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Vehicle Repair, Services and Retail Award 2020

Extended operation of the COVID-19 Schedule

The Fair Work Commission has extended the operation of Schedule I – Award Flexibility During the COVID-19 Pandemic, in the *Vehicle Repair, Services and Retail Award 2020* until 31 January 2021.

The Schedule was originally added to the Award on 11 May 2020. It allows employers greater flexibility in managing their staff in the circumstances created by COVID-19 and government responses to contain the virus.

What are the specific terms of the Schedule to the Award?

The specific terms of the Schedule are set out in an **attachment** to [Compliance Advice MA000089-03/2020](#).

The variations will have the effect of altering the Schedule by:

- Extending its operation to 31 January 2021;
- Providing that a direction made by an employer under the Schedule ceases to have effect when it is withdrawn, revoked or replaced by the employer, or on 31 January 2021, whichever is earlier;
- Providing that a period of annual leave taken in accordance with the Schedule must commence before 31 January 2021 but may end after this date.

What is the period of operation?

The COVID-19 Schedule ceases to have effect on **31 January 2021** unless further extended by the Commission.

Do you require further advice?

For information or assistance relating to the application of the Commission's decision, please contact Ai Group's Workplace Advice Line on 1300 55 66 77.



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