

FIRMS JOIN FORCES TO CREATE JOBKEEPER APP FOR AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYERS

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Global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills and specialist tax advisory firm Greenwoods & Herbert Smith Freehills have partnered to launch an app to help Australian employers that are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic better understand the Federal Government's JobKeeper Payment scheme.

Launched today, the free online app was developed by the Legal Operations team at Herbert Smith Freehills and Partners Toby Eggleston, Andrew Howe, Daniel Sydes, and Associate Director Rebecca Lawrence at Greenwoods & Herbert Smith Freehills. It takes employers through a series of general and technical questions, and in less than 10 minutes, provides preliminary guidance on whether employers are eligible for the scheme and what their next steps are.

The A\$130 billion JobKeeper Payment scheme is designed to support individuals and businesses affected by the significant economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Herbert Smith Freehills and Greenwoods & Herbert Smith Freehills identified the need for the app after speaking with a number of clients who were struggling to determine whether their business could benefit from the scheme.

[Libby Jarvis](#), Herbert Smith Freehills' Head of Legal Operations in Australia, explained, "We had been getting a significant number of questions from our clients in relation to the JobKeeper Payment scheme, so together with Greenwoods, we set about creating a user-friendly tool which allows employers to access the combined expertise of our firms, at any time."

“The app will help employers navigate the regulatory nuances of the JobKeeper scheme and determine their eligibility. For more complex questions or legal requirements, our teams are here to support clients with detailed, tailored advice.”

[Toby Eggleston](#), partner at Greenwoods & Herbert Smith Freehills, said, “The rules around the JobKeeper Payment scheme can be complicated, and guidance about the scheme is scattered across various platforms. We hope that by bringing this information together in one place and equipping employers with details on a range of topics, the app will help Australian businesses navigate this difficult time”.

Herbert Smith Freehills’ Legal Operations team works with clients to assess and analyse the issues they are facing and develop bespoke solutions. Working closely with the firm’s Practice Groups and its [Alternative Legal Services](#) offering, the Legal Operations team helps clients in areas such as improving service delivery and developing collaborative working through the use of new technologies; identifying alternative resourcing options; applying innovative methods to solving issues; and leveraging data analytics and insights.

The JobKeeper Navigation App can be found on the Herbert Smith Freehills website [here](#) and the Greenwoods & Herbert Smith Freehills website [here](#).

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