

The Arts and Culture Event Support Scheme: the backup your crew needs

The Traffic Light System has finished, but there's still a chance COVID might get in the way of your event.

If your lead performer catches COVID-19, or other Government restrictions come into play, this could have an impact on your event.

If this happens, the [Arts and Culture Event Support Scheme](#) can help cover non-recoverable financial losses for your event.

The scheme covers events through to 31 January 2023.

Register your event with the Arts and Culture Event Support Scheme to make sure that if things don't go as planned, you have the backup you need.

You must register your event at least two months before it is due to start, or you won't be able to access support if you need it.

Is your event eligible?

If you are an event organiser planning to put on a gig, music or cultural festival, performing arts event or exhibition before 31 January 2023, this scheme could be for you.

Eligible events must be registered at least two months before the scheduled start date.

Events must be registered by the primary event organiser who holds financial responsibility for delivering the event. The primary event organiser must be based in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Full information and eligibility criteria are available here: mch.govt.nz/arts-and-culture-event-support-scheme

How the scheme works

1. Submit your registration through the [Manatū Taonga online portal](#)

You will need:

- Proof of your current NZ Legal Status (e.g. NZ Business Number)
- Demonstrate the financial commitment to your event (e.g. agreement with venue/artist, tickets on sale)
- Event budget (the template is available in the online portal)

2. Receive a letter of commitment from Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage

3. Notify Manatū Taonga of the cancellation or postponement

4. Provide evidence of your event's income and expenses

5. Final payment

Need help?

If you need support with your registration or have any questions about the scheme, the team at Manatū Taonga are happy to help.

Send them an email at support.culture@mch.govt.nz or call 04 499 4229.