

## COVID-19 legislative scrutiny

**January 2021**

1 – 7 January 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Statement of Principles concerning AORTIC ANEURYSM AND AORTIC WALL DISORDERS (Reasonable Hypothesis) (No. 21 of 2021) [F2021L00011]</a>	04/01/2021	This instrument establishes the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting aortic aneurysm or an aortic wall disorder or death from aortic aneurysm or an aortic wall disorder, with the circumstances of a person's service, and includes new factors concerning having infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), to reflect the emerging medical-scientific evidence in this area
<a href="#">Migration (COVID-19 Pandemic event for Subclass 408 (Temporary Activity) visa and visa application charge for Temporary Activity (Class GG) visa) Amendment Instrument (LIN 20/283) 2020 [F2021L00025]</a>	05/01/2021	This instrument specifies an additional class of persons who are eligible to apply for a Subclass 408 visa in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes persons who are currently employed, or has received an offer of employment, in: aged care, agriculture, child care, disability care, food processing or health care; and people who are employed, or who have received an offer of employment, from an approved employer under the Seasonal Worker Programme.

8-14 January 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">ASIC Corporations (Approval of Variation of March 2020 Banking Code of Practice) Instrument 2021/11 [F2021L00043]</a>	11/01/2021	This instrument give ASIC's approval of the Australian Banking Association's variations to the March 2020 Code, including to extend the operation of the COVID-19 Special Note (outlining temporary changes to timing requirements for specified obligations in the Code) for six months to September 2021.

15-31 January 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 1) Minister's Rules 2021 [F2021L00055]</a>	20/01/2021	This instrument provides that payments made by Victoria to providers for children participating in kindergarten programs in Victoria in 2021 do not reduce the hourly rate of child care subsidy that individuals are entitled to. This is a measure made in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements— Incoming International Flights) Determination 2021 [F2021L00061]</a>	21/01/2021	This instrument implements temporary air travel safety measures during the human biosecurity emergency period relating to COVID-19, by placing requirements on passengers and crew, relating to: the wearing of a face mask; exposure to COVID-19; and evidence of a negative COVID-19 test.
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Preventative Biosecurity Measures— Incoming International Flights) Determination 2021 [F2021L00062]</a>	21/01/2021	This instrument implements temporary air travel safety measures during the human biosecurity emergency period relating to COVID-19, by placing requirements on passengers and crew, relating to: the wearing of a face mask; exposure to COVID-19; and evidence of a negative COVID-19 test.

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### February 2021

#### 1 – 7 February 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Essential Goods) Repeal Determination 2021 [F2021L00090]</a>	01/02/2021	This instrument repeals the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Essential Goods) Determination 2020 on the basis that the Minister for Health is no longer satisfied that it is no longer necessary to prevent or control the entry, emergence, establishment or spread of COVID-19 in Australia, in light of there being sufficient access to supply of essential goods in Australia and insufficient evidence that price gouging of essential goods is presently occurring.
<a href="#">Veterans' Entitlements (Pension Bonus Scheme—Non-accruing Members) Amendment Declaration 2021 [F2021L00092]</a>	02/02/2021	This instrument declares that a specified kind of member of the Pension Bonus Scheme is a non-accruing member throughout a specified period where a person is unable to work due to the impact of COVID-19, and as a result, is unable to pass the work test in order to accrue a bonus period.

#### 8 – 14 February 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Basic Subsidy Amount—COVID-19 Support) Determination 2020 [F2021L00111]</a>	10/02/2021	This instrument provides that the aged care subsidy in relation to care recipients on extended hospital leave will not be reduced during the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 (inclusive), noting that during the COVID-19 pandemic, many aged care recipients have been moved from residential aged care to hospital settings for extended periods of time.

#### 15–21 February 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
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<a href="#">Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Early Childhood Education and Care Coronavirus Response and Other Measures) Bill 2021</a>	17/02/2021	This bill would alter laws relating to the early childhood education and care sector, including by introducing business continuity payments for approved child care providers to be paid on a discretionary basis in circumstances where they are adversely affected by future disasters or emergencies.
<a href="#">Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021</a>	17/02/2021	This bill would make temporary amendments the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> relating to meetings of directors, shareholders of companies and members of registered schemes to facilitate the use of electronic technology, and to allow the electronic execution of company documents while the COVID-19 pandemic continues.
<a href="#">National Health (Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Trial) Amendment Special Arrangement 1 of 2021 [F2021L00126]</a>	18/02/2021	This instrument allows an additional 155 residential aged care facilities to participate in the Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Trial and utilise electronic prescribing software during the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Home Affairs Measures No. 1) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00129]</a>	19/02/2021	This instrument provides legislative authority for the Government to make pandemic leave disaster payment grants (pandemic payments) to eligible individuals who are, or were, unable to earn income because they are, or have been, required to remain in isolation as a quarantine measure, or are caring, or cared, for a person required to remain in isolation as a quarantine measure, as a result of the coronavirus.
<a href="#">Australian Immunisation Register Amendment (Reporting) Rules 2021 [F2021L00133]</a>	19/02/2021	This instrument makes it mandatory for all vaccination providers to report vaccines given, including any COVID-19 vaccine, to the Australian Immunisation Register, and establishes the information which must be provided in relation to the provision of a vaccine.

## 22–28 February 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Migration Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00136]</a>	22/02/2021	This instrument assists certain visa applicants and holders adversely affected by COVID-19 by altering the application requirements associated with specified visa categories owing to current travel restrictions.
<a href="#">Aged Care (Subsidy, Fees and Payments)</a>	24/02/2021	This instrument ceases, from 1 March 2021, temporary home care viability supplement funding increases

<a href="#">Amendment (Cessation of Temporary Home Care Viability Supplement Funding Increases) Determination 2021 [F2021L00146]</a>		<p>payable to approved aged care providers, which were announced on 31 August 2020.</p>
<a href="#">Migration (Class of persons for Visitor (Class FA) visa nil VAC) Instrument (LIN 21/021) 2021 [F2021L00150]</a>	<p>25/02/2021</p>	<p>This instrument specifies that certain former Subclass 600 (Visitor) visa (Subclass 600 visa) holders can apply for a new Subclass 600 visa with a nil visa application charge where their travel to and/or stay in Australia has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<a href="#">Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Determination 2021 [F2021L00156]</a>	<p>25/02/2021</p>	<p>This instrument lists 16 new Medicare Benefits Schedule items to support general practices to administer the COVID-19 vaccine.</p>
<a href="#">Social Services Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021</a>	<p>25/02/2021</p>	<p>This bill would also extend (from 1 April to 30 June 2021) the operation of amended social security provisions relating to youth allowance and jobseeker qualification; ordinary waiting periods; income free areas and taper rates; and portability. These were temporarily altered in response to COVID-19.</p>

## COVID-19 legislative scrutiny

**March 2021**

1 – 7 March 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Variation (Extension No. 1) Instrument 2021 [F2021L00190]</a>	02/03/2021	This instrument extends the human biosecurity emergency period relating to COVID-19 for a further three months, until 17 June 2021.

8–14 March 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Statement of Principles concerning pulmonary thromboembolism (Balance of Probabilities) (No. 38 of 2021) [F2021L00214]</a>	09/03/2021	This instrument sets out the factors that must exist, and which of those factors must be related to military service before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, pulmonary thromboembolism, or death from pulmonary thromboembolism, is connected with the circumstances of that service. One such factor is the COVID-19 infection.
<a href="#">Statement of Principles concerning Pulmonary Thromboembolism (Reasonable Hypothesis) (No. 37 of 2021) [F2021L00213]</a>	09/03/2021	This instrument sets out the factors that must exist, and which of those factors must be related to military service before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting pulmonary thromboembolism, or death from pulmonary thromboembolism, with the circumstances of that service. One such factor is the COVID-19 infection.
<a href="#">Statement of Principles concerning deep vein thrombosis (Balance of Probabilities) (No. 36 of 2021) [F2021L00224]</a>	10/03/2021	This instrument sets out the factors that must exist, and which of those factors must be related to military service before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, deep vein thrombosis or death from deep vein thrombosis, is connected with the circumstances of that service. One such factor is the COVID-19 infection.

<a href="#">Statement of Principles concerning deep vein thrombosis (Reasonable Hypothesis) (No. 35 of 2021) [F2021L00223]</a>	10/03/2021	This instrument sets out the factors that must exist, and which of those factors must be related to military service before it can be said that a reasonably hypothesis has been raised connecting deep vein thrombosis or death from deep vein thrombosis with the circumstances of that service. One such factor is the COVID-19 infection.
<a href="#">Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 2) Minister's Rules 2021 [F2021L00226]</a>	11/03/2021	This instrument extends a measure to support approved providers and families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing providers to waive 'gap fees' for child care services that have been directed to close, until 30 June 2021.

15–21 March 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods (Adverse Events Following Immunisation) (Information) Specification 2021 [F2021L00234]</a>	15/03/2021	This instrument specifies certain therapeutic goods information relating to adverse events following immunisation that may be released to specified bodies and persons for the purpose of ensuring meaningful and effective participation in meetings on vaccine safety to support the safety, quality and safe use of vaccines in Australia.
<a href="#">CASA EX19/21 — Examiner Proficiency Checks (Extensions of Time and Substitute Proficiency Checks) Exemption Instrument 2021 (No. 1) [F2021L00232]</a>	15/03/2021	This instrument exempts certain flight examiner rating holders and certain CASA approval holders from the requirement to have a valid examiner proficiency check that would otherwise be due on 1 April 2021. These extensions are related to the restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Extend Cessation Date of Temporary COVID-19 Items) Determination 2021 [F2021L00267]</a>	19/03/2021	This instrument amends multiple instruments to extend the temporary COVID-19 telehealth and telephone items, including for mental health treatment services, until 30 June 2021, and the temporary COVID-19 pathology testing items until 31 December 2021.
<a href="#">Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Licence Eligibility— Healthscope Operations Pty Ltd) Amendment Instrument 2021 [F2021L00256]</a>	19/03/2021	This instrument extends the period in which Healthscope Operations Pty Ltd may make an application for the grant of licence under the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988. This is to account for the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

<a href="#">Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Licence Eligibility—Vella Transport Administration Pty Ltd) Amendment Instrument 2021 [F2021L00255]</a>	19/03/2021	This instrument extends the period in which Vella Transport Administration Pty Ltd may make an application for the grant of licence under the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988. This is to account for the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Overseas Travel Ban Emergency Requirements) Amendment (No. 1) Determination 2021 [F2021L00268]</a>	21/03/2021	This instrument has the effect that, from 22 March 2021, travel to New Zealand is no longer prohibited by the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Overseas Travel Ban Emergency Requirements) Determination 2020.

