Appendix 1 COVID-19 related legislation¹

January 2020

Instrument	Date registered	Description	Comment
Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00037]		The instrument adds 'human coronavirus with pandemic potential' to the list of Listed Human Diseases made under the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> . This enables the Government to use the measures in Chapter 2 of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> to manage and respond to biosecurity risks to human health caused by the virus.	No comment

February 2020

Instrument	Date registered	Description	Comment
Biosecurity (Human Health Response Zone) (Royal Australian Air Force Base Learmonth) Determination 2020 [F2020L00086]	03/02/2020	The instrument specifies the Royal Australian Air Force Base Learmonth as a human health response zone for the purposes of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> and sets requirements for individuals entering and leaving the zone.	See Chapter 1
Biosecurity (Human Health Response Zone) (North West Point Immigration Detention Centre) Determination 2020 [F2020L00087]	03/02/2020	The instrument specifies the North West Point Immigration Detention Centre on Christmas Island as a human health response zone for the purposes of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> and sets requirements for individuals entering and leaving the zone.	See Chapter 1
Biosecurity (Human Health Response Zone) (Howard Springs Accommodation Village) Determination 2020 [F2020L00107]	07/02/2020	The instrument specifies the Howard Springs Accommodation Village as a human health response zone for the purposes of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> and sets requirements for individuals entering and leaving the zone.	See Chapter 1
National Health Security (National Notifiable Disease List) Amendment Instrument 2020 [F2020L00111]	10/02/2020	The instrument adds the 'human coronavirus with pandemic potential' to the National Notifiable Disease List, requiring state and territory governments to notify the Commonwealth government of cases of the disease.	No comment

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Migration (LIN 20/102: Arrangements for Student (Temporary) (Class TU) visa applications) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00156]	24/02/2020	The instrument broadens the classes of persons who may apply for a Visitor (Class FA) visa to include individuals who have had their visa cancelled due to the designation of the coronavirus pandemic as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organisation.	No comment
Migration (LIN 20/045: Class of persons for Visitor (Class FA) visa applications) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00157]	24/02/2020	The instrument specifies the classes of persons to whom the first installment of a visa application charge amount is nil. This applies to applicants in Australia who are former Student (Temporary) (Class TU) visa holders and whose visas were cancelled due to the designation of the coronavirus pandemic as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organisation.	No comment
Migration (LIN 20/046: Arrangements for Visitor (Class FA) Visa Applications) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00160]	24/02/2020	The instrument specifies the form and manner in which an application must be made to reapply for a Visitor (Class FA) visa for individuals who have had their visa cancelled due to the designation of the coronavirus pandemic as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organisation.	No comment

1-7 March 2020

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

8-14 March 2020

Instrument	Date registered	Description	Comment
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 2 of 2019-2020) [F2020L00235]	09/03/2020	The instrument increases the amount allocated to the Department of Health for Administered Assets and Liabilities by \$200 million. The purpose of the increase is to enable the Department of Health to fund the procurement of masks and other emergency medical or emergency health equipment for the National Medical Stockpile as part of the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response for Novel Coronavirus.	No comment
Social Security (Ordinary Waiting Period Exemption) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00247]	12/03/2020	The instrument provides an exemption from the ordinary waiting period for persons who claim Parenting Payment, Youth Allowance or Newstart Allowance to allow recipients who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic to receive social security payments immediately.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Specialist, Consultant Physician and Consultant Psychiatrist COVID- 19 Telehealth Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00248]	12/03/2020	The instrument provides for the payment of Medicare benefits for ten Medicare Benefits Schedule items to allow specialists, consultant physicians and consultant psychiatrists to provide telehealth consultations to patients who have been diagnosed with, or are vulnerable to contracting, the COVID-19 virus.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00249]	12/03/2020	The instrument provides for the payment of Medicare benefits for Medicare Benefits Schedule items to allow general practitioners to provide telehealth consultations to patients who have been diagnosed with, or are vulnerable to contracting, the COVID-19 virus.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Determination 2020 [F2020L00250]	12/03/2020	The instrument provides for the payment of Medicare benefits for pathology services to test for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The instrument also requires that testing for the virus must be conducted in conjunction with other separate viral respiratory tests to determine if the patient has COVID-19 or another respiratory virus such as influenza.	No comment

