



**Australian Government**

**Department of Health**

## **Grant Opportunity for the Aged Care Workforce Retention**

### **GO4068 - Addendum Number 2**

**Date Issued: 31 July 2020**

This addendum is issued as an amendment to grant opportunity GO4068. The amendment is as specified hereunder.

#### **Changes to Closing date and time:**

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<b>Cover page</b> Closing date and time: 2:00pm Canberra local Time on 31 July 2020	<b>Cover page</b> Closing date and time: 2:00pm Canberra local Time on 14 August 2020
<b>Section 2 Aged Care Workforce Retention Grant period – Paragraph 1</b> On 20 March 2020, as part of the COVID 19 response, the Government announced an Aged Care Workforce Retention payment for the workers of Approved Residential Aged Care and Approved Home Care Providers providing for older Australians. Two separate payments of up to \$800 (for residential aged care workers) and up to \$600 (for home care aged care workers) would be made in July and September 2020 for Eligible Aged Care Workers employed at the time the application is submitted and 31 August 2020 respectively. The support was announced as a 'retention bonus' to ensure 'continuity of the workforce'.	<b>Section 2 Aged Care Workforce Retention Grant period – Paragraph 1</b> On 20 March 2020, as part of the COVID 19 response, the Government announced an Aged Care Workforce Retention payment for the workers of Approved Residential Aged Care and Approved Home Care Providers providing for older Australians. Two separate payments of up to \$800 (for residential aged care workers) and up to \$600 (for home care aged care workers) would be made in July and September 2020 for Eligible Aged Care Workers employed at the time the application is submitted and 31 August 2020 respectively. For applications made after 1 August 2020 dates of employment are 31 July 2020 and 31 August 2020 respectively. The support was announced as a 'retention bonus' to ensure 'continuity of the workforce'.

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<p><b>Section 3.2 Aged Care Workforce Retention Grant period – Paragraphs 1 &amp; 2</b>            Payments will commence in July 2020 (made in respect of Eligible Aged Care Workers employed by the grantee at the first Census Date) and around September 2020 (made in respect of Eligible Aged Care Workers employed by the grantee at the second Census Date). Applicants must submit their grant application (including the Eligible Aged Care Worker Staffing Profile Spreadsheet) by <b>31 July 2020</b> and any updated Eligible Aged Care Worker Staffing Profile Spreadsheet by 4 September 2020. This grant program will run from June to September 2020.</p> <p>The grant application period will be open from 15 June 2020 and close at 2:00pm on <b>31 July 2020</b>. Eligible applicants may apply during that time to receive grant funding for Eligible Aged Care Workers in their employ at the Census Dates. By submitting the application the applicant is offering to enter into a Letter of Agreement and acknowledging their agreement to pay the retention bonus amounts to Eligible Aged Care Workers in their employ at the Census Dates. Once, the application has been received and processed a Letter of Agreement will be sent to successful applicants. A two business days opt out (or cooling off) period will be provided prior to the initial payment being made to the nominated bank account of a successful applicant.</p>	<p><b>Section 3.2 Aged Care Workforce Retention Grant period – Paragraphs 1 &amp; 2</b>            Payments will commence in July 2020 (made in respect of Eligible Aged Care Workers employed by the grantee at the first Census Date) and around September 2020 (made in respect of Eligible Aged Care Workers employed by the grantee at the second Census Date). Applicants must submit their grant application (including the Eligible Aged Care Worker Staffing Profile Spreadsheet) by <b>14 August 2020</b> and any updated Eligible Aged Care Worker Staffing Profile Spreadsheet by 4 September 2020. This grant program will run from June to September 2020.</p> <p>The grant application period will be open from 15 June 2020 and close at 2:00pm on <b>14 August 2020</b>. Eligible applicants may apply during that time to receive grant funding for Eligible Aged Care Workers in their employ at the Census Dates. By submitting the application the applicant is offering to enter into a Letter of Agreement and acknowledging their agreement to pay the retention bonus amounts to Eligible Aged Care Workers in their employ at the Census Dates. Once, the application has been received and processed a Letter of Agreement will be sent to successful applicants. A two business days opt out (or cooling off) period will be provided prior to the initial payment being made to the nominated bank account of a successful applicant (approximately 7 days after receipt of Letter of Agreement).</p>

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<p><b>Section 7.2 Timing of grant opportunity processes – Paragraph 5</b></p> <p>The grant opportunity will open on 15 June 2020 and close at 2pm on <b>31 July 2020</b>. Approval or clarification of applications is expected to be completed within four weeks, with the Commonwealth approving successful applications and entering into the Letter of Agreement and making the first payment as soon as practical thereafter.</p>	<p><b>Section 7.2 Timing of grant opportunity processes – Paragraph 5</b></p> <p>The grant opportunity will open on 15 June 2020 and close at 2pm on <b>14 August 2020</b>. Approval or clarification of applications is expected to be completed within four weeks, with the Commonwealth approving successful applications and entering into the Letter of Agreement and making the first payment as soon as practical thereafter.</p>
<p><b>Section Glossary – Census Dates</b></p> <p>the date the application for the grant was submitted by the applicant or 31 August 2020 (as the case requires)</p>	<p><b>Section Glossary – Census Dates</b></p> <p>the date the application for the grant was submitted by the applicant for applications prior to 1 August 2020 OR 31 July 2020 for applications made on or after 1 August 2020 or 31 August 2020 (as the case requires)</p>

### Changes to Questions closing date

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<p><b>Cover page</b></p> <p>Questions should be sent no later than 5:00pm Canberra local time on 24 July 2020</p>	<p><b>Cover page</b></p> <p>Questions should be sent no later than 5:00pm Canberra local time on 10 August 2020</p>