

# Events Transition Support Payment Scheme: Questions and Answers

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## MY VACCINE PASS

**We need to use My Vaccine Pass at our events to be eligible for the ETSP - are children aged under 12 excluded the My Vaccine Pass requirement?** Correct, the requirement is consistent with the broader vaccine pass requirement, i.e. anyone under 12 years and 3 months is not required to show proof of vaccination.

## EXPENSES

**If we postpone the event as opposed to cancelling can we claim costs up until the postponement date or is it only up until the time the decision to postpone/ cancel is made?** It's important to note that claiming unrecoverable costs are specific to the event being postponed, not specific to a time or date where a decision was made. For example, an ETSP eligible event can claim unrecoverable costs relating to postponement after the decision has been made to postpone the event. As a reminder, costs that can be transferred to a new event date are not unrecoverable costs.

**Will you cover expenses that have not yet been paid, but that event is liable for a portion of this as per our supplier disclaimer?** Yes, so long as the event organiser is legally or contractually obliged to pay these costs then they will be unrecoverable costs for the purposes of this scheme.

**Are wages/event contract remuneration till the end of the event financial year covered?** Only so far as they are directly attributable to the one event. If an event organiser is running several events and retaining the same staff across the year for all those events, then those costs would not be directly attributable to the one event. The final decision on expenses specific to an event is worked through as part of the application for support.

**Does the scheme cover the accounting cost associated with the event along with the auditing fees, this usually happens 2 months after the end of the financial year and is a requirement of our shareholder / hosting agreements?** The same reasoning applies. The critical point for all expenses is that they unrecoverable and directly linked to the delivery of the event in question. The final decision on expenses specific to an event is worked through as part of the application for support.

## INCOME

**Does the event income retained affect the amount of expenses covered by the underwriting?** Income is a factor so long as it relates directly to costs incurred. E.g., if an event organiser receives income from exhibitors but is only required to reimburse 50% back to an exhibitor on cancellation, then the remaining 50% would be taken off the total budget line costs related to exhibitors. Where income is not directly attributable to specific cost lines then unlikely it would affect calculation of costs.

## **CALL TO CANCEL**

**As we are a national event with national titles, if a large % of our attendees cannot come due to region restrictions and we cancel, will the underwriting apply?** The event would need to prove 50% of tickets had already been sold to attendees in those regions.

**If a large % of our attendees cannot attend, resulting in loss of income and making the event no longer viable, will the underwriting apply?** Yes - see '[Triggers for payment](#)' i.e. at least 50% of tickets/paid registrations have been sold to attendees located within an Alert Level 3 or higher boundary, or within a CPF Red Level or localised lockdown area on the date/s of the event (assuming regional boundary restrictions are in effect).

NOTE: Following the amendment notified 2/12/21 Ministers agreed to add a new payment trigger to the ETSP scheme meaning that eligible event organisers can now postpone or cancel an event and be eligible to claim against the ETSP scheme under the following situation:

- the event is located in an area that is operating under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF) and is at CPF Red or a localised lockdown at any point within the four-week period prior to the start of the event; and
- there has been no explicit announcement yet regarding the CPF settings for the specific date/s of the event.

**If the event is cancelled due to a region being red and/or their borders closed meaning our logistics can't come in, will the underwriting apply?** The ETSP scheme does not permit cancellation for this purpose.

**If our event is cancelled by the major stakeholders over concern it could become a super-spreader event, will the underwriting apply?** Not necessarily, if the event is still able to operate according to public health restrictions then the event would continue to go ahead unless the area enters a localised lockdown.

## **COMMUNICATION**

**Do we have a person we can contact to guide us as we approach the show or any of the above scenarios?** Any communication and questions should go to [eventsupport@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:eventsupport@mbie.govt.nz)

## **IMPLEMENTING OF CRITERIA**

**Is there any funding available to assist with the additional cost associated with meeting the criteria?** There is no funding available to assist with events to meet the criteria.