

Recover at Work Assist for Small Business



Information for employers

Recover at Work Assist for Small Business aims to help small businesses overcome financial difficulty when providing suitable work to a worker recovering from a work-related injury or illness. It is being trialled for 12 months from 1 June 2019 and replaces the former Return to Work Assist Program for Micro-employers.

Benefits for small business

- Receive assistance payments up to \$400 per week for six weeks to help offset the costs of covering your worker's usual duties (within 26 weeks of entry to the insurer's system).
- provide suitable work for your worker.
- Help your worker stay active and return to usual activities at work and home sooner.
- Build a recovery at work culture and maintain good employer-employee relationships.
- Retain your worker's skills and knowledge.

Eligibility criteria

Criteria for workers

- Current work capacity
- Receiving weekly payments under the [Workers Compensation Act 1987](#)
- The worker's claim entered the insurer's system less than 26 weeks ago.

Criteria for employers

- Employ up to 19 full-time (or equivalent) workers
- Basic premium tariff of \$30,000 or less
- Hold a current workers compensation policy with an insurer in NSW
- Can demonstrate that alternative arrangements have been made to carry out the worker's pre-injury duties
- Can demonstrate it is not reasonably practicable to offer suitable employment under section 49 of the [Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998](#)
- Can demonstrate that engaging additional assistance to enable the worker to recover at work will cause financial hardship to your business.

Applications and more information

You can apply for this program through your workers compensation insurer. For more information, contact your insurer or visit the State Insurance Regulatory Authority website at www.sira.nsw.gov.au, call 13 10 50 or email: contact@sira.nsw.gov.au