>This instrument expands certain benefits that have been provided in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to provide additional benefits to the Australian Defence Force workforce during this period.</p>
Biosecurity (Entry Requirements—Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Determination 2020 [F2020L01307]	15/10/2020	<p>This instrument provides for individuals who are arriving in Australia and who are not subject to mandatory hotel quarantine on arrival to provide contact information for the purposes of contact tracing, and to make a declaration as to their travel history in the 14 days before arrival.</p>
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Agriculture, Water and the Environment Measures No. 6) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01309]	16/10/2020	<p>This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on certain activities administered by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, including financial counselling for small regional businesses affected by COVID-19.</p>
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education, Skills and Employment Measures No. 6) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01310]	16/10/2020	<p>This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on certain activities administered by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, including a program to help address high rates of youth unemployment by engaging with industries and employers looking for staff during the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Home Affairs Measures No. 5) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01313]	16/10/2020	<p>This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on the National identity crime and cybercrime support service, administered by the Department of Home Affairs. The explanatory materials notes the recent increase in opportunistic cybercrime related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Social Services Measures No. 4) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01314]	16/10/2020	This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on certain activities administered by the Department of Social Services, including a program to address addressing loneliness and isolation (including due to the COVID-19 pandemic).
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Bill/ Instrument	Date introduced/ registered	Description
Telecommunications (NBN Consumer Information) Industry Standard Variation 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L01317]	19/10/2020	This instrument clarifies some of the existing requirements or simplifies some of the requirements on retail carriage service providers to provide information to consumers in the key facts sheet. The explanatory materials note that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was raised as a consideration during consultation on this instrument.
Telecommunications (Consumer Complaints Handling) Industry Standard Variation 2020 (No.1) [F2020L01321]	19/10/2020	This instrument varies the Telecommunications (Consumer Complaints Handling) Industry Standard 2018. The explanatory materials note that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was raised as a consideration during consultation on this instrument.
Higher Education Provider Amendment (Levy Waiver) Guidelines 2020 [F2020L01332]	21/10/2020	This instrument provides a waiver of the payment of the HELP tuition protection levy for all higher education providers for the 2020 calendar year, due to the financial consequences of the global outbreak of COVID-19.
Radiocommunications (Spectrum Access Charges—26 GHz Band) Direction 2020 [F2020L01333]	21/10/2020	This instrument directs the Australian Communications and Media Authority to permit successful bidders in the 26 GHz spectrum auction to pay the relevant spectrum access charge in five instalments, due to the financial consequences of the global outbreak of COVID-19.
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Coronavirus and Other Measures) Act 2020	22/10/2020	This Act provides for further \$250 payments for some income support recipients; temporarily alters the youth allowance independence test; creates an incentive for youth allowance recipients to undertake seasonal farm work; allows the minister to determine average weekly earnings trend figures during the COVID pandemic; and introduces a revised Paid Parental Leave work test.
ASIC Credit (Amendment) Instrument 2020/963	23/10/2020	This instrument extends the deferral to benefits paid in relation to credit services provided before 1 January 2021. The explanatory materials state that this is to

[F2020L01335]		allow industry participants to focus on their immediate priorities and customers during the COVID-19 pandemic period.
ASIC Corporations (Product Intervention Order—Contracts for Difference) Instrument 2020/986 [F2020L01338]	23/10/2020	This instrument is a product intervention order that imposes certain conditions on issuing and other specified dealing in over-the-counter (OTC) contracts for difference (CFDs) in relation to retail clients, prohibits giving or offering specified benefits to retail clients or prospective retail clients in specified circumstances and requires CFD issuers to take reasonable steps to notify their retail clients of the terms of the instrument. It provides CFD issuers with a total transition period of approximately 5 months. The explanatory materials state that amid public health orders and heightened market volatility during the COVID-19 pandemic, this sets an appropriate balance between the objective of reducing consumer harm and the requirement for an orderly transition period for CFD issuers

24-31 October 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Industry Research and Development (BusinessBalance Program) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01345]	27/10/2020	The instrument prescribes the BusinessBalance Program, which has the purpose of providing immediate, short term support for small business owners' mental and financial well-being through the response and recovery phases of the COVID-19 pandemic.
National Health (Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Trial) Amendment Special Arrangement 4 of 2020 [F2020L01352]	28/10/2020	This instrument allows additional residential aged care facilities to participate in the Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Trial, to support their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Class Waiver Instrument 2020/870 [F2020L01354]	29/10/2020	This instrument relieves Market Participants from the need to renew the accreditation of each of their Accredited Advisers by submitting a written application to ASIC during the current Renewal Period for those accreditations, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment	30/10/2020	This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on two activities administered by the Department of Education, Skills and