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

15-21 March 2020

Instrument	Date registered	Description	Comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C Pathology Services – COVID-19) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00258]	16/03/2020	The instrument removes the requirement to test for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in conjunction with other separate viral respiratory tests to determine if the patient has COVID-19 or another respiratory virus such as influenza due to the unnecessary burden placed on pathology testing resources.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Amendment Determination No. 2 2020 [F2020L00259]	16/03/2020	The instrument provides for the payment of Medicare benefits for Medicare Benefits Schedule items to allow midwives to provide certain services via telehealth and the phone when video conferencing is unavailable to patients who have been diagnosed with, or are vulnerable to contracting, the COVID-19 virus.	No comment

Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Specialist, Consultant Physician and Consultant Psychiatrist COVID- 19 Telehealth Services) Amendment Determination No.2 2020 [F2020L00260]	16/03/2020	The instrument clarifies attendance time requirements for the provision of temporary Medicare Benefits Schedule items related to psychiatrist telehealth and phone services to patients diagnosed with, or vulnerable to contracting, the COVID-19 virus.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services) Amendment Determination No. 3 2020 [F2020L00261]	17/03/2020	The instrument allows telehealth services provided by GPs, other doctors in general practice, and nurse practitioners to be bulk billed if there is a risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus.	No comment
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements) Determination 2020 [F2020L00267]	18/03/2020	The instrument prohibits international cruise ships from entering Australian ports before 15 April 2020.	See Chapter 1
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020 [F2020L00266]	18/03/2020	The instrument declares that a human biosecurity emergency exists for the purposes of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> . This declaration allows the minister to give directions deemed necessary to prevent or control the entry, emergence, establishment or spread of COVID-19 in Australian territory or prevent its spread to another country. The emergency is declared to last for three months.	No comment
Biosecurity Repeal (Human Health Response Zones) Determination 2020 [F2020L00270]	19/03/2020	The instrument repeals three instruments which specified the Howard Springs Accommodation Village, the North West Point Immigration Detention Centre on Christmas Island, and the Royal Australian Air Force Base Learmonth as human health response zones for the purposes of the Biosecurity Act 2015 to temporarily quarantine individuals who requested repatriation from Wuhan city, China, and the Diamond Princess cruise ship.	No comment

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<u>Defence</u>	19/03/2020	The instrument amends the domestic and	No
Determination,		overseas conditions of service for Australia	comment
Conditions of service		Defence Force members to account for special	
<u>Amendment</u>		circumstances related to the outbreak of the	
(COVID-19 response)		COVID-19 virus.	
Determination 2020			
(No. 6)			
[F2020L00278]			

22-31 March 2020

Instrument	Date registered	Description	Comment
Poisons Standard Amendment (Hydroxychloroquine and Salbutamol) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00291]	23/03/2020	The instrument amends the Poisons Standard February 2020 in relation to the substances, hydroxychloroquine and salbutamol to ensure the continued availability of medicines containing these substances in Australia during the public health emergency caused by the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00292]	23/03/2020	The instrument consolidates all the temporary Medicare Benefits Schedule items that prescribe COVID-19 medical services into one legislative instrument and expands the definition of 'health professional at risk of COVID-19 virus'.	No comment
Appropriation (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act (No. 1) 2019-2020	23/03/2020	The Act appropriates \$1,651,133,000 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government in relation to the Coronavirus Economic Response, and for related purposes.	No comment
Appropriation (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act (No. 2) 2019-2020	23/03/2020	The Act appropriates \$740,050,000 in additional money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in relation to the Coronavirus Economic Response, and for related purposes.	No comment
Assistance for Severely Affected Regions (Special Appropriation) (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act appropriates up to \$1 billion in funds for the purposes of making payments to support communities, regions and industry sectors affected by the economic impacts of Covid-19, for specified purposes. Any payments under this appropriation must be made by 30 June 2021.	No comment
Australian Business Growth Fund (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act appropriates \$100,000,000 to be invested in an Australian Business Growth Fund for the purpose of providing small and medium Australian enterprises with access to capital.	No comment

