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Australia is continuing to closely monitor the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Cases of the COVID-19 virus are increasing in Australia and the situation is changing rapidly. You can access the latest information from australia.gov.au.

What are the workers' compensation arrangements for COVID-19?

As a national policy body, Safe Work Australia does not have a role in determining coverage or eligibility for benefits in workers' compensation schemes. This is the responsibility of the Commonwealth, states and territories.

Workers' compensation arrangements differ across schemes however generally to be eligible a worker:

- would need to be covered by the scheme, either as an employee or a deemed worker, and
- would need to have an injury, illness or disease of a kind covered by the scheme, that arose out of or in the course of their employment.

It can be difficult to prove that a disease was contracted in, or caused by, particular employment. In the case of a virus such as COVID-19, establishing the time and place of contraction may become increasingly hard.

Whether a claim for workers' compensation for contracting the COVID-19 virus is accepted will be a matter for the relevant workers' compensation authority, applying their jurisdictions' workers' compensation laws. Workers' compensation authorities will consider each claim on its merits, with regard to the individual circumstances and evidence.

For links to advice from WHS regulators, go to [Other WHS and workers' compensation resources](#).

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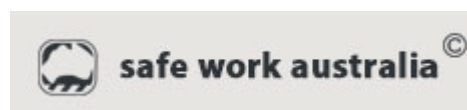
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