(Education, Skills and Employment Measures No. 7) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01360]		Employment, both of which are in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Rules (No. 7) 2020 [F2020L01378]	30/10/2020	This instrument make consequential amendments to the Benefit Requirements Rules and the Complying Products Rules to reflect changes to items of the Medicare Benefits Schedule, which take effect from 1 November 2020

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November 2020

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Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Statement of Principles concerning TINNITUS (Reasonable Hypothesis) (No. 84 of 2020) [F2020L01385]	2/11/2020	This instrument establishes the statement of principles as to when it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting tinnitus or death from tinnitus, with the circumstances of a person's military service.
Statement of Principles concerning tinnitus (Balance of Probabilities) (No. 85 of 2020) [F2020L01386]	2/11/2020	This instrument establishes the statement of principles as to when it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, tinnitus or death from tinnitus, with the circumstances of a person's military service.
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Class Waiver Amendment Instrument 2020/877 [F2020L01387]	2/11/2020	This instrument provides further transitional relief to the National Stock Exchange of Australia and Sydney Stock Exchange market participants from the Waived Rules until 16 November 2022, so as to provide those participants with an opportunity to allocate their resources to matters raised by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Industry Research and Development (Supporting Agricultural Shows and Field Days Program) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01401]	3/11/2020	This instrument prescribes the Supporting Agricultural Shows and Field Days Program, which provides \$39.025 million in the 2020-21 financial year as part of the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

8-14 November 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date introduced/ registered	Description
Industry Research and Development (Supporting Small Business to Go Digital Post-COVID-19 Program) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01413]	9/11/2020	This instrument prescribes the Supporting Small Business to Go Digital Post-COVID-19 Program. The Program will fund a 'Go Digital' advertising campaign to promote the benefits of digital technology to small business, the Australian Small Business Advisory Services Program and other Australian Government services directed at supporting small businesses' digital capability. As part of the same campaign, the Program will also fund the development and promotion of COVID-19-specific small business case studies

		highlighting the benefits of implementing digital technologies.
Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Extension of Coronavirus Support) Bill 2020	12/11/2020	This bill seeks to amend several Acts to extend the operation of the temporary COVID supplement from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021, and to allow the minister to temporarily modify specified provisions of the social security laws in response to COVID_19 by disallowable legislative instrument beyond that time.
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (COVID-19 response) Determination 2020 (No. 24) [F2020L01419]	12/11/2020	This instrument amends conditions of service relating to COVID-19, including relating to: short absences for isolation or quarantine; reunion leave and compassionate travel; and provisions for members eligible for certain leave to travel to an Australian capital city where unable to visit their family.
Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (2020 Measures No. 2) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01427]	13/11/2020	This instrument provides concessions to certain applicants for working holiday maker visas, to restructure and streamline distinguished talent visas, and to make updates in relation to fees for citizenship applications. The explanatory statement states that some of these amendments are related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprises (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Amendment Rules 2020 [F2020L01429]	13/11/2020	This instrument increases the monetary threshold for annual turnover from \$50 million to \$120 million for the purposes of the Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprises (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Rules 2020.

15-21 November 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Other Grants Guidelines (Education) Amendment (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L01433]	16/11/2020	This instrument gives effect to the Government's 2020 Higher Education Relief Program (HERP). The explanatory statement explains that HERP grants are aimed at providing financial assistance to eligible higher education providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 for activities to ensure these providers continue to operate during, and after, the pandemic.
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 15) Determination 2020 [F2020L01436]	16/11/2020	This instrument provides for the continued payment of the COVID-19 supplement through to the end of 2020 for recipients of JobSeeker Payment, Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance, Austudy Payment, Special Benefit, Partner Allowance and Widow Allowance. The supplement will continue to be paid to recipients of these payments at a rate of \$250 a fortnight for social

		security instalment periods that begin on a day during the period 19 December 2020 to 31 December 2020 (inclusive).
Other Grants Guidelines (Research) Amendment (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L01437]	17/11/2020	This instrument provides for additional Research Support Program funding to safeguard the Australian university sector against the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic
Child Support (Assessment) (MTAWE amount) Determination 2020 [F2020L01441]	20/11/2020	This instrument determines the Average Weekly Earnings – Trend – Males – All Employees Total Earnings figure for the purposes of calculating child support payments. The explanatory statement notes that the Australian Statistician, who normally determines this sum, was unable to for the first time because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Amendment (Indexation) Determination 2020 [F2020L01444]	20/11/2020	This instrument applies an Extended Medicare Safety Net cap to attendance items, including coronavirus telehealth items.