22–28 March 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education, Skills and Employment Measures No. 1) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00291]</a>	22/03/2021	The instrument establishes legislative authority for several program administered by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, including a program examining the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on educational outcomes for school students.
<a href="#">CASA EX24/21 — Aircraft Engineer Licence (Basic Practical Maintenance Experience Requirement) Exemption 2021 [F2021L00279]</a>	22/03/2021	This instrument provides relief from the current legislative recency requirement for a first-time applicant for an aircraft engineer licence, due to the disruptive effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the ability of aircraft engineer licence applicants to comply.
<a href="#">Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—Tobacco Instruments) Certificate 2021 [F2021L00270]</a>	22/03/2021	This instrument defers the sunseting date of the Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Regulation 1993 and the Tobacco Plain Packaging Regulations 2011 by 24 months to 1 April 2024. The explanatory materials note that this is in part, related to the government's involvement in an international tobacco plain packaging dispute settlement process and associated delays related to the pandemic.



<a href="#">Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprises (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Amendment Rules 2021 [F2021L00320]</a>	24/03/2021	This instrument amends the definition of 'small and medium enterprises' entity to accommodate for the businesses that will be eligible to apply for loans under the SME Recovery Loan Scheme (a coronavirus economic response measure).
<a href="#">Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Amendment Rules (No. 10) 2021 [F2021L00305]</a>	24/03/2021	This instrument allows financial institutions participating in the Small and Medium Enterprise Recovery Loan Scheme to confirm that notices have been provided by the Commissioner of Taxation to entities concerning their election to participate in the JobKeeper payment program.

### 29–31 March 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">National Health (Highly Specialised Drugs Program) Special Arrangement 2021 (PB 27 of 2021) [F2021L00374]</a>	30/03/2021	This instrument provides for the supply of certain highly specialised drugs to patients receiving treatment in, at or from public or private hospitals or in the community setting. It also provides for modifications during the pandemic, relating to the circumstances in which a prescription may be written for one of these drugs.
<a href="#">National Health (Listing of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Amendment Instrument 2021 (No. 3) (PB 22 of 2021) [F2021L00396]</a>	31/03/2021	This instrument makes changes to the pharmaceutical benefits listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, including ensuring that temporary measures for modified prescription circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic remain in effect during the current health pandemic.
<a href="#">Veterans' Children Education Schemes (Updated Allowances) Amendment Determination 2021 [F2021L00389]</a>	31/03/2021	This instrument increases the payments to certain recipients receiving benefits under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme and the MRCA Education and Training Scheme by \$50 per fortnight to align with the increase in other benefits which were automatically increased as a consequence of the increase in the Youth Allowance.
<a href="#">Paid Parental Leave Rules 2021 [F2021L00384]</a>	31/03/2021	This instrument repeals and substantially replicates the 2010 Rules, with some amendments that relate to the partners who are workers in emergencies, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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April 2021

1 – 7 April 2021

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

8–14 April 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 7 of 2020-2021) [F2021L00431]</a>	13/04/2021	This instrument determines that the administered item for Outcome 2 for the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications is increased by \$475,816,000, relating to activities to boost the aviation sector.

<a href="#">ASIC Corporations (COVID-19 - Advice-related Relief) Instrument 2021/268 [F2021L00433]</a>	14/04/2021	This instrument continues the temporary relief in ASIC Corporations (COVID-19—Advice-related Relief) Instrument 2020/355 that allows a record of advice to be provided to existing clients in relation to COVID-19 advice in certain circumstances.
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#### 15–21 April 2021

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

#### 22–28 April 2021

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

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

29–30 April 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Debt Management Services) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00521]</a>	30/04/2021	<p>This instrument prescribes a new type of 'credit activity' for the purposes of the National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009, which will require providers of debt management services to hold an Australian Credit Licence. The explanatory materials note that this amendment is part of the intention to address financial difficulties that some consumers may face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic</p>

## COVID-19 legislative scrutiny

May 2021

1 – 7 May 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements—High Risk Country Travel Pause) Determination 2021 [F2021L00533]</a>	1/05/2021	This instrument requires that, until 15 May 2021, passengers on a relevant international flight must not enter Australian territory at a landing place if they have been in India within 14 days of the day the flight was scheduled to commence.
<a href="#">Migration (Class of persons for Visitor (Class FA) visa nil VAC) Amendment Instrument (LIN 21/033) 2021 [F2021L00534]</a>	3/05/2021	This instrument clarifies the types of former Subclass 600 (Visitor) visa holders who can apply for a new Subclass 600 visa with a nil visa application charge where their travel to Australia has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Child Support (Assessment) (AWE amount) Determination 2021 [F2021L00535]</a>	4/05/2021	This instrument determines that, for the December quarter ending Dec 2020, the Average Weekly Earnings (AWE) for the purposes of calculating child support. The explanatory statement states that the Australian Statistician has otherwise temporarily suspended publication of the trend estimates for the AWE series as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
<a href="#">Accounting Standard AASB 2021-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021 [F2021L00545]</a>	5/05/2021	This instrument extends the practical expedient to rent concessions that reduce only lease payments originally due on or before 30 June 2022. The practical expedient permits lessees not to assess whether rent concessions that occur as a direct consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic.

8–14 May 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Norfolk Island Applied Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No.1) Rules 2021 [F2021L00566]</a>	12/05/2021	<p>These rules remove any doubt as to the extraterritorial application of the Local Government Act (NI) so that functions can be undertaken and exercised where necessary outside of Norfolk Island. The explanatory materials note that Norfolk Island is remote, and that the need to operate remotely has been particularly exacerbated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic</p>
<a href="#">Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment Determination 2021 (No. 6) [F2021L00565]</a>	12/05/2021	<p>This determination makes changes to defence conditions of service, including to enable members on a long-term posting overseas who wish to travel domestically or to a third country other than Australia to seek relief and respite from their posting location during COVID-19 restrictions to have leave granted and to ensure not have their leave cancelled when travelling.</p>
<a href="#">Migration (COVID-19 Pandemic event for Subclass 408 (Temporary Activity) visa and visa application charge for Temporary Activity (Class CG) visa) Amendment Instrument (No. 2) (LIN 21/038) 2021 [F2021L00573]</a>	13/05/2021	<p>This instrument expands the specified class of persons who may be granted a Subclass 408 visa if they seek to enter or remain in Australia to undertake work directly associated with an event (in this case, in sectors particularly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic) to capture people who are employed by, or in receipt of an offer of employment from, an employer in the tourism and hospitality sector.</p>
<a href="#">Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending the Student Loan Fee Exemption) Bill 2021</a>	13 May 2021	<p>Bill seeks to extend the FEE-HELP loan fee exemption by a further 6 months to 31 December 2021 and apply a 20 per cent FEE-HELP loan fee for units with a census date on or after 1 Jan 2022. The explanatory material states that This will provide an incentive for those students who have been financially affected by COVID-19 to continue or commence study in 2021, in turn supporting higher education providers to continue to deliver the high quality education which will be essential to Australia’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices— Information that Must Accompany Application for Inclusion) Amendment (COVID-19</a>	14/05/2021	<p>This instrument specifies that a declaration of conformity made by a manufacturer must accompany an application for inclusion in relation to export only medical devices and in relation to a system or procedure pack that is classified as a Class 1 in vitro</p>

<a href="#">Measures—Export Only and System or Procedure Packs) Determination 2021 [F2021L00582]</a>		<p>diagnostic medical device. The explanatory materials note that while the surge of applications reflects efforts to facilitate the availability of critical medical devices in Australia in response to COVID-19, it has also increased the potential for error, particularly on the part of new manufacturers who are not familiar with the conformity assessment procedures that must be applied in relation to medical devices.</p>
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#### 15–21 May 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Migration (Income Threshold and Exemptions for Subclass 189 Visa (New Zealand Stream)) Instrument (LIN 21/018) 2021 [F2021L00596]</a>	19/05/2021	<p>This instrument adds a new class of applicants who are exempt from the minimum amount of taxable income requirements, which is a primary criterion for the grant of the Subclass 189 visa, and to add the evidence required for the new class of exempt applicants.</p>

#### 22–28 May 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Poisons Standard June 2021 [F2021L00650]</a>	26/05/2021	<p>This instrument replaces and updates the Poisons Standard and lists the SARS-COV-2 (Covid-19) Vaccine as a schedule four prescription-only medicine.</p>
<a href="#">Social Security Legislation Amendment (Portability Extensions) Bill 2021</a>	27/05/2021	<p>The bill would establish a permanent discretion for the Secretary to give flexibility for Australian pensioners who have temporarily travelled to or from Australia due to unforeseen circumstances beyond their control and continue to receive their pension (without being subject to a recalculation of their rate after 26 weeks overseas). Circumstances would include serious accident/illness/death or hospitalisation of a family member or a public health crisis.</p>

#### 29–31 May 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description



<a href="#">Migration Amendment (Subclass 189 Visas) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00668]</a>	31 May 2021	This instrument makes it easier for applicants for a Subclass 189 (Skilled – Independent) visa in the New Zealand stream to satisfy the annual income requirement (noting that their income may have been affected by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic).
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## COVID-19 legislative scrutiny

**June 2021**

1 – 6 June 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Waiver of Fees and Charges) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00676]</a>	1/06/2021	This instrument extends the current waivers of permission-related fees and the Environmental Management Charge to 30 June 2022 in order to provide continued relief to the tourism industry operating in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.
<a href="#">Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (Assisted leave travel) Determination 2021 (No. 8) [F2021L00683]</a>	2/06/2021	This determination enables defence force members on long-term posting overseas to use existing assisted leave travel benefit within their country of posting, providing personnel and their dependants with additional options to seek relief and respite from their posting location during COVID-19 restrictions.
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Home Affairs Measures No. 2) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00698]</a>	4/06/2021	This instrument establishes legislative authority for the Department of Home Affairs to spend money on the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.
<a href="#">Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Service Staff Vaccination Recording and Reporting) Principles 2021 [F2021L00697]</a>	4/06/2021	This instrument establishes requirements for certain residential aged care providers to record and report numbers of service staff vaccinated against COVID-19 and influenza.
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code) Instrument 2021 [F2021L00696]</a>	4/06/2021	This instrument excludes advertisements made within the terms of the Therapeutic Goods (Restricted Representations—COVID-19 Vaccines) Permission 2021. The effect is that, equivalent to the disapplication of the Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code (No. 2) 2018 to a public health campaign, the Code does not apply to advertisements to which the Permission applies.

