Is your business eligible to save on payroll tax?

From 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025, the Territory Government is waiving payroll tax for employers with annual wage bills of \$2.5 million or less.

What is payroll tax?

Payroll tax is a tax imposed on wages paid by employers with wages higher than \$1.5 million.

How much will businesses save?

On average, the move will save around 200 Territory business \$22,000 each year.

Who is eligible?

Businesses with an annual wage bill of \$2.5 million or less. If an employer is part of a group, payroll liabilities will be waived where the 2024-25 taxable Australian wages of the group are \$2.5 million or less.

When can I register?

A waiver cannot be applied until the employer's actual wage outcome for the 2024-25 year is known. Employers estimating their wages to be \$2.5 million or less can notify the Territory Revenue Office at any time, and if the employer's claim is based on reasonable evidence, the Territory Revenue Office will switch the employer from monthly payroll lodgement to annual frequency from 1 January 2025.

If I am late to notify the Territory Revenue Office, will I miss out?

Employers who are eligible but continued paying payroll tax during the waiver period will be refunded for amounts they paid once their annual return is received by the Territory Revenue Office.

I'm expecting my wage bill to be close to \$2.5 million, maybe higher, can I still apply?

If the annual return confirms that wages were above \$2.5 million, the employer will be required to pay the tax, however, they will not be charged penalties or interest for missed payments between 1 January 2025 and 30 June 2025 if their claim was based on reasonable evidence.

Contact the Territory Revenue Office at ntrevenue@nt.gov.au or by calling 1300 305 353.



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