Boosting Cash Flow for Employers (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act appropriates \$100,000,000 to be invested in an Australian Business Growth Fund for the purpose of providing small and medium Australian enterprises with access to capital.	No comment
Boosting Cash Flow for Employers (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act provides that two sets of cash flow boost payments may be made to businesses which have made payments for wages or salaries, where the Commissioner for Taxation is satisfied that they are eligible to receive such payments.	No comment
Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus Act 2020	23/03/2020	The omnibus Act, containing 16 schedules, amends a number of Acts in order to provide an economic response, and deal with other matters, relating to the coronavirus, and for related purposes. For example, schedule 4 of the bill amends social security and taxation Acts to provide for a \$750 stimulus payment to some recipients of social welfare and veterans payments; schedule 11 provides for a temporary fortnightly supplement of \$550 to some social welfare payment recipients; and schedule 13 enables the release of up to \$10,000 of superannuation on compassionate grounds.	See Chapter 1
Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprises (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act provides that the minister may grant a guarantee to a financial institution in connection with loans made, or to be made, by the financial institution if granting the guarantee is likely to assist in dealing with the economic impacts of the coronavirus. It also provides that up to \$20 billion from the Consolidated Revenue Fund may be appropriated for the purpose of meeting any liabilities that the Commonwealth incurs under those guarantees.	No comment
Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020	23/03/2020	The Act sets up the Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response) Fund. The Fund, consisting of the Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response) Fund Special Account and investments of the fund, must be credited with \$15 billion.	No comment

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Child Care Subsidy Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Minister's Rules 2020 [F2020L00295]	24/03/2020	The instrument creates additional reason for absence from childcare where self-isolating re COVID-19; expands the circumstances in which a child may be absent from childcare without needing to provide a medical certificate; allocates an extra 20 allowable absence days; and provides an exemption to the current obligation of child care providers to take reasonable steps to enforce payment of gap fees from individuals in response to COVID-19.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Application of GP and Allied Health COVID-19 Services and Specialist, Consultant Physician and Consultant Psychiatrist COVID- 19 Telehealth Services) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00298]	24/03/2020	The instrument specifies that the temporary Medicare Benefits Schedule items that prescribe COVID-19 medical services only apply to services supplied between 13 March 2020 and prior to the commencement of the Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Services) Determination 2020 on 23 March 2020.	No comment
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Overseas Travel Ban Emergency Requirements) Determination 2020 [F2020L00306]	25/03/2020	The instrument prohibits an Australian citizen or permanent resident from travel outside Australia (by air or sea or as the operator of an outgoing aircraft or vessel), unless an exemption is granted to them. The instrument commenced at 12.00 pm on 25 March 2020 and was in force for an initial period of 4 weeks.	See Chapter 1
Biosecurity (Human Health Response Zone) (Swissotel Sydney) Determination 2020 [F2020L00313]	25/03/2020	The instrument specifies the Swissotel Sydney as a human health response zone for the purposes of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> and sets requirements for individuals entering and leaving the zone. The instrument commenced on 25 March 2020 and is in force for three months from that day.	See Chapter 1
Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Rules 2020 [F2020L00309]	25/03/2020	The instrument sets out matters relevant to the implementation of the Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response) Fund. Specifically, it specifies the Australian Office of Financial Management as a listed entity whose officials may be 'eligible delegates' for the purposes of the Minister's	No comment