## 7–13 June 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Home Affairs Measures No. 3) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00707]</a>	7/06/2021	This instrument varies legislative authority for the Department of Home Affairs to spend money on the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.
<a href="#">Student Assistance (Education Institutions and Courses) Amendment Determination 2021 [F2021L00708]</a>	8/06/2021	This determination updates the list of Masters by coursework courses, including in response to a one-off supplementary Masters by coursework assessment round, undertaken to support higher education providers who have restructured their course offerings due to reforms in the education sector and the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment Determination 2021 (No. 7) [F2021L00720]</a>	9/06/2021	This instrument amends the conditions of service for defence members, including to enable members on long-term posting overseas to be reimbursed for the cost of one COVID-19 test for each school aged dependant per school term.
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Variation (Extension No. 2) Instrument 2021 [F2021L00727]</a>	10/06/2021	This instrument extends the human biosecurity emergency period for a further 3 months until 17 September 2021.
<a href="#">Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment Determination 2021 [F2021L00746]</a>	11/06/2021	This instrument provides a service fee to support general practices to administer the COVID-19 vaccine in residential aged care facilities, residential disability setting facilities and a patient's place of residence.

## 14-20 June 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
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<a href="#">COVID-19 Disaster Payment (Funding Arrangements) Bill 2021</a>	16/06/2021	This bill would establish a special appropriation to draw funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the payment of the COVID-19 disaster payment.
<a href="#">Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2021</a>	16/06/2021	This bill would extend the free tariff rate for medical and hygiene products combatting COVID-19.
<a href="#">Treasury Laws Amendment (COVID-19 Economic Response) Bill 2021</a>	16/06/2021	This bill would extend a COVID-19 related tax exemption for small business, and would allow the Australian Tax Office to share tax payer information with Services Australia for the purposes of administering the COVID-19 disaster payment.
<a href="#">Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 3) Minister's Rules 2021 [F2021L00761]</a>	16/06/2021	These rules extend a measure to support approved providers and families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, by allowing providers to waive "gap fees" (the difference between the fees charged by a child care provider and the amount of child care subsidy payable on those fees) for child care services that have been advised or directed to close, until 31 December 2021.
<a href="#">Remuneration Tribunal (Judicial and Related Offices—Remuneration and Allowances) Determination 2021 [F2021L00772]</a>	17/06/2021	This instrument determines that there will be no adjustment to remuneration for Judicial and Related Offices from 1 July 2021. It includes Special arrangements for the COVID-19 pandemic which provides that if, at the end of 2020, the Judge had a balance of recreation leave accrued during 2020, the Judge may retain up to 2 weeks of that balance for use before the end of 2022.
<a href="#">Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment (No. 2) Determination 2021 [F2021L00786]</a>	18/06/2021	This instrument lists two additional Medicare Benefit Schedule items to support general practices to provide in-depth patient assessments for patients who are at least 50 years of age relating to the COVID-19 vaccine.

21–27 June 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
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<a href="#">Veterans' Entitlements (Provisional Access to Medical Treatment) Amendment Determination 2021 [F2021L00808]</a>	24/06/2021	This instrument extends the intake period of the Provisional Access to a Medical Treatment Trial by twelve months to 1 July 2022 and the closing date of the provision of treatment under the Trial by twelve months to 31 December 2022, owing to changes in workforce capacity within the pandemic.
<a href="#">Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Drawdown) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00833]</a>	24/06/2021	These regulations extend the temporary reduction in minimum payment amounts for account based pensions, allocated pensions and market linked pensions (and for the equivalent annuity products) by half for the 2021-22 financial year, to continue to assist pension and annuity account balances to recover from capital losses associated with the economic impact of the pandemic.
<a href="#">Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 8 of 2020-2021) [F2021L00829]</a>	24/06/2021	This instrument appropriates an additional \$550,000 to Airservices Australia, as temporary grant support, as part of the recovery from the pandemic.
<a href="#">Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Section 3C General Medical Services – Medicare Indexation and Extension of Remote Service Options) Determination 2021 [F2021L00822]</a>	24/06/2021	This instrument amends multiple determinations to extend access to certain medical practitioner and allied health telehealth and phone services, changes the types of general practice telehealth and phone services available, and applies annual indexation of Medicare benefits.
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Measures No. 3) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00828]</a>	24/06/2021	This instrument establishes legislative authority for spending on the Regional Arts Fund, which is intended to provide financial support and promote the creation of, participation in and access to Australian arts and culture in regional and remote Australia.
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education, Skills and Employment Measures No. 2) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00827]</a>	24/06/2021	This instrument establishes legislative authority for spending on the Innovation Fund for Online and Offshore Education Services, which the explanatory statement notes forms part of \$53 million in targeted support for international education providers most affected by COVID-19 border closures
<a href="#">Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00852]</a>	25/06/2021	This instrument makes changes to visa criteria and conditions including responding to public health imperatives to reduce face-to face contact where possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<a href="#">Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Exemptions from Entry to Market Charges) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00847]</a>	25/06/2021	This instrument extends the existing exemption to exempt all CRICOS registered providers from the requirement to pay the entry to market charges from 1 July 2021 until 31 December 2021, in order to reduce the regulatory and cost burden on education providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Migration (Class of persons: Nil VAC for Work and Holiday and Working Holiday visas) Instrument (LIN 21/043) 2021 [F2021L00836]</a>	25/06/2021	This instrument specifies the applicants for a Subclass 417 (Working Holiday) visa and Subclass 462 (Work and Holiday) visa who will be in a class of persons for whom the Visa Application Charge amount is nil.
<a href="#">Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Domestic Air Cargo—Regional Airports) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00835]</a>	25/06/2021	These regulations respond to feedback on the economic impact on regional aviation due to amendments made by the Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Domestic Cargo) Regulations 2020, taking into account the broader impacts on industry that have arisen as a result of the global pandemic, while also maintaining or improving domestic air cargo security.

## 28–30 June 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Aged Care (Leave from Residential Care Services) (Situation of Emergency—Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Amendment Determination 2021 [F2021L00876]</a>	28/06/2021	This instrument extends the period of the situation of emergency, effectively making emergency leave available to all aged care residents throughout Australia until 30 June 2022.
<a href="#">Customs By-law No. 2100131 [F2021L00866]</a>	28/06/2021	This by-law covers certain medical products and hygiene products imported as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Health Insurance Amendment (Fees) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00870]</a>	28/06/2021	These regulations remove the requirement for new specialists and consultant physicians to pay a \$30 prescribed fee when applying for access to higher Medicare rebates. These regulations amend the Health Insurance Regulations 2018 to repeal the \$30 prescribed fee set out in sections 14 and 15. The

		explanatory material state that under the current process the medical practitioner is required to pay the fee by cheque or money order, and that during the COVID-19 pandemic it became evident that this outdated method of payment was impractical during periods of restricted movement in the community.
<a href="#">CASA EX69/21 — Medical Certification (Private Pilot Licence Holders with Basic Class 2 Medical Certificate) Exemption 2021 [F2021L00867]</a>	28/06/2021	This instrument continues to permit a person in a particular class of private pilot licence holders to exercise the privileges of their licence in single-pilot operations if related circumstances mentioned in the instrument exist and related conditions mentioned in the instrument are met, noting the impacts of COVID-19 on the aviation sector.
<a href="#">Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Section 3C General Medical Services – Eating Disorder and HCH Consequential Changes) Determination 2021 [F2021L00896]</a>	29/06/2021	This instrument makes consequential amendments to three determinations due to the incorporation of eating disorder service items into the general medical services table and the cessation of the Health Insurance (Health Care Homes) Determination 2017, including amendments necessary due to other COVID-19 telehealth instruments.
<a href="#">Statement of Expectations for Airservices Australia for the Period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023 [F2021L00930]</a>	30/06/2021	This instrument puts in place a new Statement of Expectations for the Board of Airservices Australia for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023, which includes a requirement to 'ensure that necessary steps are taken in minimising the financial impacts of COVID-19 in accordance with the 'One Airservices' Business Plan'.
<a href="#">Veterans' Entitlements (Asset test Exempt Income Stream (Market-linked) — Payment Factors) Principles Amendment Instrument 2021 [F2021L00922]</a>	30/06/2021	This instrument amends the Veterans' Entitlements (Asset-test Exempt Income Stream (Market-linked) — Payment Factors) Principles 2005 to ensure consistency with other amendments that halved the minimum payment amounts that apply to account-based annuities and pensions, allocated annuities and pensions, and market linked annuities and pensions by including the 2021-22 financial year.
<a href="#">Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP Mental Health Treatment Plan Review) Determination 2021 [F2021L00919]</a>	30/06/2021	This instrument reinstates item 92126 (that is, a telehealth consultation with a schedule fee of \$87.75) on the General Medical Services Table.

