

COVID-19 EVENT INSURANCE

COVID-19 Event Insurance is for Victorian creative, sports, business and community events. It will give the industry confidence to plan events in the future by providing cover for events that must be cancelled (or held at reduced capacity) because of State or Federal Government restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What the insurance covers

- The insurance provides cover if a State Government or the Federal Government imposes a mandatory restriction due to COVID-19 that means an event in Victoria has to be cancelled or can only go ahead with reduced capacity.
- It's available for organisers of creative, sports, business or community events where the expected revenue or cost is between \$20,000 and \$10 million.
- It covers the declared value of an event, which is an amount determined by the event organiser. It can be based on either expected revenue from the event, or the cost of holding the event.
- It can be purchased for multiple events.
- It's available to purchase from 15 December 2021, for events between 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022.
- The insurance can only be purchased when COVID-19 restrictions aren't currently in place.

How much it costs

The premium (the one-off cost you pay to buy the insurance) is a percentage of the event's declared value. Declared value (either the amount of revenue you expect to make from the event, or the cost of holding the event) is an amount you nominate when you're buying the insurance. The insurance must be purchased and paid for at least 14 days before your event, or 14 days before the first day of the event if it's held across multiple days.

EVENT TYPE	PREMIUM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All creative industries events • Small events (with expected revenue or cost of between \$20,000 and \$100,000) 	<p>2% of declared value, including stamp duty and GST</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger events, including sport, business and other community events (with expected revenue or cost greater than \$100,000) 	<p>4% of declared value, including stamp duty and GST</p>

Payments you'll receive

If a State or the Federal Government impose restrictions related to COVID-19 that impact your event, payment amounts are listed below.

PAYMENT

SCENARIO 1

Your event has to be cancelled

100%
of the declared
value

SCENARIO 2

Your event can go ahead with reduced capacity

50%
of the declared
value

SCENARIO 3

Your multi-day event has to be cancelled

Pro-rata payment for the portion of the event cancelled

Example:

- a 5-day event with a declared value of \$500,000 is impacted by restrictions
- the last 2 days of the event have to be cancelled
- the payment is \$200,000 (\$100,000 per day x 2 days).

SCENARIO 4

Your event has to be cancelled because a key performer contracts COVID-19

None

The policy doesn't cover a key performer or artist contracting COVID-19.

Eligibility

Event organisers

- An event organiser is an individual(s) or entity that has the right to hold, cancel, reschedule, collect the proceeds from and/or re-locate an event
- An event organiser may include a producer, promoter, venue owner, or a presenter promoting their own work
- Creative, sporting, business and community event organisers are eligible to buy the insurance, including sole traders
- Only one event organiser is eligible per event
- Event organisers must comply with all laws and regulations

Events

- Events with expected revenue/costs between \$20,000 and \$10 million
- Events scheduled between 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022
- For ticketed events, a COVID-19 refund policy must be in place
- An event is a gathering that can be attended by members of the public that:
 - is planned for, and delivered on a specific date/s
 - involves a live, in-person gathering
 - is held at an indoor or outdoor venue
 - people access through a transaction, such as buying or being issued a ticket in advance or on arrival
 - may be organised on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis

What isn't covered

The insurance is only triggered if there is a restriction imposed by a State or the Federal Government relating to COVID-19 that means the event has to be cancelled, or can go ahead at reduced capacity.

The insurance does not cover any other reason for the event not going ahead, or going ahead at reduced capacity, including:

- failure to comply with the law – such as COVIDSafe plans or relevant State or Federal Government regulations
- cancelling or delaying the event because of COVID-19 deep cleaning requirements
- contractual disputes
- a key performer or artist not being able to attend the event because they've contracted COVID-19 or have to isolate
- bankruptcy or insolvency
- lack of commercial viability or lack of interest
- natural disasters or inclement weather
- the event organiser making a decision to cancel before any State or Federal Government restriction related to COVID-19 is announced
- communicable diseases other than COVID-19.

Events NOT eligible include:

- ad hoc public gatherings in a public place
- non-ticketed events
- ad hoc gatherings in a premises or outdoor space which are part of routine operations of the premises
- private gatherings such as weddings, funerals, or end of life activities
- routine religious gatherings or ceremonies
- private commercial or business events such as product, sponsorship or sales events
- rehearsals, practices, trials or demonstrations in preparation for an event.

Organisations NOT eligible include:

- third party suppliers
- State or Federal Government owned entities
- local government authorities.

Cancellation

If an event organiser decides to cancel their event for a reason unrelated to COVID-19 restrictions, they may cancel the insurance policy and receive a refund of the premium.

Example 1: Creative industry event

You're planning a 1 day live music festival in regional Victoria with an expected revenue of \$3 million.

\$3 million

expected revenue

You nominate a declared value of \$1 million in event costs when you take out the insurance policy.

\$1 million

declared value

To buy the insurance, you pay a premium of \$20,000 (2% of \$1 million) at least 14 days before the event.

2%

2% of declared value

\$20,000

premium

Scenario 1

Cancellation

The Victorian Government announces COVID-19 related restrictions, causing the event to be cancelled.

100%

You receive a payment of 100% of the declared value.

\$1 million

Scenario 2

Capacity 25%

The Victorian Government announces COVID-19 related restrictions, and the event goes ahead at 25% capacity.

50%

You receive 50% of the declared value, a payment of \$500,000 (50% of the declared value of \$1 million).

\$500,000

Example 2: Business conference

You're organising a 5-day business conference in Melbourne's CBD with an expected revenue of \$750,000

\$750,000

expected revenue

You nominate a declared value of \$750,000 when you take out the insurance policy.

\$750,000

declared value

To buy the insurance, you pay a premium of \$30,000 (4% of \$750,000) at least 14 days before the first day of the event.

4%

4% of declared value

\$30,000

premium

Scenario 1

Cancellation

The Victorian Government announces COVID-19 related restrictions, causing the event to be cancelled.

100%

You receive a payment of 100% of the declared value.

\$750,000

Scenario 2

Capacity 50%

The Victorian Government announces COVID-19 related restrictions, and the event goes ahead at 50% capacity.

50%

You receive 50% of the declared value, a payment of \$375,000 (50% of the declared value of \$750,000).

\$375,000

Scenario 3

Partial cancellation

COVID-19 related restrictions come into effect, causing the last 2 days of the event to be cancelled.

pro rata

You receive \$300,000 (2 x \$150,000 - the pro-rated daily declared value for the event days impacted by the restrictions).

\$300,000

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