22-28 November 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description
Migration (Transitional operation of regulation 5.19 for certain 457 visa holders) Amendment Instrument (LIN 20/190) 2020 [F2020L01446]	23/11/2020	This amendment makes transitional changes to regulations which provide for the coronavirus working periods of some workers. The explanatory statement explains that this is in response to the effects of COVID-19 on the labour market, and in particular to the workers who have been stood down or been required to take unpaid leave.
Migration (Exemptions from Skill, Age and English Language Requirements for Subclass 186, 187 and 494 Visas) Amendment Instrument (LIN 20/189) 2020 [F2020L01447]	23/11/2020	This instrument exempts certain applicants of the Subclass 186 and Subclass 187 visas in the Temporary Residence Transition stream from having to satisfy the age requirement at the time of application. The explanatory statement notes that this is a response to the impacts of COVID-19 on the labour market.
Industry Research and Development (Digital Skills Finder Platform Program) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01463]	24/11/2020	This instrument prescribes the Digital Skills Finder Platform Program to develop a digital platform, which will form part of the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and encourage the adoption of digital technologies.
Consumer Goods (Cosmetics) Information	24/11/2020	This instrument prescribes requirements for cosmetics under the Australian Consumer Law, including hand

Standard 2020 [F2020L01469]		sanitisers.
Torres Strait Fisheries (Quotas for Tropical Rock Lobster (Kaiar)) Management Plan Amendment 2020 [F2020L01473]	25/11/2020	This instrument provides for a further period of two years (in total 4 years) for the Authority to review the allocation of quota to the traditional inhabitant sector, which would require face-to-face consultation in remote communities, in response to the health risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
Taxation Administration (Remedial Power – Seasonal Labour Mobility Program) Determination 2020 [F2020L01474]	25/11/2020	This instrument ensures the salary, wages, commissions, bonuses or allowances derived by relevant foreign resident employees continue to be taxed by application of a final withholding tax rate of 15 per cent; and that this income is otherwise treated as non-assessable non-exempt income. This is in response to workers holding a different temporary visa as a result of the restrictions on international movement due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/1080 [F2020L01475]	25/11/2020	This instrument gives listed and unlisted entities more time to report and have audits, in response to the impacts of COVID-19.
Payment Times Reporting Rules 2020 [F2020L01472]	25/11/2020	The rules provide the detail on certain elements of the Payment Times reporting Scheme. The explanatory materials note that the COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on businesses, causing risks of long payment times which impact on small businesses.
Self Managed Superannuation Funds (COVID-19 Rental income deferrals – In-house Asset Exclusion) Determination 2020 [F2020L01482]	26/11/2020	This instrument determines that assets covered in this instrument are not taken to be in-house assets of the SMSF in the income year/s in which there was an agreement on arm's length terms that the payment of rent owed could be deferred, or any future income years. The explanatory statement states that these measures are designed to help ease the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 5 of 2020-2021) [F2020L01483]	26/11/2020	This instrument determines that the administered item for Outcome 2 for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (related to funding for the domestic airline industry during the pandemic) is increased by \$71,734,000.
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Environmental Management Charge) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01496]	27/11/2020	This instrument extends the current waiver of the Environmental Management Charge to 30 June 2021 in order to provide continued relief to the industry.

Social Security (Qualifying Agricultural Work) Determination 2020 [F2020L01500]	27/11/2020	<p>This instrument specifies the kinds of work that are 'qualifying agricultural work' for the purposes of subsection 1067A(15) of the Social Security Act 1991. The definition of 'qualifying agricultural work' is relevant to determining whether a person is to be regarded as independent for the purposes of the Youth Allowance student payment, for purposes under subsection 1067A(14) of the Act.</p>
Therapeutic Goods (Standard for Tablets, Capsules and Pills) Amendment Order 2020 [F2020L01502]	27/11/2020	<p>This instrument defers the commencement of requirements for elemental impurities and limits for residual solvents in tablets and capsules, from 31 March 2021 to 30 June 2021, to provide more time for the change during the pandemic.</p>