## COVID-19 legislative scrutiny

July 2021

1 – 8 July 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP Mental Health Treatment Plan Review) Determination (No. 2) 2021 [F2021L00944]</a>	01/07/2021	This instrument reinstates item 92126 on the General Medical Services table (which provides for a general practitioner phone attendance service to review a GP mental health treatment plan or a psychiatrist assessment and management plan).
<a href="#">Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment (No. 3) Determination 2021 [F2021L00943]</a>	01/07/2021	This instrument removes the age requirements for patients to access the COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment items including the two in-depth assessment items, applies indexation to the two in-depth assessment items and makes administrative changes to the two in-depth assessment items.
<a href="#">Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment Determination 2021 (No. 11) [F2021L00945]</a>	02/07/2021	This instrument extends by 1 year the provision of education assistance for the children of members on a long-term posting overseas who stayed in the United States of America during the COVID-19 evacuation consistent with DFAT advice concerning the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on government schools in the United States of America.
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Prime Minister and Cabinet Measures No. 3) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00967]</a>	08/07/2021	This instrument amends the legislative authority for spending on the COVID-19 disaster payment, removing the requirement to have liquid assets of less than \$10,000 for those recipients who are in their second week of eligibility for the payment.
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Prime Minister and Cabinet Measures No.</a>	08/07/2021	This instrument amends the legislative authority for spending on the COVID-19 disaster payment, extending the eligibility for the payment to certain persons who are, or were, unable to earn their usual income as a result of being present in another location



<a href="#">2) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00966]</a>		<p>in Australia at a time that it was subject to a state or territory public health order (the second public health order) restricting the movement of persons for a period of more than seven days because they were previously present in the hotspot area.</p>
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#### 9-15 July 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code) Instrument (No. 2) 2021 [F2021L00978]</a>	09/07/2021	<p>This instrument replaces references to the Therapeutic Goods (Restricted Representations—COVID-19 Vaccines) Permission 2021 with references to the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code) Instrument (No. 2) 2021, which includes references to the COVID-19 vaccine.</p>
<a href="#">Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Care Recipients and Service Staff Vaccination Recording and Reporting) Principles 2021 [F2021L00981]</a>	12/07/2021	<p>This instrument establishes obligations on approved providers of home care services to keep records and report to the Department of Health workers' COVID-19 vaccination status and approved providers of residential aged care to keep reports and report to the Department on residents' vaccination status.</p>

#### 16-22 July 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Section 3C General Medical Services – Phone Consultation for COVID-19 Hotspots) Determination 2021 [F2021L00994]</a>	16/07/2021	<p>This instrument lists two new items to enable patients affected by coronavirus to receive a Medicare benefit for longer phone attendances performed by a GP or another medical practitioner working in general practice.</p>
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Prime Minister and Cabinet Measures No. 4) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00993]</a>	16/07/2021	<p>This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on the provision of financial assistance to individuals residing in a location that is subject to a hotspot public health order.</p>
<a href="#">Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures—New South</a>	18/07/2021	<p>This instrument introduces measures to support approved child care providers and families in New South Wales subject to “stay at home” restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These measures</p>

<a href="#">Wales) Minister's Rules 2021 [F2021L00995]</a>		include allowing approved providers to waive their fees for child care services during the period the "stay at home" restrictions apply.
<a href="#">Income Tax Assessment (Eligible State and Territory COVID-19 Economic Recovery Grant Programs) Amendment Declaration (No. 1) 2021 [F2021L01002]</a>	20/07/2021	This instrument declares seven specifies COVID-19 related state and territory grant programs, as eligible grant programs allowing grants paid to them to be treated as non-assessable non-exempt income under the income tax law.
<a href="#">Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Section 3C General Medical Services – Usual Medical Practitioner Exemption) Determination 2021 [F2021L01007]</a>	21/07/2021	This instrument removes the requirement for patients to have an existing relationship with their medical practitioner to access a general practice telehealth or phone item related to mental health support services.

#### 23–29 July 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Prime Minister and Cabinet Measures No. 5) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01013]</a>	23/07/2021	This instrument amends the legislative authority for government spending on the COVID-19 Disaster Payment (including by removing references to the duration of a state or territory public health order restricting the movement of persons and removing references to declarations about the amount of liquid assets).
<a href="#">Information Amendment (Vaccination Reporting) Principles 2021 [F2021L01023]</a>	26/07/2021	This instrument authorises the Secretary to publish vaccination information received from approved providers under the Accountability Principles 2014, relating to numbers of service staff and care recipients who have received certain vaccinations.
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code) Instrument (No. 3) 2021 [F2021L01034]</a>	27/07/2021	This instrument makes amendments to ensure that the Advertising Code does not apply to advertisements made in accordance with a current COVID-19 vaccine permission instrument (so that specified advertisements in support of the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program containing certain representations will be lawful under the Code).
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 2)</a>	27/07/2021	This instrument removes an unintended barrier to accessing the provisional registration pathway for new COVID-19 vaccines and treatments in Australia

<a href="#">Regulations 2021 [F2021L01032]</a>		(so that new COVID-19 vaccines and treatments can access provisional registration without needing to demonstrate that they represent a significant improvement in efficacy or safety compared to other COVID-19 vaccines or treatments that are fully registered in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods).
<a href="#">Migration Amendment (Temporary Sponsored Parent Visas) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01029]</a>	27/07/2021	This instrument extends for an additional 18 months, Subclass 870 (Sponsored Parent (Temporary)) visas held by persons who were outside Australia on 1 July 2021, in order to assist persons who may have had difficulty using the visa to travel to Australia due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions.
<a href="#">Taxation Administration – Single Touch Payroll – 2019-20 and 2020-21 Income Years Closely Held Payees Exemption 2021 [F2021L01037]</a>	28/07/2021	This instrument provides an exemption for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years from mandatory reporting through Single Touch Payroll to employers that make payments to closely held payees.
<a href="#">Social Security (Asset-test Exempt Income Stream (Market-linked) – Payment Factors) Amendment (Minimum Amount) Principles 2021 [F2021L01036]</a>	28/07/2021	This instrument extends by a further year the halving of the minimum draw-down rate to allow the income stream to remain asset-test exempt, due to the continuing economic impact of COVID-19.
<a href="#">Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines Amendment (National Priorities and Other Matters) 2021 [F2021L01039]</a>	29/07/2021	This instrument lists additional higher education providers that can be paid grants under the Higher Education Support Act 2003, and update the national priorities specified in the Guidelines. The explanatory materials state that this is intended to support the education sector impacted by the loss of international students.

### 30-31 July 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Health Insurance (Accredited Pathology Laboratories – Approval) Amendment (Relevant Standards) Principles 2021 [F2021L01053]</a>	30/07/2021	This instrument amends the Health Insurance (Accredited Pathology Laboratories-Approval) Principles 2017 to reflect four new and/ or revised pathology accreditation standards and other amendments to support the implementation of the Requirements for Supervision in the Clinical Governance of Medical Pathology Laboratories (Sixth

		Edition 2021), including to address the retention of negative COVID specimens.
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods (Excluded Goods) Amendment (Borderline Products—COVID-19) Determination 2021 [F2021L01049]</a>	30/07/2021	This instrument determines specified borderline products to be excluded goods for the purposes of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989. The effect of this amendment is that articles such as bedsheets, clothes and towels that make COVID-19 claims will be regulated as medical devices.
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices—Specified Articles) Amendment (Borderline Products—COVID-19) Instrument 2021 [F2021L01048]</a>	30/07/2021	This instrument specifies a particular class of articles, represented expressly to be effective against the virus that causes COVID-19, to be medical devices under subsection 41BD(2B) of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989.
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Prime Minister and Cabinet Measures No. 7) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01047]</a>	30/07/2021	This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on COVID-19 disaster payments, administered by the National Recovery and Resilience Agency.
<a href="#">CASA EX92/21 — Flight Reviews, Proficiency Checks and Related Matters (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemptions Instrument 2021 [F2021L01045]</a>	30/07/2021	This instrument uses a series of exemptions from certain provisions of Civil Aviation Regulations to extend the time-limits for compliance with pilot proficiency check and flight review obligations.

## COVID-19 legislative scrutiny

August 2021

1 – 7 August 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Treasury Laws Amendment (COVID-19 Economic Response No. 2) Act 2021</a>	3/08/2021	This Act enables the Treasurer to make rules for economic response payments to entities that have been adversely affected by restrictions imposed by a state or territory public health order that is directed at controlling the transmission of COVID-19. It also enables tax information to be disclosed to Australian government agencies for the purposes of administering COVID-19 business support programs and makes COVID-19 disaster payments received by eligible businesses exempt from income tax. Finally, it reinstates a temporary mechanism for ministers to change arrangements relating to meeting information and document requirements under Commonwealth legislation.
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Amendment (No. 1) Determination 2021 [F2021L01068]</a>	4/08/2021	This instrument removes the automatic exemption for a person who ordinarily resides in another country to leave Australia and replaces it instead with a discretionary exemption (where the applicant can demonstrate a compelling reason for travelling).
<a href="#">Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment Determination 2021 (No. 15) [F2021L01071]</a>	5/08/2021	This instrument provides benefits for members who are on a long-term posting overseas in response to, and recognition of, the additional difficulties experienced as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic in overseas locations.
<a href="#">Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 4) Minister's Rules 2021 [F2021L01070]</a>	5/08/2021	This instrument allows extra allowable absences for eligible individuals that are affected by COVID-19 lockdowns and stay at home orders. The extra allowable absences will ensure that families can continue to receive subsidised fee relief when their children are unable to attend care due to COVID-19 lockdowns or stay at home orders.
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods (Serious Scarcity and Substitutable Medicine) (Tocilizumab)</a>	6/08/2021	This instrument declares that there is a serious scarcity across Australia of specified medicines containing the active ingredient tocilizumab, and specifies the substitutable medicines that pharmacists are permitted to dispense in substitution

<a href="#">Instrument 2021 [F2021L01086]</a>		in permitted circumstances. This is to support access to the limited quantities of medicines that are, or will be, present in pharmacies for persons with relevant conditions, particularly giant cell arthritis or rheumatoid arthritis.
<a href="#">Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 43 of 2021 [F2021L01084]</a>	6/08/2021	This instrument determines Reporting Standard ARS 920.8 Australian Government Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Recovery Loan Scheme – Flood, related to the economic effects of COVID-19.
<a href="#">Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 42 of 2021 [F2021L01082]</a>	6/08/2021	This instrument determines Reporting Standard ARS 920.6 Australian Government Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Recovery Loan Scheme – JobKeeper.
<a href="#">Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Section 3C General Medical Services – Cease GP Mental Health Treatment Plan Phone Services) Determination 2021 [F2021L01079]</a>	6/08/2021	This instrument amends the Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical – Expansion of GP and Allied Health Mental Health Services) Determination 2020 to repeal eight temporary items providing general practitioner (GP) phone attendance services for the preparation of GP mental health treatment plans.

