

# Australia enacts 2020-21 Federal Budget measures

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The following measures announced as part of the 2020-21 Federal Budget received royal assent and were enacted on 14 October 2020:

Measure	Application of amendments
Tax loss carrybacks for businesses with global revenue of less than AU\$5 billion	Apply to assessments made in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 income years (e.g., 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2021 for taxpayers with an Australian tax year end of 31 December (in lieu of the following 30 June))
Immediate expensing of eligible assets used or installed by 30 June 2022 for businesses with global revenue of less than AU\$5 billion	Apply to depreciating assets first held, and first used or installed ready for use from 7:30pm (AEDT) on 6 October 2020
Increased access to small business tax concessions for businesses with global revenue of less than AU\$50 million	Mostly income years starting on or after 1 July 2021, except for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Fringe benefits: from 1 April 2021</li> <li>▶ Prepaid and start-up expenses: On or after 1 July 2020</li> </ul>
Significant changes to Australia's research and development tax incentive regime from 1 July 2021 onwards	Income years commencing on or after 1 July 2021

For details on the budget's provisions, see EY Global Tax Alert, [Australia issues 2020-21 Federal Budget](#), dated 7 October 2020.

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