



Press Statement

Qualification Criteria for Employment Stabilization Payment COVID – 19

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Management wish to inform all business sectors nationwide, that the Government has now established its policy directions in light of the COVID -19 pandemic, to confirm which business sectors are eligible to benefit directly from the announced Economic Stimulus package (ESP), which sectors are partly qualified and which ones are not qualified.

On the outset the Ministry through its dedicated ESP Team is mandated to assess all applications based on these criteria to confirm their eligibility. So for business sectors who are partly qualified, further assessment and verifications will still have to be carried before a final determination is made. Such policy assessments are necessary to ensure that the Stimulus Package is rolled out efficiently and effectively and that it reaches those mostly affected. Business community are therefore urged to consider assessing their financial capability before making a final decision to seek assistance from the government through the stimulus package.

The government still maintains the initial policy direction that not every business sectors will directly qualified to benefit from the Employment Stabilization Payments. While some sectors are badly or indirectly affected, others are benefitting from the situation and continue to operate with minimum negative impacts. It is of these very reasons that the Government has agreed that such policy determinations must be made.

The government in its decision NO#16 of 2020 has also announced other stimulus packages that will be implemented separately from the Employment Stabilization Payment Package. This includes the

School Tuition fee subsidy (Education Sector), the Small and Medium Enterprise grant package (SMEs), the Commodity subsidy (Agriculture Sector) and the Shipping Subsidy (Shipping Sector). Thus at some point, business communities could still directly or indirectly benefit from the stimulus package even if they are not qualified for the Employment Stabilization payment package.

Having made mentioned of the above, as Minister responsible for Finance and Economic Management, "I call for the support of the entire business community to take responsible decisions as well to support their employees. The Government is fully cognizant that there had been good years where businesses had made profits and now given the situation we are all faced with, it is time for the business community to show leadership and take social responsibility and assist workers where they can. It's inappropriate to use people during good times and leave them to struggle during difficult times. For those who have paid insurances over the years, it's also important for those insurance companies to step in and shoulder some of the burdens whether it's debt of customers to the banks or assist in other ways they can. I also would like to urge the private sectors to ensure that their workers employment is safeguarded until the situation improves and follow employment laws and procedures. The Government will deal with any employer who uses the situation to unfairly dismiss or disregards whatever is due to the workers. I call on the support of all financial Institutions such as the Banking and Insurance sector to work in partnership with the government in providing any possible support to those who are directly affected. I am glad that some Banks like the NBV and perhaps others are taking responsible decisions as well to protect its clients. This is not an ordinary period for any Government

but I am confident we will make it through this turbulent period."

Attached to this press statement is the full list of the Government Business License category and their eligibility confirmation. Business Sectors who require further clarification could contact the Ministry through, the following addresses.

- Email: esp@vanuatu.gov.vu and esp_enquiry@vanuatu.gov.vu
- Phone: 26049.
- More information's are made available in this web link: <https://doft.gov.vu/index.php/covid-19>

This information will also be made available to Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry so they can assist in providing further explanations when needed. They can be contact through

- Phone: 27543 or
- Email: reception@vcci.vu

Yours Sincerely,



Honourable, Johnny Koanapo Rasou
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Government of the Republic of Vanuatu.