### 8-31 August 2021

<b>Bill/ Instrument</b>	<b>Date registered/ introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 5) Minister's Rules 2021 [F2021L01126]</a>	16/08/2021	This instrument amends the Child Care Subsidy Minister's Rules 2017 to allow child care providers to waive gap fees in COVID-19 hotspots where certain conditions are met. The purpose of the instrument is to ease the financial burden on families in COVID-19 hotspot locations whose children are not attending child care.
<a href="#">National Health (Medication Program for Homeless People) Amendment Special Arrangement 2021 [F2021L01131]</a>	17/08/2021	This instrument amends the National Health (Medication Program for Homeless People) Special Arrangement 2021 to provide flexibility around how eligible patients can receive special arrangement supplies. It removes the requirement that the representative from the approved organisation act as an agent for the eligible patient by presenting the eligible patient's prescriptions for dispensing by the nominated pharmacy, receiving the special arrangement supply and then providing the benefit to the patient.
<a href="#">Taxation Administration (Data</a>	20/08/2021	This instrument lists the programs administered by Australian government agencies that have been

<a href="#">Sharing—Relevant COVID-19 Business Support Program) Declaration 2021 [F2021L01157]</a>		<p>declared relevant COVID-19 business support programs to enable the Commissioner of Taxation to share protected data held by the Australian Taxation Office with relevant Australian government agencies that administer the programs.</p>
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Education, Skills and Employment Measures No. 3) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01147]</a>	20/08/2021	<p>This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on certain activities administered by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, including the expansion of the Local Jobs – COVID-19 Recovery program.</p>
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Measures No. 4) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01141]</a>	20/08/2021	<p>This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on certain activities administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, including funding the Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism Program.</p>
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code) Instrument (No. 4) 2021 [F2021L01179]</a>	23/08/2021	<p>This instrument amends the Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code (No.2) 2018 to exclude advertisements made within the terms of the Therapeutic Goods (Restricted Representations—HHD Group Pty Limited) (AZ) Permission 2021. The effect of the instrument is to make it lawful to promote advertisements falling within the terms of the permission, consistent with public health campaigns, which are excluded from the application of the Code.</p>
<a href="#">Income Tax Assessment (Eligible State and Territory COVID-19 Economic Recovery Grant Programs) Amendment Declaration (No. 2) 2021 [F2021L01178]</a>	23/08/2021	<p>This instrument declares certain grant programs administered by the states of New South Wales and Victoria as eligible programs for the purposes of section 59-97 of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i>, under which a payment received by a small business entity from an eligible program is non-assessable non-exempt income. This means that payments received under the programs are not subject to income tax by the Commonwealth. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, state and territory governments are providing grants to certain businesses to help them manage the impacts of the pandemic on their business.</p>
<a href="#">CASA EX100/21 – CASA EX92/21 – Extension of COVID-19 Relief Measures – Amendment Instrument 2021 (No. 1) [F2021L01189]</a>	25/08/2021	<p>This instrument extends, to 31 March 2022, the duration of the principal exemptions instrument – the CASA EX92/21 – Flight Reviews, Proficiency Checks and Related Matters (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemptions Instrument 2021 – which is a COVID-19 related, short-term relief measure that was originally planned to be repealed on 31 October</p>

		2021. The instrument provides further short extensions of renewal periods for otherwise expiring cyclical checks and provides longer extensions of up to 31 March 2022, where relevant operators have safety mitigations in place in the form of CASA-approved safety risk management plans.
<a href="#">Paid Parental Leave Amendment (COVID-19 Work Test) Act 2021</a>	25/08/2021	This Act amends the <i>Paid Parental Leave Act 2010</i> to enable people to access parental leave pay and dad and partner pay who do not meet the current work test provisions because their employment has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but who have been paid Commonwealth payments in recognition of this effect.
<a href="#">Banking (prudential standard) determination No. 1 of 2021 [F2021L01193]</a>	26/08/2021	This instrument revokes the Banking (prudential standard) determination No. 4 of 2020, including the <i>Prudential Standard APS 220 Credit Quality</i> , and determines Prudential Standard APS 220 Credit Quality, which includes a new Attachment E to APS 220. This new Attachment E temporarily adjusts the prudential treatment for loans granted repayment deferrals, or that are otherwise restructured, due to COVID-19. For eligible borrowers, authorised deposit-taking institutions will not need to treat a repayment deferral as a loan restructuring or the period of deferral as a period of arrears.
<a href="#">National Health Amendment (COVID-19) Bill 2021</a>	26/08/2021	This Act amends the <i>National Health Act 1953</i> to confer a spending power on the Minister for Health to enter into arrangements and make payments in relation to securing COVID-19 vaccines and related goods and services (such as boosters, necessary consumables, COVID-19 treatments). This power will be time-limited to 30 June 2022.



## COVID-19 legislative scrutiny

### September 2021

1 – 30 September 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Biosecurity Amendment (Enhanced Risk Management) Bill 2021</a>	1/9/21	<p>This bill would amend the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> to enhance the ability to manage the risk of pests and diseases (such as COVID-19) entering, emerging, establishing or spreading in Australian territory and causing harm to animal, plant and human health, the environment and the economy.</p> <p>In particular, the bill would allow a chief human biosecurity officer or a human biosecurity officer to make a human biosecurity group direction covering a class of people on board an aircraft or a vessel (or one that is landing) that is in Australian territory. It seeks to increase criminal and civil penalties for contraventions of certain key requirements relating to the assessment and management of biosecurity risks of goods that are brought or imported into Australian territory. The bill also seeks to amend provisions relating to the conduct of risk assessments and would provide legislative authority for arrangements and grants of financial assistance for dealing with risks posed by diseases or pests.</p>
<a href="#">National Health (Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Trial) Amendment (Approved Residential Care Services) Special Arrangement 2 of 2021 [F2021L01227]</a>	1/9/21	<p>This instrument allows additional residential aged care facilities to participate in the Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Trial; allows for administrative errors and inconsistencies to be amended, to include a consequential amendment; and removes 126 residential aged care facilities withdrawn from the trial. The instrument seeks to reduce the regulatory burden associated with the supply of pharmaceutical benefits and support residential aged care services to limit exposure of residents to COVID-19.</p>
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Variation (Extension No. 3) Instrument 2021 [F2021L01232]</a>	2/9/21	<p>This instrument amends the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020 to extend the human biosecurity emergency period for a further three months until 17 December 2021.</p>

<a href="#">Taxation Administration (Data Sharing—Relevant COVID-19 Business Support Program) Amendment Declaration (No. 1) 2021 [F2021L01237]</a>	3/9/21	<p>This instrument amends the Taxation Administration (Data Sharing—Relevant COVID-19 Business Support Program) Declaration 2021 to declare further state and territory business support programs as eligible for data sharing.</p>
<a href="#">Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Vaccination Information) Principles 2021 [F2021L01236]</a>	3/9/21	<p>This instrument updates reporting and record keeping requirements for approved residential aged care service providers relating to COVID -19 vaccinations. It also allows for the sharing of information with relevant state and territory health authorities and the public release of that information.</p>
<a href="#">Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 6) Minister’s Rules 2021 [F2021L01233]</a>	3/9/21	<p>The instrument provides for the making of business continuity payments, called COVID-19 viability support payments, to approved child care providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Providers who meet the eligibility criteria will receive COVID-19 viability support payments at certain times. These include where the provider’s service is in a COVID-19 hotspot for more than 28 days, or where the provider’s service is in a COVID-19 hotspot of more than seven days where there are restrictions on whether children can attend care.</p>
<a href="#">Paid Parental Leave Amendment (COVID-19 Work Test) Rules 2021 [F2021L01238]</a>	4/9/21	<p>This instrument amends the existing Paid Parental Leave Rules 2021 to allow calculation of the number of hours of qualifying work performed by people who have received a COVID-19 Australian Government payment to count towards the work test for Paid Parental Leave.</p>
<a href="#">ASIC Corporations (Extension of Time to Hold AGM) Instrument 2021/770 [F2021L01243]</a>	8/9/21	<p>This instrument extends the time for certain public companies to hold their annual general meetings (AGMs) to allow companies to plan and prepare for holding their AGMs in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on gathering and movement.</p>
<a href="#">Poisons Standard Amendment (Ivermectin) Instrument 2021 [F2021L01253]</a>	10/9/21	<p>The instrument amends the Poisons Standard June 2021 in relation to the substance ivermectin in preparations for oral administration for human use. The explanatory statement notes concerns in relation to the increase in off-label prescribing of oral ivermectin as a potential therapy for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19.</p> <p>The amendments impose additional controls on the possession or supply of ivermectin for human use.</p>

