

# COVID-19 Assistance



## What is it?

The VABT's COVID-19 Assistance Fund is a dedicated support program providing financial assistance to performing arts workers who have been impacted financially by the ongoing COVID-19 crisis; whether through loss of work, a significant reduction in hours, or an inability to practice their craft due to ongoing restrictions.



## What assistance is available?

Eligible applicants are provided with financial assistance by way of electronic Food Vouchers. Each Food Voucher is to the value of \$250. Applicants can re-apply through the program once every four-weeks, to a maximum of four successful applications: e.g. a total of four Food Vouchers, at a value of \$1,000.

The use of electronic Food Vouchers has been chosen to enable the widespread provision of immediate assistance and financial relief, regardless of locale within Victoria.



## Who can apply?

The VABT's COVID-19 Assistance Fund has been established to provide assistance to Victorian-based professional theatre, dance, circus, film and TV artists, creators and crew who have lost work, had their hours reduced, are awaiting government payments or seeking replacement employment.

Through its membership in the Alliance of Australasian Performing Arts Benevolent Funds, the VABT is also offering COVID-19 Assistance to Tasmanian-based professional performing arts workers.



## How to apply.

The application process is quick and simple. Visit [vabt.com.au](http://vabt.com.au) for the online application form. The form asks a series of short and straight-forward questions and you will be asked to supply a current copy of your CV in order to show your professional involvement in the performing arts industry. Your application is then considered by the VABT's volunteer Committee of Management who assess each application on a case-by-case basis. Due to the volume of applications received, it may take up to 21-days to review your submission. You will then be contacted by email.



## Spread the word.

Help spread the word and encourage colleagues and friends who may be in need to apply. The VABT stands ready to assist. Alternatively, if you know someone who could benefit from this assistance, you can apply on their behalf.

**For more information visit**  
**[vabt.com.au](http://vabt.com.au)**

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