		delegation powers under the Structured Finance Support (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020. It also prevents first loss securities from being invested in as authorised debt securities under that Act.	
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 1) Determination 2020 [F2020L00310]	25/03/2020	The instrument modifies the <i>Social Security Act 1991</i> to enable persons receiving Youth Allowance who are undertaking full-time study, or new apprentices, to receive the COVID-19 supplement from 27 April 2020; ensure that claimants for parenting payment are able to qualify for the payment where they do not meet the qualifying residence period requirements; and ensure that claimants for Austudy are able to qualify for payment where they do not meet the assets test, or where the liquid assets waiting period, the newly arrived resident's waiting period or the seasonal workers preclusion period would otherwise apply. The instrument also modifies the Social Security (Administration) Act 1999 to enable people who tried to make contact during the period 23 March 2020 to 29 March 2020, or who made contact during this period but did not complete their claim, to be taken to have lodged a claim on 23 March 2020 or the date of eligibility, if later, provided they complete a claim by 19 April 2020.	No comment
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 2) Determination 2020 [F2020L00311]	25/03/2020	The instrument specifies the criteria a person must meet in order to qualify for youth allowance, jobseeker payment or crisis payment under the <i>Social Security Act 1991</i> in circumstances relating to COVID-19, and provides for recipients of Austudy payment to receive the COVID-19 supplement from 27 April 2020.	No comment
National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020 [F2020L00312]	25/03/2020	This instrument is an interim measure for some patients who are confined at home. It allows prescribers and patients to provide a pharmacy with a digital image of their prescription via fax, email or text message, enabling the pharmacy to dispense their medicines, and deliver or post them to the patient. The patient or prescriber would then be required to supply the pharmacy with the paper prescription within 15 days.	No comment
Biosecurity (Exit Requirements) Determination 2020 [F2020L00323]	26/03/2020	The instrument requires persons who are departing from prescribed airports and arriving in prescribed countries to be screened by a biosecurity officer or human	See Chapter 1

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		biosecurity officer for the purposes of establishing whether the individual may be, or may have been, infected with human coronavirus with pandemic potential. Screening may be by equipment or by being required to answer questions or provide information in writing.	
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Determination 2020 [F2020L00324]	26/03/2020	This instrument, made under the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> , establishes rules regulating entry to remote communities, in order to prevent or control the entry or spread of COVID-19 in designated parts of Australia in Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and Northern Territory.	See Chapter 1
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (COVID- 19 response) Determination 2020 (No. 7) [F2020L00336]	27/03/2020	The instrument seeks to enable the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to respond to COVID-19 in relation to members of Reserves who are absent from their place of duty when they are required to be there.	No comment
CASA EX57/20 — Licensing, and Operator Training and Checking (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemptions Instrument 2020 [F2020L00337]	27/03/2020	This instrument exempts pilots, air traffic controllers, air operator certificate holders and air traffic service providers from certain regulatory requirements related to medical certification, continued operational proficiency and training (as action to avoid such breaches may involve testing, checking, training or other activity that would break, weaken or undermine the social distancing rules required in Australia because of the COVID-19 pandemic).	See Chapter 1
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 3) Determination 2020 [F2020L00338]	27/03/2020	This instrument temporarily modifies the Social Security Act in respect of the rates of payment paid to people who only qualify for a social security payment on 25 March 2020 because of the temporary modifications made to the Social Security Act relating to COVID-19. The first instalment of such a person's payment will include an additional amount that represents two days' worth of their daily rate of payment.	See Chapter 1
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human	27/03/2020	The instrument prevents cruise ships from entering Australian territory and requires cruise ships to leave Australian territory	See Chapter 1

Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements) Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00339]		before 15 June 2020, subject to limited exceptions, to prevent or control the entry or spread of COVID-19 in Australian territory.	
Therapeutic Goods (Excluded Goods— Hand Sanitisers) Determination 2020 [F2020L00340]	27/03/2020	The instrument excludes specified hand sanitisers from the operation of the <i>Therapeutic Good Act 1989</i> , so that those goods may be manufactured and supplied urgently within Australia.	No comment
Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Bulkbilling Incentive) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00341]	29/03/2020	The instrument temporarily increases the fees for bulk-billing incentive items as part of Stage Four of the Government's health care package to protect all Australians from COVID-19.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services - COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2020 [F2020L00342]	29/03/2020	The instrument provides that all Australians can access certain prescribed COVID-19 medical services via telehealth and phone services. It commenced on 30 March 2020 and ceases as if revoked on 30 September 2020.	No comment
Customs (Prohibited Exports) Amendment (COVID-19 Human Biosecurity Emergency) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00343]	29/03/2020	Subject to certain exceptions, the instrument implements a temporary prohibition on the export of goods which are considered essential to preventing the spread of COVID-19. These include face masks and hand sanitizers.	No comment
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements— Retail Outlets at International Airports) Determination 2020 [F2020L00344]	29/03/2020	Subject to limited exceptions, the instrument requires retail outlets at international terminals and in the international area of joint domestic and international terminals at Australian international airports to cease trading to prevent or control the entry, emergence, establishment or spread of the declaration listed human disease COVID-19 in Australian territory.	No comment