		Specifically, this is achieved by restricting the prescribing or authorising of oral ivermectin.
<a href="#">Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (In-Hospital Telehealth and Phone Services) Determination 2021 [F2021L01263]</a>	14/9/21	This instrument lists 40 new temporary items for specialist telehealth and phone services performed by the admitting medical practitioner or the admitting dental practitioner for private patients admitted to hospital. The explanatory statement states the expansion of specialist telehealth and phone services will ensure continuity of care for private in-hospital patients and is necessary to keep both health care practitioners and patients safe during the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">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) Amendment Determination 2021 [F2021L01261]</a>	14/9/21	This instrument removes from six temporary allied health items the restriction that the patient is required to have previously received five allied health services under an item in subgroup 1 or 3 of Group M29 or Group M3 in that calendar year. The temporary six allied health items commenced on 10 December 2020 as part of the Government’s response to the Aged Care Royal Commission’s recommendations on COVID-19.
<a href="#">Private Health Insurance (Health Insurance Business) Amendment Rules (No. 2) 2021 [F2021L01260]</a>	14/9/21	This instrument amends the definition of hospital treatment to exclude a restricted set of specialist in-hospital telehealth items. The explanatory statement states that the amendment will ensure the new Medicare Benefits Schedule items will not be considered hospital treatment for the purposes of the <i>Private Health Insurance Act 2007</i> .
<a href="#">Defence (Individual Benefits) Determination 2021 (No. 5) [F2021L01259]</a>	14/9/21	This instrument provides benefits to a member of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in unique circumstances relating to service undertaken with an international organisation. The benefits provided in this determination enable the member and the member’s partner to return to Australia to undertake further service in the ADF. The benefits include the reimbursement of the costs of the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests for the COVID-19 virus for the member and the member’s partner if they return to Australia with the member and the cost of mandatory quarantine. The PCR tests are necessary to board international flights to Australia.
<a href="#">Part 60 Manual of Standards Amendment Instrument 2021 (No. 1) [F2021L01303]</a>	20/9/21	This instrument amends the Part 60 Manual of Standards to extend the end-date of the transitional arrangement until 24 March 2023; add a standard; and make minor, or machinery-type, amendments. The explanatory statement notes that travel

		restrictions related to, and the economic impact on the airline industry of, the COVID-19 pandemic has created barriers for operators to take advantage of the full stall training upgrade opportunities provided by the transitional arrangements. The extension of the transitional arrangement will allow operators an extension of time to utilise the transitional arrangement.
<a href="#">National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Amendment (Further Extension) Special Arrangement 2021 [F2021L01304]</a>	21/9/21	This instrument amends the National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020 to extend the repeal date for a further three months until 1 January 2022. The Special Arrangement provides a patient who is confined to their home access to Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme medicines through 'Image Based Prescription for Medicine Supply'. The explanatory statement notes that the repeal date has been extended due to the continuing risk of COVID-19 and associated lockdowns and restrictions.
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code) Instrument (No. 5) 2021 [F2021L01317]</a>	23/9/21	This instrument amends the Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code (No.2) 2018 to replace references to the Therapeutic Goods (Restricted Representations—COVID-19 Vaccines) Permission (No. 3) 2021 with references to the Therapeutic Goods (Restricted Representations—COVID-19 Vaccines) Permission (No. 4) 2021. The explanatory statement notes that the new Permission (No. 4) reproduces the earlier permission and extends the restricted representations that may be made in specified advertisements to include offers of valuable consideration to persons who have been partly (as well as fully) vaccinated in accordance with the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program.
<a href="#">Remuneration Tribunal Amendment Determination (No. 5) 2021 [F2021L01336]</a>	29/9/21	This instrument amends the Remuneration Tribunal (Judicial and Related Offices—Remuneration and Allowances) Determination 2021 to, among other things, update references to the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia and their offices, and to set the remuneration and travel tier for those offices. This includes setting out temporary recreation leave arrangements for Judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices—Excluded Purposes) Amendment (COVID-19 Rapid Antigen IVD Medical Devices for</a>	29/9/21	This instrument amends the Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices—Excluded Purposes) Specification 2020 to specify excluded purposes for Class 1 in vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical devices for self-testing, and also provides an exception to the excluded purposes in relation to testing for the presence of SARS-CoV-2

<a href="#">Self-Testing) Specification 2021 [F2021L01347]</a>		<p>antigens. The explanatory statement notes that this instrument forms part of the measures to support the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in particular the management of COVID-19 transmission in the community.</p>
<a href="#">Poisons Standard October 2021 [F2021L01345]</a>	<p>29/9/21</p>	<p>This instrument repeals and replaces the Poisons Standard June 2021. It incorporates a number of changes to existing entries, and includes a number of specified substances in the Standard for the first time. In particular, an amendment has been incorporated to allow exemptions from the labelling requirements to be in place for longer than the current 12 months where the exemption relates to a product that is indicated for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19. Under the amendment, a labelling exemption for such a product may remain in place for the period specified in the exemption or, where no period is specified, until revoked by the appropriate authority. The explanatory statement notes that this amendment reflects that COVID-19 vaccines and treatments include products manufactured overseas, with overseas labels that may not contain all of the information required.</p>

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October 2021

1 – 31 October 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Defence Determination, Conditions of service (COVID-19 response – overseas) Amendment Determination 2021 (No. 21)</a> <a href="#">[F2021L01415]</a>	11/10/2021	This determination amends the Defence Determination 2016/19, Conditions of service to provide bespoke benefits as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic for members on duty overseas who are returning to Australia.
<a href="#">ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2021/848</a> <a href="#">[F2021L01425]</a>	13/10/2021	This instrument amends the ASIC Corporations (COVID-19—Advice-related Relief) Instrument 2021/268 to give effect to two temporary relief measures that facilitate access to timely and affordable personal advice that is in connection with the adverse economic effects of COVID-19 for existing clients of a providing entity (which is Australian financial services (AFS) licensee or an authorised representative of an AFS licensee that provides personal advice to a retail client).
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Prime Minister and Cabinet Measures No. 9) Regulations 2021</a> <a href="#">[F2021L01434]</a>	14/10/2021	This instrument amends table item 492 in Part 4 of Schedule 1AB to the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997, which establishes legislative authority for government spending on the COVID-19 Disaster Payment. Noting that the COVID-19 Disaster Payment will taper and cease, this instrument will give effect to transitional arrangements by enabling the Government to make up to two further payments to individuals who were eligible for the payment at the time their state or territory reached 80 per cent vaccination but then are no longer eligible due to the state or territory public health order and/or the Commonwealth hotspot declaration no longer being in place. The explanatory statement notes that the transitional arrangements recognise potential delays in people receiving their first instalment of income as movement restrictions are lifted and they return to work or onto other forms of government assistance such as JobSeeker Payment.
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary</a>	14/10/2021	This instrument amends the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997 to

<a href="#">Powers) Amendment (Prime Minister and Cabinet Measures No. 6) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01433]</a>		<p>clarify that the COVID-19 Disaster Payment is not limited to persons who are employees at common law, that is, persons who perform work under an employment contract. As such, persons who are not employees at common law (for example, sole traders who trade under their own name and perform work on their own account) may be able to claim the payment, subject to meeting other eligibility criteria for the payment.</p>
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Health Measures No. 6) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01430]</a>	14/10/2021	<p>This instrument amends the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997 to establish legislative authority for government spending on the COVID-19 Vaccine Claims Scheme, which will provide compensation for individuals who suffer loss or injury as a result of being vaccinated against the coronavirus known as COVID-19.</p>
<a href="#">Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Definition of ACT Employee – COVID-19 Emergency Response Volunteers) Declaration 2021 [F2021L01440]</a>	15/10/21	<p>This instrument declares that persons identified by the ACT Chief Health Officer in writing to be COVID-19 Response Volunteers who, without receiving any remuneration (other than payment of expenses incurred), assists in the delivery of ACT COVID emergency response services under the control or direction of an ACT Government officer, are taken to be an employee of the ACT for the purposes of the <i>Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988</i>, when rendering such assistance.</p>
<a href="#">Social Security (Ordinary Waiting Period Exemption) Instrument 2021 [F2021L01445]</a>	19/10/2021	<p>This instrument provides an exemption from the ordinary waiting period for a person who makes a claim for Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance or Jobseeker Payment during any period they are in receipt of the COVID-19 Disaster Payment, or a period of up to 13 weeks following when they were last in receipt of the COVID-19 Disaster Payment. The explanatory statement states that this instrument seeks to ensure that there will generally be no break in assistance for people who transition from the COVID-19 Disaster payment to income support payments.</p>
<a href="#">Air Navigation (Exemption for Commercial Non-Scheduled Flights) Amendment Determination 2021 [F2021L01450]</a>	22/10/2021	<p>This determination amends the Air Navigation (Exemption for Commercial Non-Scheduled Flights) Determination 2019, which exempts certain operators from the requirement to obtain permission from the Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications for certain categories of international non-scheduled flights. The determination removes certain exemptions while the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human</p>

		<p>Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020 remains in force. In particular, the determination removes exemptions for single charter flights carrying one or more passengers, regardless of the seating capacity of the aircraft, and the exemption for charters which are part of a program of charters, where seating capacities and number of flights do not exceed certain limits. The explanatory statement states that the purpose of the amendments is to support implementation of enhanced health, quarantine and border clearance processes for international travellers due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<p><a href="#">Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Incoming International Flights) Determination 2021 [F2021L01462]</a></p>	27/10/21	<p>This instrument amends the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements—Incoming International Flights) Determination 2021 and the Biosecurity (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Preventative Biosecurity Measures—Incoming International Flights) Determination 2021 to add and remove certain exemptions from the requirement to provide a negative COVID-19 test before arriving in Australia on an incoming international flight, and to clarify the relevant timeframe for providing a negative COVID-19 test and the provision of medical evidence if a person has a medical reason as to why they cannot undertake a COVID-19 test.</p>
<p><a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Amendment (No. 2) Determination 2021 [F2021L01463]</a></p>	27/10/2021	<p>This instrument amends the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Overseas Travel Ban Emergency Requirements) Determination 2020 to establish a new automatic exemption from the requirement not to travel overseas for fully vaccinated Australian citizens and permanent residents. The instrument also provides that if an exceptional circumstances exemption is granted to a person who is under the age of 12 or a person who is registered on the Australian Immunisation Register as having a medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccines on the day the flight is scheduled to depart, it does not need to be made in writing. It also makes a consequential amendment to the Biosecurity (Entry Requirements—Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Determination 2020 to update the definition of the Overseas Travel Ban Determination.</p>
<p><a href="#">Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing</a></p>	27/10/2021	<p>This bill seeks to make various amendments to a number of Acts, including amending the <i>Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997</i> to extend the</p>