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December 2020

1 – 6 December 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices—Information that Must Accompany Application for Inclusion) Amendment (COVID-19 Measures—Class 1 IVD Medical Devices) Determination 2020 [F2020L01528]	3/12/2020	This instrument specifies that a declaration of conformity must accompany an application for inclusion in relation to Class 1 in vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical devices. The explanatory materials state that this is in response to the surge in application for such devices during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the need for clarify in the application procedure.
Australian Immunisations Register Amendment (Reporting) Bill 2020	3/12/2020	This bill would require registered vaccination providers to report to the Australian Immunisation Register information relating to vaccinations they administer and vaccinations which they are notified about that were given outside Australia. It would further empower the Secretary of the Department of Health to require a recognised vaccination provider to give information if they do not comply with this reporting requirement.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Amendment Rules (No. 9) 2020 [F2020L01534]	4/12/2020	This instrument establishes the JobMaker scheme, which provides for a payment which is designed to support businesses to hire additional employees where they otherwise may not have done so and expand their organisation to provide young people with access to new employment opportunities as the economy recovers from the Coronavirus.
JobMaker Hiring Credit Reporting Obligations Instrument 2020 [F2020L01535]	4/12/2020	This instrument sets out the information that entities who seek to participate in the JobMaker Hiring Credit scheme must provide to the Australian Taxation Office, to ensure that they are eligible to participate in the scheme, and to enable the ATO to determine the value of the payments participating entities are entitled to.

7-13 December 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Amendment (Farmed Prawns and Macadamias) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01539]	07/12/2020	This instrument temporarily decreases the white spot disease repayment charged on farmed prawns for one year, following a request for relief for prawn farmers impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Dried Fruits, Farmed Prawns, Forest Growers and Macadamias) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01540]	07/12/2020	This instrument temporarily decreases the white spot disease repayment levy on farmed prawns for one year, following a request for relief for prawn farmers impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 7 of 2020 [F2020L01541]	07/12/2020	This instrument determines the Australian Government Arts Sector Show Starter Loan Guarantee Scheme, meaning that the Government will guarantee of 100 per cent of new loans issued by eligible authorised deposit-taking institution lenders for eligible arts and entertainment businesses in order to enhance lenders' willingness and ability to provide credit and vital additional funding to support the arts sector through the economic impacts of the Coronavirus.
Fishing Levy Amendment (2020-2021 Levy Amounts) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01542]	07/12/2020	This instrument sets the levy payable in respect of fishing concessions, and notes the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on related budgets.
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment Determination 2020 (No. 28) [F2020L01546]	09/12/2020	This instrument amends various aspects of the defence conditions of service, including relevantly: relaxing COVID-19 restrictions relating to the overseas reunion travel; and extending the end date for the salary non-reduction period for various workers.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical – Expansion of GP and Allied Health Mental Health Services) Amendment (Care Recipient in a Residential Aged Care Facility) Determination 2020 [F2020L01548]	09/12/2020	This instrument prescribes 50 new Medicare Benefits Schedule items for mental health treatment planning and review for care recipients in an aged care facility, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical – Expansion of GP and Allied Health Chronic Disease Management Services for Care Recipients of a Residential Aged Care Facility) Determination 2020 [F2020L01552]	09/12/2020	<p>This instrument prescribes 73 new temporary Medicare Benefits Schedule items for GP and allied health chronic disease management services for care recipients in residential aged care facilities, to respond to those people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures taken to contain its spread.</p>
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2020 Measures No. 2) Bill 2020	9/12/2020	<p>This bill would amend the <i>Therapeutic Goods Act</i> to remove a potential impediment to the importation and supply of COVID-19 vaccines in Australia (relating to the requirement that vaccines have a registration or listing number on the label as prescribed).</p>
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Variation (Extension No. 3) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01566]	10/12/2020	<p>This instrument extends the human biosecurity emergency period for a further 3 months until 17 March 2021.</p>
Customs (Prohibited Exports) Amendment (COVID-19 Export Restrictions Repeal) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01567]	10/12/2020	<p>This instrument repeals two temporary controls on the export of goods essential to preventing the spread of COVID-19, which were previously introduced. These prohibited the exportation of disposable face masks and hand sanitisers.</p>
Banking (prudential standard) determination No. 5 of 2020 [F2020L01570]	11/12/2020	<p>This instrument, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, revokes two APRA determinations with the effect of further deferring the commencement date of the requirement that authorised deposit-taking institutions utilise an advanced measurement approach to operational risk.</p>
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Agriculture, Water and the Environment Measures No. 7) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01574]	11/12/2020	<p>This instrument establishes legislative authority for spending on four activities administered by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, including a ReefBuilder scheme to support regions which have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
Migration Amendment (Prospective Marriage Visas) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01577]	11/12/2020	<p>This instrument addresses the impact of COVID-19 travel restrictions by extending the duration of Subclass 300 (Prospective Marriage) visas, to 31 March 2022, if the visa holder or former holder was outside Australia on 10 December 2020, and the visa was in effect at any time during the period from 6 October</p>