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Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Essential Goods) Determination 2020 [F2020L00355]	30/03/2020	The instrument imposes requirements to prohibit the practice of price gouging of prescribed essential goods (including face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer), and ensures that those who breach the relevant restrictions surrender these goods to law enforcement (who will be required to redistribute the surrendered goods to the National Medical Stockpile, provided they are not deficient).	No comment
Banking (BEAR) determination No. 1 of 2020 [F2020L00347]	30/3/2020	The instrument determines that the time for lodging changes to accountability statements and maps is 30 days.	No comment
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Deferral of Sunsetting — Financial Management and Accountability Determination 2010/02) Determination 2020 [F2020L00348]	30/3/2020	The instrument extends the operation of the Financial Management and Accountability Determination 2010/02 – Services for Other Entities and Trust Moneys – Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts Special Account Establishment 2010 before it sunsets on 1 April 2020. The operation is extended to 1 October 2020.	No comment
Aged Care (Subsidy, Fees and Payments) Amendment (Workforce Continuity Funding) Determination 2020 [F2020L00352]	30/03/2020	The instrument implements temporary increases to the rates of aged care basic subsidy, viability supplement, and homeless supplement, designed to support continuity of the aged care workforce due to the impacts from COVID-19.	No comment
Aged Care (Transitional Provisions) (Subsidy and Other Measures) Amendment (Workforce Continuity Funding) Determination 2020 [F2020L00353]	30/03/2020	The instrument implements temporary increases to the rates of aged care basic subsidy, viability supplement, and homeless supplement, designed to support continuity of the aged care workforce due to the impacts from COVID-19.	No comment
Private Health Insurance (Incentives) Amendment Rules (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00354]	30/03/2020	The instrument sets the rebate adjustment factor (used to calculate the rebate contribution from the Australian Government) for the adjustment year commencing on 1 April 2020 to one (1).	No comment

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

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Instrument	Date registered	Description	Comment
Medical and Midwife Indemnity Legislation Amendment (Eligible Run-off Claims) Rules 2020 [F2020L00375]	01/04/2020	The instrument amends existing medical and midwife indemnity legislation to introduce a temporary exemption under the Run-off Cover Scheme (ROCS) during the COVID-19 pandemic. The exemption will enable non-practising doctors and eligible midwives to return to practice and temporarily assist during the pandemic without losing their	No comment

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		eligibility under the ROCS for prior practice. It will also introduce mirror provisions within new delegated legislation to commence on 1 July 2020, to ensure there is continuity in these arrangements.	
Poisons Standard Amendment (Hydroxychloroquine) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00387]	02/04/2020	The instrument amends the Poisons Standard February 2020 in relation to the substance hydroxychloroquine, principally to ensure the continued availability of medicines containing this substance in Australia during the public health emergency caused by the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19).	No comment
Biosecurity (Exit Requirements) Amendment (Nauru) Determination 2020 [F2020L00388]	02/04/2020	The instrument amends the Biosecurity (Exit Requirements) Determination 2020 to enable travellers to Nauru to undergo a health screening by human biosecurity officers from listed airports to establish whether individuals may be, or may have been, infected with human coronavirus with pandemic potential.	See Chapter 1
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/290 [F2020L00376]	1/4/2020	The instrument amends ASIC Corporations (Share and Interest Purchase Plans) Instrument 2019/547 as if the permissible total trading suspension days specified in paragraph 7(a)(ii) were 10 days instead of 5 days. This is a temporary measures in relation to offers of shares and interests under purchase plans covered by the purchase plan instrument	No comment
ASIC Corporations (Trading Suspensions Relief) Instrument 2020/289 [F2020L00377]	1/4/2020	The instrument modifies the operation of sections 708AA, 708A, 1012DAA and 1012DA of the Corporations Act 2001 by declaring that the sections apply as if the permissible total trading suspension days specified in the sections were 10 days instead of 5 days.	No comment
National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00386]	02/04/2020	These regulations temporarily exempt Australian credit licensees from responsible lending obligations. The exemption operates in limited situations where a consumer obtains credit under a credit contract or goods under a consumer lease for purposes that include a purpose of a small business operated by the consumer.	No comment
Part 101 Manual of Standards (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00394]	3/04/2020	This instrument defers for 6 months the 10 April 2020 take effect date for most of the provisions in the Manual Of Standards relating to unmanned aircraft and rockets, in particular those relating to training course.	No comment

Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 3 of 2019-2020) [F2020L00402]	03/04/2020	The instrument increases the funds administered by the Department of Health, by \$800 million, to enable the Department of Health to fund the further procurement of masks and other emergency medical or emergency health equipment to address the unforeseen scale of the COVID-19 spread across the globe and possible shortages due to global demand and domestic manufacturing capability.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment Determination 2020 [F2020L00403]	03/04/2020	The instrument corrects typographical and other minor errors.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Bulk- billing) Determination 2020 [F2020L00404]	04/04/2020	The determination provides that the telehealth service is to be bulk-billed to a patient at risk of the COVID-19 virus or a person who is a concessional beneficiary.	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Expansion of Specialist Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00405]	04/04/2020	The determination lists 22 new items for specialist, consultant physician and consultant psychiatrist telehealth and phone services.	No comment

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Instrument	Date registered	Description	Comment
Child Care Subsidy Amendment	05/04/2020	The instrument amends the Child Care Subsidy Minister's Rules 2017 to prescribe the further	No comment
(Coronavirus Response Measures		circumstances, conditions and period during which an approved child care provider is not	

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No. 2) Minister's Rules 2020 [F2020L00406]		required to enforce the payment of child care gap fees from parents. In particular, under these amendments, a child care provider is not required to enforce payment of child care gap fees for a session of care provided by a service that is open where children are absent from care, due to COVID-19.	
Migration (LIN 20/122: COVID-19 Pandemic event for Subclass 408 (Temporary Activity) visa and visa application charge for Temporary Activity (Class GG) visa) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00409]	06/04/2020	The purpose of the instrument is to provide a pathway for certain former and current holders of temporary visas to lawfully remain in Australia and who would otherwise be required to depart Australia, but for the COVID-19 pandemic, are unable to leave Australia. The instrument limits the class of persons who can be granted the visa to those who hold a visa that is 28 days or less from ceasing to be in effect, or held a visa that is no more than 28 days from ceasing to be in effect. It further limits the class of persons to those who are unable to apply for the same temporary visa they hold or held or any other subclass of temporary visa other than the Subclass 408 visa.	No comment
CASA EX63/20 — Licensing, and Operator Training and Checking (Extensions of Time Due to COVID-19) Exemptions Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00412]	7/04/2020	This instrument corrects some minor editorial errors to an earlier instrument (CASA EX57/20), recasting some existing provisions for greater clarity, and incorporating further emergency exemptions, similar to those in CASA EX57/20, from certain provisions of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 and the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998.	See Chapter 1
Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprises (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Rules 2020 [F2020L00413]	07/04/2020	The instrument defines the term 'SME entity' for the purposes of the <i>Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprises (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020</i> (to help ensure credit continues to flow to SME entities so that they can meet their immediate financing needs during the uncertain economic conditions caused by COVID-19). SME entity is defined as either an entity that carries on a business or is a non-profit body with an annual turnover that is likely to be less than \$50 million in the current financial year, or an entity that carried on a business or was a non-profit body in the previous financial year and had an annual turnover less than \$50 million.	No comment

