

How the Business Support Loan works.



Flexibility with a revolving credit account.

The Business Support Loan is a revolving credit account so you can draw the funds as you need them. The loan account is linked to your transaction account and you can transfer the funds between them using online banking.

The loan limit will reduce at the same amount each payment period (either fortnightly or monthly) until the end date of your loan.

An optional interest only period.

You may have a period of interest only (for up to six months) at the beginning of the loan and during this time your loan limit will remain the same. Once this interest only period ends, your loan limit will start to reduce.

Interest on your loan balance is calculated daily and charged monthly.

It's important to have a buffer in your account.

You will need to ensure at all times that you have enough of a buffer in your account to accommodate the limit reduction and ensure what you draw does not exceed your (reducing) limit. If there isn't sufficient buffer in your account and you draw more than your available limit, the loan will be put into arrears and penalty interest will apply.

A good way to ensure that this doesn't happen is to set up a recurring payment – equal to that of your limit reduction – from your transaction account.

Important things to know:

1. Eligibility criteria apply. Businesses must meet the following criteria (amongst others):
 - have annual turnover of up to \$200,000,000
 - be a New Zealand based business
 - operate in a sector that is eligible under the scheme.
2. This is a loan. As with any other loan, you remain responsible for repaying 100% of the loan and interest. Lending terms and conditions apply. For more information about the Business Support Loan, please go to westpac.co.nz/covid19business