<a href="#">Superannuation Outcomes For Australians and Helping Australian Businesses Invest) Bill 2021</a>		<p>temporary full expensing regime by 12 months, until 30 June 2023. Temporary full expensing is a temporary tax incentive that was introduced in 2020 as a COVID-19 related measure to support businesses withstand the impacts of the pandemic. The explanatory memorandum states that temporary full expensing supports businesses that invest, as it significantly reduces the after-tax cost of eligible assets, providing a cash flow benefit.</p>
<a href="#">Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 45 of 2021 [F2021L01470]</a>	28/10/2021	<p>This instrument determines Reporting Standard ARS 920.10 Australian Government Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Recovery Loan Scheme. This Reporting Standard sets out requirements for authorised deposit-taking institutions and registered financial corporations to report their lending facilities under the expanded SME Recovery Loan Scheme to small and medium enterprises that are adversely economically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The explanatory materials note that the new Reporting Standard enables the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority and the Commonwealth Government to monitor lending activity under the expanded SME Recovery Loan Scheme.</p>
<a href="#">Migration (VAC refunds for certain Prospective Marriage visas) Amendment Instrument (LIN 21/071) 2021 [F2021L01467]</a>	28/10/2021	<p>This instrument amends the Migration (Refund of Visa Application Charge) Instrument (LIN 21/007) 2021 to specify additional circumstances under these provisions to allow refunds of the first instalment of a visa application charge. Refunds are being made available to certain persons who continue to be adversely impacted by COVID-19 related travel difficulties and hold, or have held, a Subclass 300 Prospective Marriage (Temporary) visa.</p>
<a href="#">Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Exemption Certificate Application Extension) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01475]</a>	29/10/2021	<p>This instrument amends the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001 to extend the deadline for eligible applicants to submit an application for an exemption under the Renewable Energy Target in relation to an emissions-intensive trade-exposed activity. The extension is for applications made on or before 10 December 2021 and applies for the 2021 year only. The explanatory statement notes that the application extension applies only to emissions-intensive trade-exposed exemptions for 2021, recognising the difficult operating environment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<a href="#">Migration Amendment (Prospective Marriage Visas) Regulations 2021[F2021L01481]</a>	29/10/2021	<p>This instrument amends the Migration Regulations 1994 to address the impact of COVID-19 related travel difficulties by extending the duration of Subclass 300 (Prospective Marriage) visas to 31</p>

		December 2022 for visa holders who were outside Australia on 15 September 2021 and the visa was in effect on 15 September 2021.
<a href="#">Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 2) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01483]</a>	29/10/2021	This instrument amends the Migration Regulations 1994 to allow applications for certain skilled and regional visas by persons in Australia who are currently prevented from applying in Australia but are unable to leave and apply from overseas due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions. The instrument also makes routine biannual amendments to the Australian Citizenship Regulation 2016 to update foreign currency exchange rates for citizenship applications and the places in which the application fees may be paid.
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Entry Requirements—Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Determination 2021 [F2021L01484]</a>	31/10/2021	This instrument sets out new entry requirements for people who are entering Australia at a landing place or port. It applies to individuals who enter Australian territory as a passenger of an aircraft on an international flight and who were more than 12 years and 3 months old on the day the international flight was scheduled to commence. The determination requires individuals to produce evidence that, before they board an aircraft on a relevant international flight, they provided a written statement that sets out the information and supporting evidence required by the Determination. The relevant information includes that the individual has received the relevant COVID-19 vaccinations at least 7 days before the flight was scheduled to commence; or the individual is exempt from vaccination requirements due to a medical contraindication; or that neither of these matters apply to the individual.

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November 2021

1 – 30 November 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 7) Minister's Rules 2021 [F2021L01504]</a>	1/11/2021	This instrument makes various amendments to the Child Care Subsidy Minister's Rules 2017 to lessen the adverse impact on individuals and child care services resulting from COVID-19 related lockdowns in Australia, including ensuring the continuation of viability support payments and extending COVID-19 relief measures to where the child care service is outside a COVID-19 hotspot but the normal place of residence of a customer of the child care service is inside a COVID-19 hotspot.
<a href="#">Health Insurance (General Practice COVID-19 Management Support Service) Determination 2021 [F2021L01513]</a>	3/11/2021	This instrument lists a temporary attendance service (item 93715) for the assessment and management of patients who have been recently diagnosed with COVID-19 by a laboratory diagnostic test. The service is expected to be performed by GPs, but can be performed by any medical practitioner who is not a specialist or consultant physician. The service will cease on 30 June 2022.
<a href="#">Health Insurance (General Practice COVID-19 Management Support Service) Determination 2021 [F2021L01513]</a>	4/11/2021	This instrument lists a temporary attendance service for patients who have been recently diagnosed with COVID-19 by a laboratory diagnostic test. Patients diagnosed with a point of care test, such as a rapid antigen test, will not be eligible until they have the result confirmed by a laboratory test. The service is expected to be performed by GPs, but can be performed by any medical practitioner who is not a specialist or consultant physician.
<a href="#">Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (COVID-19 response – domestic) Determination 2021 (No. 23) [F2021L01517]</a>	5/11/2021	This instrument updates and provides additional benefits to members and their families as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects it has on the moment of ADF personnel around Australia.

<a href="#">Health Insurance (General Practice COVID-19 Management Support Service) Amendment (No. 1) Determination 2021 [F2021L01521]</a>	5/11/2021	<p>This instrument requires the new COVID-19 management support item to be performed in conjunction with a service to which a specified general practice attendance item applies, and will commence on 8 November 2021 and reflect the original policy intention of the COVID-19 management support item.</p>
<a href="#">National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Business Exemption No. 2) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01540]</a>	12/11/2021	<p>This instrument reinstates the temporary exemption from responsible lending obligations that are contained under the <i>National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009</i>, relating to the coronavirus economic response and covering credit with a partial small business purpose. It also makes an amendment to the exemption period to prevent the responsible lending obligations from being temporarily reimposed on a portion of credit activity ahead of their removal by other legislation.</p>
<a href="#">Migration (Income Threshold and Exemptions for Subclass 189 Visa (New Zealand Stream)) Amendment Instrument (LIN 21/048) 2021 [F2021L01544]</a>	12/11/2021	<p>This instrument amends the <i>Migration (Income Threshold and Exemptions for Subclass 189 Visa (New Zealand Stream)) Instrument (LIN 21/018) 2021</i> to include an exemption for New Zealand citizens who are unable to meet the income threshold requirements for the 2020-21 income year due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements—Retail Outlets at International Airports) Repeal Determination 2021 [F2021L01555]</a>	12/11/2021	<p>This instrument repeals the <i>Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements—Retail Outlets at International Airports) Determination 2020</i> to remove restrictions on operators of retail outlets in international airports within Australia to permit them to trade.</p>
<a href="#">Industry Research and Development (Supporting Agricultural Showmen and Women Program) Instrument 2021 [F2021L01558]</a>	15/11/2021	<p>This instrument prescribes the Supporting Agricultural Showmen and Women Program (the program). The program will provide support for operational costs including rental assistance and Showmen's Guild fees.</p>

<a href="#">Biosecurity (Emergency Requirements— Remote Communities) Determination 2021 [F2021L01572]</a>	17/11/2021	<p>This instrument determines emergency requirements to prevent a person from entering or leaving the area of Robinson River homeland areas Northern Territory to prevent or control the entry, emergence, establishment or spread of COVID-19, subject to limited exceptions. The instrument will be repealed on 18 November 2021 at 6 pm Northern Territory time.</p>
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Emergency Requirements— Remote Communities) Amendment (No. 1) Determination 2021 [F2021L01578]</a>	18/11/2021	<p>This instrument extends the emergency requirements to prevent a person from entering or leaving the area of Robinson River homeland areas Northern Territory, subject to limited exceptions, until 21 November 2021 at 6 pm Northern Territory time.</p>
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Emergency Requirements— Remote Communities) Amendment (No. 2) Determination 2021 [F2021L01586]</a>	22/11/2021	<p>This instrument extends the emergency requirements further to prevent a person from entering or leaving the area of Robinson River homeland areas Northern Territory, subject to limited exceptions, until 1 December 2021 at 6 pm Northern Territory time.</p>
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Entry Requirements—Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Determination (No. 2) 2021 [F2021L01620]</a>	28/11/2021	<p>This instrument requires individuals who are entering Australia to produce evidence that, before they board an aircraft on a relevant international flight, the person has provided a written statement, either on a paper-based form or an electronic form, that sets out the information required by this instrument.</p>
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Emergency Requirements—High Risk Country Travel Pause) Determination (No. 2) 2021 [F2021L01621]</a>	28/11/2021	<p>This instrument requires passengers on a relevant international flight not to enter Australian territory at a landing place if the person has been in an Omicron high risk country (Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa and Zimbabwe) within 14 days of the day the flight was scheduled to commence, unless an exemption applies to the person.</p>

## COVID-19 legislative scrutiny

December 2021

1 – 31 December 2021

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered/ introduced	Description
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Conditionally Non-prohibited Goods) Amendment (Test Kits) Determination 2021 [F2021L01698]</a>	3/12/2021	This instrument amends the <i>Biosecurity (Conditionally Non-prohibited) Goods Determination 2021</i> to provide that test kits must not be brought or imported into Australian territory unless they are covered by an import permit or the alternative conditions specified for such test kits are complied with. The provision of alternative conditions for test kits means that an import permit is not required for the import of test kits provided that the alternative conditions are met.
<a href="#">Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Emergency and Entry Requirements) Determination 2021 [F2021L01718]</a>	6/12 2021	This instrument amends the definition of Omicron high risk countries to remove the Seychelles, as there are no cases of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in accordance with public health advice.
<a href="#">Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Response Measures No. 8) Minister's Rules 2021 [F2021L01741]</a>	9/12/2021	This instrument amends the Child Care Subsidy Minister's Rules 2017 to lessen the adverse impact on individuals and child care services arising from COVID-19 related lockdowns and restrictions in Australia.
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Variation (Extension No. 4) Instrument 2021 [F2021L01757]</a>	10/12/2021	This instrument amends the <i>Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020</i> to extend the human biosecurity emergency period for a further two months until 17 February 2022.
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Emergency Requirements—High Risk Country Travel Pause) Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2021 [F2021L01758]</a>	11/12/2021	This instrument amends the <i>Biosecurity (Emergency Requirements—High Risk Country Travel Pause) Determination (No. 2) 2021</i> to extend the operation of that instrument until 15 December 2021, which requires passengers on a relevant international flight not to enter Australian territory at a landing place if the person has been in an Omicron high risk country within 14 days of the day the flight was scheduled to commence.

