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## COVID-19: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TENANCIES.

The National Cabinet's mandatory Code of Conduct for commercial tenancies (**Code**) was released on 7 April 2020.

Targeted at SMEs impacted by COVID-19, the Code will be given effect through legislation at state and territory level. All commercial landlords and tenants should familiarise themselves with the Code to ensure they comply with the key principles.

The Code is mandatory where the tenant:

- **has an annual turnover of less than \$50 million;** and
- **is suffering financial distress and hardship.** Tenants who are eligible for the JobKeeper program will automatically qualify.



The principles in the Code are also designed to apply 'in spirit' to **all** leasing arrangements affected by COVID-19, regardless of whether they meet the eligibility criteria.

Read more about the mandatory Code of Conduct in our [blog](#).

## WE CAN HELP.

### RENT RELIEF NEGOTIATIONS.

If you are a landlord, we can assist with negotiations with your tenants. This includes helping you review and consider information provided by tenants and negotiating and reflecting temporary arrangements under the Code.

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If you are a tenant we can assist you to compile the required information to support a carefully drafted proposal for rent relief that is in accordance with the Code.

### DON'T FORGET TO FORMALISE.

Importantly, any agreements that landlords and tenants come to during this time should be documented in a deed of variation of lease.

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VARIATION](#)