		2020 to 10 December 2020.
Banking (prudential standard) determination No. 6 of 2020 [F2020L01583]	11/12/2020	This instrument gives effect to a 12 month deferral of implementation of the operational risk capital requirements of the Basel III capital standards, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education, Skills and Employment Measures No. 8) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01585]	11/12/2020	This instrument establishes legislative authority for spending on three activities administered by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, including a program to support the welfare of workers from the Pacific who participate in the Seasonal Worker Program and Pacific Labour Scheme, noting that this has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Industry Research and Development (COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01594]	11/12/2020	This instrument prescribes the COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program, which will provide eligible travel agents and tour arrangement service providers with a one-off payment of between \$1,500 and \$100,000, scaled according to turnover.

14-20 December 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
Higher Education Support (VET) Amendment (VET FEE-HELP Student Protection) Guidelines 2020 [F2020L01605]	14/12/2020	This instrument extends the period of time by which persons affected by the inappropriate conduct of VET providers (or their agents) may apply to have their HELP balances re-credited, noting that part of the reason for this is the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the potential for some students not being aware of a debt or having the opportunity to lodge an application.
Other Grants Guidelines (Education) Amendment (No. 3) 2020 [F2020L01607]	14/12/2020	This instrument gives effect to several amendments which were made by the Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Act 2020, including to establish the: Indigenous, Regional and Low SES Attainment Fund; National Priorities and Industry Linkage Fund; and Higher Education Continuity Guarantee (which seeks to ensure that eligible higher education providers can keep operating, employing staff, and providing quality education services in the aftermath of COVID-19).
Treasury Laws	14/12/2020	This instrument makes minor and technical

Amendment (Miscellaneous and Technical Amendments) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01610]		<p>amendments to regulations in the Treasury portfolio, including amendments to the Retirement Savings Accounts Regulations 1997 and Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994, which enable permanent residents of New Zealand to apply for the early release of superannuation on compassionate grounds during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
CASA 69/20 – Prescription and Approval of United Kingdom and Japan as Recognised Foreign States Instrument 2020 [F2020L01613]	15/12/2020	<p>This instrument prescribes the United Kingdom and Japan as recognised foreign States, permitting Australian operators to apply to use flight simulation training devices located in Japan, given the impact of COVID-19 travel restrictions.</p>
Customs By-law No. 2020321 [F2020L01621]	16/12/2020	<p>This instrument establishes that certain medical and hygiene products imported as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response are dutiable at a nil rate.</p>
Higher Education Provider Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Guidelines 2020 [F2020L01633]	17/12/2020	<p>This instrument sets out tuition protection requirements with which higher education providers must comply, including requirements which reflect the waiver of levies for higher education providers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 8) Minister’s Rules 2020 [F2020L01634]	17/12/2020	<p>This instrument implements measures supporting child care providers and families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen compliance, including to: increase the number of allowable absence days for children enrolled in Victoria; amending eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy; and extending the measure permitting approved providers to waive their fees where required to close because of health directions.</p>
Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) (Administrative and Base Fees) Determination 2020 [F2020L01638]	18/12/2020	<p>This instrument specifies the dollar amounts payable by all non-exempt Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students registered providers for the purpose of working out the administrative and base fee components of the Tuition Protection Service levy, noting the temporary reduction in these fee components in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
Migration Amendment (Temporary Graduate Visas) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01639]	18/12/2020	<p>These regulations seek to encourage international students to study in regional Australia on a student visa and to continue living in regional Australia on a temporary graduate visa, and clarifies the operation of a concession allowing applications for Subclass 485 (Temporary Graduate) visas to be made from outside Australia during the concession period associated with the COVID-19 pandemic</p>