<a href="#">Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 2 of 2021-2022) [F2021L01771]</a>	13/12/2021	This instrument provides additional funding to the National Recovery and Resilience Agency to extend the availability of the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment until 30 June 2022 due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Privacy Amendment (South Australia My Health Records Access) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01760]</a>	13/12/2021	This instrument prescribes the South Australian Department of the Premier and Cabinet as an organisation under section 6F of the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> in relation to its handling of information from the My Health Records system for the purposes of managing risks from the coronavirus known as COVID-19.
<a href="#">Migration (Class of persons for Visitor (Class FA) visa nil VAC) Amendment Instrument (LIN 21/097) 2021 (No. 2) [F2021L01773]</a>	14/12/21	This instrument provides a concession where subclass 600 visa holders' intended travel has not been completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 3 of 2021-2022) [F2021L01795]</a>	16/12/2021	This instrument provides additional funding to construct Centres for National Resilience at Mickleham in Victoria, Pinkenba in Queensland and Bullsbrook in Western Australia, to manage higher-risk cohorts of international travellers arriving during the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2021 [F2021L01805]</a>	17/12/2021	This instrument continues to provide patient access to certain general practitioner, specialist and allied health telehealth and phone services which were originally created specifically in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
<a href="#">Health Insurance (Section 3C Diagnostic Imaging – Cardiac MRI for Myocarditis) Determination 2021 [F2021L01810]</a>	17/12/2021	This instrument lists a new temporary item for cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to diagnose myocarditis associated with mRNA COVID-19 vaccination. The item is for use in circumstances where myocarditis cannot be definitively diagnosed using conventional imaging and other diagnostic tests.

<a href="#">Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Cessation Dates and Pathology COVID-19 Services Amendments) Determination 2021 [F2021L01808]</a>	17/12/21	<p>This instrument amends the Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Determination 2020, the Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical – Expansion of GP and Allied Health Mental Health Services) Determination 2020 and the Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services - COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2020 to amend the cessation dates of the instruments and to make Government policy changes to the COVID-19 pathology services from 1 January 2022.</p>
<a href="#">Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment (No. 4) Determination 2021 [F2021L01816]</a>	17/12/2021	<p>This instrument amends the Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Determination 2021 to introduce two new items to allow COVID-19 vaccine suitability assessment services to be performed outside of consulting rooms by qualified health professionals under remote supervision by a medical practitioner.</p>
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Health Measures No. 9) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01823]</a>	17/12/2021	<p>This instrument establishes legislative authority for government spending on the development and maintenance of Australia’s onshore capability to manufacture mRNA (Messenger Ribonucleic Acid) products.</p>
<a href="#">Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Health Measures No. 8) Regulations 2021 [F2021L01834]</a>	17/12/2021	<p>This instrument provides a grant of \$2.1 million in 2021-22 to the Australian Olympic Committee to fund the costs associated with the completion of mandatory quarantine by the Australian Olympic Team on their return to Australia following their participation in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.</p>
<a href="#">Biosecurity (Emergency Requirements–Remote Communities) Determination No. 2) 2021 [F2021L01863]</a>	20/12/2021	<p>This instrument determines requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by preventing a person entering or leaving the Locality of Ali Curung, Junkaj Homeland and the Wakurlpu Homeland, unless they meet a specified criteria set out in the Determination, from 10.18 pm (A.C.T.) 20 December 2021 to 5 pm on 22 December 2021 legal time in the Northern Territory.</p>



<a href="#">Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Modifications—Statutory Declarations and Notices of Intention to Marry) Determination 2021 [F2021L01858]</a>	20/12/2021	<p>This instrument temporarily modifies signing, witnessing, and documentary arrangements for Commonwealth statutory declarations and witnessing arrangements for notices of intended marriage, by making provision for signing of statutory declaration using electronic means as well as witnessing by a prescribed person via a facility that enables audio and visual communication between persons in different places.</p>
<a href="#">Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) (Administrative and Base Fees) Determination 2021 [F2021L01845]</a>	20/12/2021	<p>This instrument specifies the dollar amounts payable by all non-exempt Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) registered providers for the purpose of working out the administrative and base fee components of the Tuition Protective Services (TPS) levy.</p>
<a href="#">Treasury Laws Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendment) Rules 2021 [F2021L01871]</a>	21/12/2021	<p>This instrument allows the Commissioner to make JobKeeper payments beyond the currently specified end date of 31 March 2022 to give effect to objection decisions of the Commissioner and decisions of the AAT or a court if a valid objection has been given to the Commissioner on or before 30 November 2021.</p>
<a href="#">National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Amendment (Additional Extension) Special Arrangement 2021 [F2021L01870]</a>	21/12/2021	<p>This instrument amends the <i>National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020</i> to extend it for a further three months until 1 April 2022.</p>
<a href="#">Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Vaccination Information) Principles (No. 2) 2021 [F2021L01873]</a>	21/12/2021	<p>This instrument requires approved providers of residential care, certain flexible and home care services to keep records and report to the Secretary of the Department of Health on a weekly basis how many service staff have informed them that they have, or have not, received a 'second dose' of a COVID-19 vaccination and also on how many residential care recipients have voluntarily informed them that they have received a 'second dose', a 'third dose' or a 'booster dose' of a COVID-19 vaccination.</p>

<a href="#">Biosecurity (Emergency Requirements— Remote Communities) Determination (No. 3) 2021 [F2021L01885]</a>	22/12/2021	<p>This instrument determines requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by preventing a person entering or leaving the Locality of Ali Curung, Junkaj Homeland and the Wakurlpu Homeland, unless they meet a specified criteria set out in the Determination, from 9.33 pm (A.C.T.) 22 December 2021 to 5 pm on 23 December 2021 legal time in the Northern Territory.</p>
<a href="#">Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services— General Practice Attendance for Assessing Patient Suitability for a COVID-19 Vaccine) Amendment (No. 5) Determination 2021 [F2021L01884]</a>	22/12/2021	<p>This instrument introduces a new item to support general practices to administer booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.</p>
<a href="#">CASA EX138/21 — Aeronautical Knowledge Examinations (Extension of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemption 2021 [F2021L01878]</a>	22/12/2021	<p>This instrument provides relief for persons who have started the aeronautical knowledge examination (AKE) process, have passed at least one part of an AKE between 16 March 2018 and 15 September 2021, but who were unable to complete the process within the prescribed period of 2 years due to COVID-19 restrictions.</p>
<a href="#">Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Rules (No. 7) 2021 [F2021L01879]</a>	22/12/2021	<p>This instrument makes the following consequential amendments to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Rules</i> to categorise new and amended items of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) into the appropriate Clinical category, Common or Support treatments list that must be covered under insurance policies and remove deleted items;</li> <li>• <i>Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Rules 2011</i> to classify new and amended MBS items by procedure-type for the purposes of minimum benefits for accommodation and, in relation to Type C procedures, access to any minimum benefits as hospital treatment unless provided as a Certified Type C procedure, and to remove deleted items; and</li> <li>• <i>Private Health Insurance (Health Insurance Business) Rules 2018</i> to repeal consequential amendments made that excluded temporary telehealth MBS items from the definition of hospital treatment, as those temporary items will no longer be available from 1 January 2022.</li> </ul>

<a href="#">Higher Education Provider Amendment (Levy Waiver) Guidelines 2021 [F2021L01890]</a>	23/12/2021	<p>This instrument amends the <i>Higher Education Provider Amendment (Levy Waiver) Guidelines 2021</i> to provide for a waiver of the payment of the Levy for all higher education providers for the 2021 calendar year to support providers at a time when they are dealing with the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<a href="#">Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) (Risk Rated Premium and Special Tuition Protection Components) Instrument 2021 [F2021L01891]</a>	23/12/2021	<p>This instrument specifies a method for working out the amount payable by all non-exempt Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) registered providers for the risk rated premium and special tuition protection components of the Tuition Protection Service levy.</p>
<a href="#">National Health (Highly Specialised Drugs Program) Special Arrangement Amendment (January Update) Instrument 2021 [F2021L01896]</a>	24/01/2021	<p>This instrument makes changes to the Special Arrangement relating to the Highly Specialised Drugs Program, including changing the date of repeal of subsection 17(3) from 1 January 2022 to 1 July 2022 to ensure that temporary measures for modified prescription circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic remain in effect.</p>
<a href="#">National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measures) Amendment Determination 2021 (No. 12) [F2021L01897]</a>	24/12/2021	<p>This instrument amends the <i>National Health (Continued Dispensing – Emergency Measures) Determination 2020</i> to make changes to the pharmaceutical benefits eligible to be provided as a Continued Dispensing supply, to reflect amendments to the <i>National Health (Listing of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Instrument 2012</i> which commence on the same day, and continues to provide the option for patients to have subsidised access to eligible PBS medicines through continued dispensing arrangements, during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<a href="#">Tuition Protection (Up-front Payments Guidelines) (Levy Waiver) Amendment 2021 [F2021L01901]</a>	24/12/2021	<p>This instrument amends the <i>Tuition Protection (Up-front Payments Guidelines) 2020</i> to provide for a waiver of the payment of the Levy for all registered higher education providers for the 2021 calendar year to support providers at a time when they are dealing with the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

<a href="#">National Health (Listing of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Amendment Instrument 2021 (No. 12) [F2021L01902]</a>	24/12/2021	<p>This instrument makes changes to the pharmaceutical benefits listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and also ensures temporary measures for modified prescription circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic remain in effect by changing the date of repeal of subsection 10A(3) of the <i>National Health (Listing of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Instrument 2012 (PB 71 of 2012)</i> from 1 January 2022 to 1 July 2022.</p>
<a href="#">Norfolk Island Applied Laws and Service Delivery (Queensland) Amendment Rules 2021 [F2021L01903]</a>	24/12/2021	<p>This instrument amends the Norfolk Island Applied Laws and Service Delivery (Queensland) Ordinance 2021 to make several changes to applied Queensland laws that provide general rules of interpretation, including generally limiting the application of the <i>Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)</i> to those matters related to an identified COVID-19 public health emergency.</p>
<a href="#">Norfolk Island Continued Laws Ordinance Amendment (Applied Laws and Service Delivery (Queensland) Measures) Rules 2021 [F2021L01904]</a>	24/12/2021	<p>This instrument amends the <i>Norfolk Island Continued Laws Ordinance 2015</i> to ensure Queensland legislation can be appropriately applied in Norfolk Island, including the use, where appropriate, the specially designed powers for the COVID-19 public health emergency under Part 7A of Chapter 8 of the <i>Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)</i> in place of directions under the <i>Disaster and Emergency Management Act 2001 (NI)</i>.</p>