

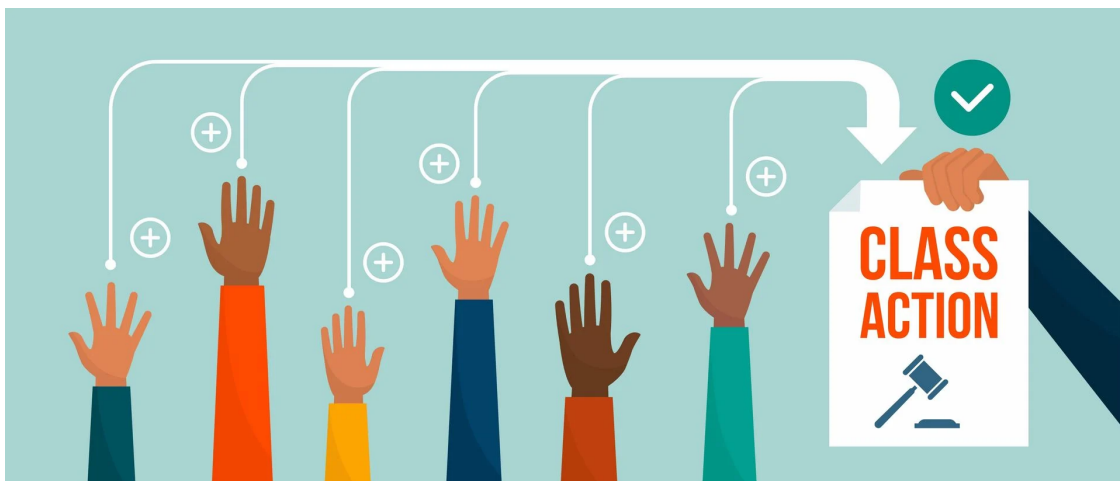


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**Did you operate a business in
Victoria in July 2020? Here's what
you need to know about the Hotel
Quarantine (Business Losses) Class
Action...**



On 4 March 2024, some of my clients received an email from ['noreply@ecomms.hotelquarantineclassaction.vic.gov.au'](mailto:noreply@ecomms.hotelquarantineclassaction.vic.gov.au) about the Hotel Quarantine (Business Losses) Class Action. They believed the email to be spam and deleted it. In this newsletter, I want to assure you that this email **was not spam as it came from the Supreme Court of Victoria** and provide details about the class action so you can decide if you need to get involved.

What is the class action about?

This class action will seek compensation for any retail business impacted by the Victorian July-October 2020 "second-wave" lockdowns. The Plaintiff alleges that the lockdowns were a result of negligence in the hotel quarantine program. The Plaintiff is the owner of a bar and restaurant known as "5 Districts NY" in Victoria and the defendants are the State of Victoria, the Minister for Health (2018 to 2020) and the Minister for Jobs (2018 to 2020). Read the [full notice about the class action here](#).

Should you become a class member?

To ascertain if you are a class member, there are 3 criteria on which to base your decision:

1. as at 1 July 2020, you operated a business that supplied goods or services to the public from physical premises located in Victoria; and
2. members of the public acquired those goods or services by attending the physical premises; and
3. as a result of the restrictions in place from the second wave lockdown in Melbourne and parts of regional Victoria between July and October 2020, your business was required to shut, or operate at a reduced capacity and/or members of the public were restricted or prohibited from visiting your retail premises, and this caused your business to suffer financial losses.

If you meet the criterion, you need to register your interest in becoming a member before 4 pm AEST Monday 8 July 2024. You can complete your registration using [this online form](#). After registration, you will receive updates by email from the solicitors representing the Plaintiff i.e. Quinn Emanuel Trial Lawyers.

What should I do if I don't want to become a class member?

To opt out of the class action, complete [this form](#) by 4 pm AEST Monday 8 July 2024.

What will happen if I ignore this class action notice?

If you don't act on this notice i.e. you don't become a member or opt-out, you will not be entitled to any compensation from the class action when it settles in November 2024, even if you are eligible. You will, however, be bound by the settlement terms. What does that mean? This means that you will be prohibited from filing a lawsuit against the defendant/s over the same legal issue in the future.

Who can I contact about this class action?

You can contact Quinn Emanuel Trial Lawyers, who are the solicitors representing the plaintiff class.

- **Class Action Website:** hotelquarantineclassaction.com.au
- **Email:** Hqclassaction@quinnemanuel.com
- **Phone:** [\(02\) 9146 3636](tel:(02)91463636)

In Other Bookkeeping_BAS News...

Super to increase 1 July 2024: The super rate will increase to 11.5% on 1 July 2024. This will apply to the first pay run dated after 1 July 2024.

Five Checklists to Support your Business: Find out about the list of things to be done in your business or reminders you need to know about [here](#).

[Can I Claim the GST on That](#) page updated: Some new items have been added to this list including whether GST applies when you pay for goods using digital currency and GST on compression socks.

Changes to unpaid parental leave entitlements: Read about how leave entitlements have changed recently [here](#).

Next BAS due date: The next quarterly BAS for **January to March 2024**, is due by **28th April 2024** if electing to receive and lodge by paper and not an active STP reporter. If, however, you have elected to receive and lodge electronically, this BAS is due by **26th May 2024**.

Next Super due date: The Q3 2023-24 super guarantee contributions are due by **28th April 2024**. I advise that you lodge and pay at least a week before this date to ensure payments are received by super funds by this date. Paying on the 28th of April is too late and you will need to lodge a super guarantee charge statement as a result.

Never miss important dates for your business: Keep track of the dates you need to run your business [here](#).

Closing loopholes reforms - the Fair Work Act has changed: Find out what has changed and when in this [downloadable guide](#).

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