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PRIMARY CATEGORY CODE	PRIMARY CATEGORY NAME	SUB CATEGORY CODE	SUB CATEGORY NAME	ELIGIBILITY
A	Mining, Quarrying and Logging	A	Mining, Quarrying and Logging	NOT QUALIFIED
B	Manufacturing and Trade	B	Manufacturing Industries and Trade	NOT QUALIFIED
		B1	Meat Manufacturers	NOT QUALIFIED
		B10	Manufacturer of Oil products for non-consumption	NOT QUALIFIED
		B103	Manufacturer Utensils	NOT QUALIFIED
		B104	Merchant Scrap Metal	NOT QUALIFIED
		B106	Mill Coconut Meal	NOT QUALIFIED
		B107	Mill Coconut Oil	NOT QUALIFIED
		B112	Oil Mill	NOT QUALIFIED
		B119	Manufacturer Not Otherwise Defined	NOT QUALIFIED
		B12	Manufacturer of Package and ready-made Food	NOT QUALIFIED
		B15	Manufacturer Sauces, Spices And Condiments	NOT QUALIFIED
		B16	Manufacturer Snacks	PARTLY QUALIFIED
		B17	Bakeries and confectioneries	PARTLY QUALIFIED
		B18	Manufacturer Confectionary	PARTLY QUALIFIED
		B19	Manufacturer Ice And Ice-Cream	NOT QUALIFIED
		B2	Manufacturer of Fish, Crustaceans and Mollusca	NOT QUALIFIED
		B20	Manufacturer of food products not elsewhere classified	NOT QUALIFIED
		B21	Manufacturer of prepared meals and dishes	NOT QUALIFIED
		B22	Distilleries	NOT QUALIFIED
		B23	Breweries	NOT QUALIFIED
		B27	Manufacture of tobacco	NOT QUALIFIED
		B28	Manufacture of tobacco	NOT QUALIFIED
		B30	Manufacturer of Kava products	NOT QUALIFIED
		B31	Manufacturer of Noni products	NOT QUALIFIED
		B36	Sawmills, Planning and other wood mills	NOT QUALIFIED
		B37	Manufacturing of wooden furniture, fixture and fittings	NOT QUALIFIED
		B38	Arts and decorative small furnishing	NOT QUALIFIED
		B39	Manufacture of Paper, paper products, printer and publisher	NOT QUALIFIED
		B40	Manufacture of rubber and plastic product	NOT QUALIFIED
		B42	Ship builder and repairers	NOT QUALIFIED
		B43	Manufacture of structural and fabricated metal products	NOT QUALIFIED

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B	Manufacturing and Trade	B44	Manufacture of soap and cleaning preparations	NOT QUALIFIED
		B46	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	NOT QUALIFIED
		B47	Manufacture of Cement, Lime and Plaster	NOT QUALIFIED
		B48(b)	Jewellery and Accessories	PARTLY QUALIFIED
		B48(d)	Health and Beauty	NOT QUALIFIED
		B49	Manufacture of Jewelers	NOT QUALIFIED
		B50	Manufacturers of wearing apparels	NOT QUALIFIED
		B53	Maker Rubber and Or Metal Stamp	NOT QUALIFIED
		B59	Manufacturer Concrete Products	NOT QUALIFIED
		B63	Manufacturer of Printing and services activities related to printing	NOT QUALIFIED
		B64	Manufacturer Chemical	NOT QUALIFIED
		B65	Artifacts and decorative small furnishing	NOT QUALIFIED
		B70	Manufacturer Battery And Reconditioning	NOT QUALIFIED
		B76	Manufacturer of Pharmaceutical Products	NOT QUALIFIED
		B8	Manufacturer of Cocoa products	NOT QUALIFIED
		B80	Manufacturer Foam Products	NOT QUALIFIED
		B83	Manufacturer Industrial And Protective Clothing	NOT QUALIFIED
		B84	Manufacturer Heaters And Solar Systems	NOT QUALIFIED
		B85	Manufacturer Iron Tin And Other Metal Products Including Electroplating	NOT QUALIFIED
		C	Construction Industries and trade	C
D	Wholesale & Retail Trade and Accomodation, Restaurants & Bars	D	Wholesale & Retail Trade and Accomodation, Restaurants & Bars	NOT QUALIFIED
		D1	Import and re-export	NOT QUALIFIED
		D2	Retailers and wholesalers	NOT QUALIFIED
		D2(a)	Specialty Shops	PARTLY QUALIFIED
		D3	Hotels, Motels, Restaurants, Cafes, Bars & Other Accommodation Services	QUALIFIED
		D3(a)	Hotels & Resorts Accommodations	QUALIFIED
		D3(b)	Motels & Self Contained	QUALIFIED
		D3(c)	Unique	QUALIFIED
		D3(d)	Holiday Homes	QUALIFIED
		D3(e)	Guest Houses	QUALIFIED
		D3(f)	Island Bungalows	QUALIFIED
		D3(g)	Home Stays	NOT QUALIFIED
		D3(h)	Camp Sites	QUALIFIED
		D3(i)	Restaurants	QUALIFIED
		D3(i)	Restaurants	QUALIFIED
		D3(j)	Cafes	QUALIFIED
		D3(k)	Bars	QUALIFIED
		D3(l)	Bars	QUALIFIED
		D4	Take-Away Food Outlets and Catering Services	QUALIFIED
		D4(a)	Take-Away	QUALIFIED
		D4(b)	Catering Services	QUALIFIED
D5	Open-Air Vendors, Mobile Shops and Door-to-Door Sales	NOT QUALIFIED		