National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits (Expansion of Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Special Arrangement 2020 [F2020L00414]	07/04/2020	The instrument amends the National Health (COVID-19 Supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits) Special Arrangement 2020 to make the supply of pharmaceutical benefits to patients who have had a telehealth or telephone attendance more convenient and effective.	No comment
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2020 [F2020L00415]	07/04/2020	The instrument makes amendments to prevent or control the entry or spread of COVID-19 in Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory. The key feature of the amendments is to limit the operation of the essential activities exemption to cases of urgency; or when persons are operating in a manner agreed with a human biosecurity officer to minimise the extent to which other persons in the area are exposed to the persons carrying out those operations.	See Chapter 1
Social Security (Deeming Threshold Rates) Determination 2020 [F2020L00416]	7/04/2020	The instrument determines the below threshold rate as 0.25 per cent, and the above threshold rate as 2.25 per cent, for the purpose of calculating income from financial assets under Division 1B of Part 3.10 of the Social Security Act 1991.	No comment
Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus (Measures No. 2) Act 2020	08/04/2020	The Act makes a number of amendments to various other Acts to: - support the practical operation of the JobKeeper scheme in Australian workplaces; - ensure certain categories of smaller non-ADI lenders will fall within the definition of financial institution in existing legislation; - modify the calculation method used for Child Care Subsidy reconciliation and ensure that payments of Additional Child Care Subsidy and certain grants can draw on standing appropriations; - create a temporary mechanism for responsible Ministers to change arrangements for meeting information and documentary requirements in response to the challenges posed by the coronavirus; - allow the Veterans' Minister to increase the amount paid to persons receiving a payment under a provision of the Veterans' Law by the amount of the COVID-19 supplement and vary the qualifications and eligibility for payments;	No comment

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		- allow de-identified taxation information to be disclosed to the Treasury for the purposes of policy development, or analysis, in relation to the coronavirus.	
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020	08/04/2020	The Act establishes a framework for the Treasurer to make rules to provide for the Commissioner of Taxation to make payments to eligible entities. Eligibility for particular payments as well as the amount of payments and the time when they are to be paid are to be set out in the rules. The payments may only be made in respect of the period from 1 March 2020 until 31 December 2020 (inclusive).	No comment
Defence Determination, Conditions of service Amendment (COVID- 19 response) Determination 2020 (No. 8) [F2020L00417]	09/04/2020	The instrument amends provisions relating to the availability of short absence from duty for ADF members that relate to COVID-19 and the provision of food allowance. It also amends benefits provided to ADF members and their families being evacuated from overseas posting locations and places of duty in response to changes made by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.	No comment
Public Service (Terms and Conditions of Employment) (General wage increase deferrals during the COVID-19 pandemic) Determination 2020 [F2020L00418]	09/04/2020	The instrument provides a six-month delay to APS wage increases occurring during a period of 12 months in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.	See Chapter 1
Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Rules 2020 [F2020L00419]	09/04/2020	The instrument establishes the JobKeeper payment to assist employers affected by the Coronavirus to allow them to continue to retain their employees.	See Chapter 1
CASA EX65/20 — Extension of Airworthiness Review Certificate (COVID-19) Exemption 2020 [F2020L00420]	09/04/2020	This instrument enables a continuing airworthiness management organisation (CAMO) to extend the time for which an airworthiness review certificate (ARC) for an aircraft is in force a third time and for a maximum period of 6 months. It also enables a CAMO to extend the time for which an ARC for a relevant aircraft is in force, even though the aircraft may not be airworthy. This has arisen because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and consequent emergency situation in Australia.	No comment

Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 4 of 2019-2020) [F2020L00421]	10/04/2020	The instrument increases the funds administered by the Department of Health, by \$400 million, to enable the Department of Health to fund the further procurement of masks and other emergency medical or emergency health equipment to address the unforeseen scale of the COVID-19 spread across the globe and possible shortages due to global demand and domestic manufacturing capability.	No comment
Advance to the Finance Minister Determination (No. 5 of 2019-2020) [F2020L00422]	10/04/2020	The instrument increases the funds administered by the Department of Health, by \$380 million, to enable the Department of Health to fund the further procurement of masks and other emergency medical or emergency health equipment to address the unforeseen scale of the COVID-19 spread across the globe and possible shortages due to global demand and domestic manufacturing capability.	No comment