Therapeutic Goods (Standard for Disinfectants and Sanitary Products) Amendment Order 2020 [F2020L01650]	18/12/2020	This Amendment Order incorporates the most recent version of the TGA instructions for disinfectant testing (which includes the selection of test parameters for disinfectants, including in relation to the SARS-CoV-2 virus), and targets a label warning requirement in relation to disinfectants that contain chlorhexidine.
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Corporations Amendment (Corporate Insolvency Reforms) Regulations 2020 [F2020L01654]	21/12/2020	This instrument enables the new debt restructuring and simplified liquidation regimes established by the <i>Corporations Amendment (Corporate Insolvency Reforms) Act 2020</i> , which were made noting that the economic consequences COVID-19 highlight the need for a system of external administration that can accommodate the needs of small businesses.
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 16) Determination 2020 [F2020L01671]	22/12/2020	This instrument extends the COVID-19 supplement period through to 31 March 2021, at a rate of \$150 per fortnight.
Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) (Risk Rated Premium and Special Tuition Protection Components) Instrument 2020 [F2020L01672]	22/12/2020	This instrument specifies a method for working out the amount payable by all non-exempt Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students registered providers for the risk rated premium and special tuition protection components of the TPS levy, and notes that the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic influenced decisions regarding the setting of these amounts.
Veterans' Affairs (Treatment Principles – Extend Eligibility for Allied Health Treatment to Residential Care Recipients) Determination 2020 [F2020L01674]	22/12/2020	This instrument varies the Veterans Affairs Treatment Principles, which set out the circumstances in which treatment may be provided to persons who are eligible to receive treatment under the provisions of various Veterans' Affairs portfolio Acts, including to reflect COVID-19 related additional measures to support aged care residents whose physical and mental wellbeing had been affected by the pandemic.
Defence (Domestic emergency operations) Determination 2020 [F2020L01685]	22/12/2020	This instrument provides a reimbursement to members for the costs associated with their early return, cancellation or changes made to a holiday if they are required to provide service as a part of an

		operation established in response to a domestic emergency, which may include a natural disaster or the outbreak of an infectious disease such as COVID-19 during a pandemic.
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical – Expansion of GP and Allied Health Mental Health and Chronic Disease Management Services) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L01704]	23/12/2020	This instrument lists four new temporary items for care recipients in a residential aged care facility to enable general practitioners and medical practitioners working in general practice to provide initial focussed psychological strategy treatment services for assessed mental health disorders. The explanatory materials note that this is part of the additional support provided to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Norfolk Island Continued Laws Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response Measures) Rules (No. 3) 2020 [F2020L01708]	24/12/2020	These rules amend the Norfolk Island Bankruptcy Act to permanently increase to \$10,000 from \$2,000 the minimum amount of debt required to be owed before a creditor can initiate involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against a debtor; and the Norfolk Island Companies Act to permanently increase to \$2,000, from \$1,000, the statutory minimum for a creditor to issue a demand to a debtor company. These amendments were initially established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Income Tax Assessment (Eligible State and Territory COVID-19 Economic Recovery Grant Programs) Declaration 2020 [F2020L01709]	24/12/2020	This instrument declares six programs as being eligible small business COVID-19 grant programs.
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Modifications— National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme)) Determination 2020 [F2020L01715]	24/12/2020	This instrument permits Approved Pharmacists to legally issue Safety Net Concession Cards and Pharmaceutical Benefits Entitlement Cards, and allows Services Australia to process and pay claims by those suppliers, where the applications are lodged without an applicant signature, to ensure that patients can continue to receive medication during COVID-19.
Poisons Standard February 2021 [F2020L01716]	24/12/2020	This instrument repeals and replaces the existing poisons standard, including to reflect a decision to include a new entry in Schedule 4 to the Poisons Standard for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) vaccines.
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (Overseas education assistance) Determination 2020 (No. 26) [F2020L01717]	24/12/2020	This instrument updates benefits relating to education assistance provided to the children of members who are on long-term postings in the United States of America who remained at the posting location during the COVID-19 evacuations.

Social Security (Pension Bonus Scheme— Non-accruing Members) Amendment Declaration 2020 [F2020L01719]	24/12/2020	This instrument provides that where a person is unable to work due to the impact of COVID-19, and as a result, is unable to pass the Pension Bonus Scheme work test in order to accrue a bonus period, they will be taken to be a non-accruing member for that period and will be able to continue in the Scheme.
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