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E	Transportation, Storage Facilities & Tourism Services	E	Transportation, Storage Facilities & Tourism Services	QUALIFIED
		E1	Transportation	NOT QUALIFIED
		E1(a)	Air Transport	QUALIFIED
		E1(b)	Sea Transport	NOT QUALIFIED
		E1(c)	Land Transport	NOT QUALIFIED
		E2	Storage Facilities (Transport Support Services)	NOT QUALIFIED
		E3	Tourism Transportation, Products and Services	QUALIFIED
		E3(1)	Air Tourism Transports	QUALIFIED
		E3(1a)	Air Transports	QUALIFIED
		E3(2)	Sea Tourism Transports	QUALIFIED
		E3(2a)	Water Transports	QUALIFIED
		E3(2b)	Yatch or Boat Charters	QUALIFIED
		E3(3)	Land Tourism Transports	QUALIFIED
		E3(3a)	Tourism Land Transportation	QUALIFIED
		E3(3b)	Tours & Transfers	QUALIFIED
		E3(4)	Tourism Tours and Activities	QUALIFIED
		E3(4a)	Education & Interest Tours	QUALIFIED
		E3(4b)	Travel Agency	QUALIFIED
		E3(4c)	Inbound Operator	QUALIFIED
		E3(4d)	Tour Guide	QUALIFIED
		E3(4e)	Handy Craft & Arts Shop	QUALIFIED
		E3(5)	Tour Products (Sea/Ware Based Activities)	QUALIFIED
		E3(5a)	Marine & Water Adventure	QUALIFIED
		E3(5b)	Scuba Diving	QUALIFIED
		E3(5c)	Traditional Canoe	QUALIFIED
		E3(5d)	Game Fishing Tour	QUALIFIED
		E3(6)	Tour Products (Land Based Activities)	QUALIFIED
		E3(6a)	Land Adventures	QUALIFIED
		E3(6b)	Traditional & Cultural Activity	QUALIFIED
		E3(6c)	National Park	QUALIFIED
		E3(6d)	Conservation Area	QUALIFIED
E3(6e)	Other Services	QUALIFIED		
E4	Rental & Hire Services	QUALIFIED		
E4(a)	Rentals	NOT QUALIFIED		
F	Financial Services and Other Professional Services	F	Financial Services and Other Professional Services	NOT QUALIFIED
		F1	Commercial Banks	NOT QUALIFIED
		F2	Other Financial Institutions	NOT QUALIFIED
		F3	Insurance Companies	NOT QUALIFIED
		F3(a)	Domiciled Vanuatu Licensed Insurance Company	NOT QUALIFIED
		F3(b)	Non-Domiciled Vanuatu Licensed Insurance Company	NOT QUALIFIED
		F3(c)	Insurance Agents	NOT QUALIFIED
		F3(d)	Insurance Brokers	NOT QUALIFIED
F4	Other professional and business	NOT QUALIFIED		
G	Health, Education, Social & Other Services	G	Health, Education, Social & Other Services	NOT QUALIFIED
		G1	Human and animal health services	NOT QUALIFIED
		G2	Personal, social and recreational and repair services	NOT QUALIFIED
		G2(a)	Recreational Services	QUALIFIED
		G2(b)	Barber and Beauty Services	QUALIFIED
		G2(c)	Educational Services	NOT QUALIFIED
G2(d)	Repairs & Other Services	NOT QUALIFIED		
I	Utilities & Communication	I	Utilities & Communication	NOT QUALIFIED
		I1	Electricity Generation and Distribution Companies	NOT QUALIFIED
		I2	Telegraphic and Communication Service Companies and Providers	NOT QUALIFIED
		I3	Water works, distribution and supply companies and providers	NOT QUALIFIED
		I4	Radio and television broadcasting companies and providers	NOT QUALIFIED
J	Artist And Sculptors	J	Artist And Sculptors	NOT QUALIFIED
J	Artist And Sculptors	J	Artist and Sculptors	NOT QUALIFIED
K	Agriculture & Fisheries	K	Agriculture & Fisheries	NOT QUALIFIED
		K	Agriculture & Fisheries	NOT QUALIFIED
L	Agriculture & Fisheries	L	Agriculture & Fisheries	NOT QUALIFIED
		L	Agriculture & Fisheries	NOT QUALIFIED