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ASIC Corporations (COVID-19—Advice-related Relief) Instrument 2020/355 [F2020L00425]	14/04/2020	The instrument prescribes relief measures to facilitate affordable and quality financial advice during the COVID-19 pandemic.	No comment
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Rules Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00427]	15/04/2020	The instrument exempts reporting entities from the requirements of section 32 of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006. The instrument provides for the early release of superannuation to those individuals approved by the Australian Taxation Office as meeting the relevant criteria in response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.	No comment
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response— 2020 Measures No. 8) Determination 2020 [F2020L00428]	15/04/2020	The instrument temporarily modifies the Social Security Act 1991 in relation to when a person is regarded as a 'member of a couple' for the purposes of jobseeker payment.	No comment
Tax Agent Services (Specified BAS Services No.1)	15/04/2020	The instrument declares, for the purposes of a Business Activity Statement (BAS) certain services as BAS services, to allow registered	No comment

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[F2020L00429]		BAS agents to provide certain services, that they would otherwise be unable to lawfully provide, without the requirement to be a registered tax agent. Such services relate to: (a) a service under the Boosting Cash Flow for Employers (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020; (b) a service under the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020; (c) a service under any rules that the Treasurer has made or may make, by legislative instrument, pursuant to section 20 of the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020; and (d) a service under any legislative instrument made under subsections (b) and (c).	
Fair Work Amendment (Variation of Enterprise Agreements) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00432]	16/04/2020	The instrument amends the Fair Work Regulations 2009 to temporarily shorten the period that employees must have access to a copy of a proposed variation of an enterprise agreement, and before which employees must be notified of the details of the vote on the variation, from seven calendar days to one calendar day. As this is only intended to be a temporary measure to support employers and employees during the current pandemic, the measure will be repealed six months after commencement, or at a later time prescribed by the Fair Work Regulations.	See Chapter 1
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) class of corporations determination No. 1 of 2020 [F2020L00433]	16/04/2020	The instrument specifies the corporations eligible to be granted a guarantee under section 5 of the Guarantee of Lending to Small and Medium Enterprise (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020.	No comment
Financial Sector (Collection of Data) (reporting standard) determination No. 4 of 2020 [F2020L00434]	16/04/2020	The instrument determines the Reporting Standard ARS 920.0 Australian Government Coronavirus Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Guarantee Scheme.	No comment
Tax Agent Services (Specified BAS Services No.1) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00429]	16/04/2020	This instrument declares certain services as Business Activity Services (BAS) services. These relate to: (a) a service under the Boosting Cash Flow for Employers (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020; (b) a service under the Coronavirus Economic Response Package (Payments and Benefits) Act 2020; (c)	No comment

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

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		payment if this is a later day).	
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Additional GP Bulk- billing Incentives) Determination 2020 [F2020L00441]	17/04/2020	The instrument temporarily expands access to the bulk-billing incentive as part of the Government's health care package to protect all Australians from the coronavirus (COVID-19).	No comment
Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Amendment (Bulk- billing Requirement and New Remote Attendance Services) Determination 2020 [F2020L00442]	17/04/2020	This instrument amends the Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services - COVID-19 Telehealth and Telephone Attendances) Determination 2020 to remove the requirement for specialists and consultant physicians, nurse practitioners, midwifes and allied health professionals to bulk-bill certain telehealth or phone health consultations. The instrument also lists 28 additional telehealth and phone service items relating to neurosurgery consultations, public health physician consultations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner consultations and group psychotherapy services performed by psychiatrists.	No comment
National Health (Electronic National Residential Medication Chart Trial) Amendment (Approved Residential Care Services) Special Arrangement 2 of 2020 [F2020L00446]	21/04/2020	This instrument allows additional residential aged care facilities to participate in the eNRMC Trial due to COVID19. This is a trial of an electronic medication order chart system, which provides an electronic record of prescriptions without the need to also produce a paper prescription.	No comment
Torres Strait Regional Authority (Postponement of Election) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00448]	21/04/2020	This instrument extends the timeframe for holding the election for the Torres Strait Regional Authority. The election was due to be held before the end of July 2020 and is postponed to no later than 31 March 2021.	No comment