

# COVID-19: PEOPLE: EMERGING FROM THE CRISIS SERIES: PREPARING YOUR WORKFORCE (AUSTRALIA)

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**As Australia's restrictions on movement begin to ease, many organisations are preparing to either return to their physical workplaces or to ramp up their workforces as operations transition into the "new normal". The transition will take time.**

In this series we start conversations about the key issues for Australian organisations to consider as we set out on the quest for a resilient and sustainable future.

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## LATEST THINKING

### MANAGING YOUR LABOUR THROUGH THE POST-LOCKDOWN RECOVERY

The Australian economy remains in a period of forced hibernation. Although each industry has been impacted differently to others, no business is unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### TIME TO CONSIDER IR REFORMS FOR THE POST COVID ECONOMY

The three central pillars of Australia's industrial relations system have proved that they can act decisively when they have to. But when we ultimately return back to normal, our IR laws will go back to where they were. Anyway, who can tell what will be 'normal' in a year's time?

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## 30-MINUTE WEBINAR

### PREPARING BUSINESSES TO RETURN THEIR PEOPLE TO WORK

Thursday 14 May 2020

This webinar hosted by [Drew Pearson](#) discusses preparing businesses to return their people to work including: Safety first - planning the transition back to the workplace ([Nerida Jessup](#)); Returning to the physical office - navigating the "new normal" ([Catherine Pase](#)); and Real life case study of our approach at HSF ([Alan Peckham](#)).

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## 90-SECOND VIDEO SERIES

In this series of short videos, our experts share their insights on how employers can prepare for and embrace this "new normal".

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**Contact tracing - balancing civil liberties**  
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**Flexibility provisions in Modern Awards**  
03 April 2020

**Summary of the COVIDSafe app**  
01 May 2020

**Contracting tips in light of COVID-19**  
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**Temporary amendments to Modern Awards concerning leave entitlements - 03 April 2020**

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