

Build your future

through a small business

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training supports Queensland small businesses to reach their full potential. If you are starting out, need support to recover or want to take your business to the next level, we can help.



Business health check

Is your business strong enough to deal with disruptions and emergencies? Use the business health check to identify changes you can make to help your business survive and thrive. You will receive a personalised report with next steps and recommendations along with links to support and resources.



Business Queensland

<http://www.business.qld.gov.au>

A one stop shop for all things business, whether you are starting, running or growing your business. The Business Queensland

website has invaluable tools, information, advice and support including:

- [Free online training](#)

Free online training for small business to support you and your employees recover from COVID-19 and enable future growth.

- [Small business grants schedule](#)

Grant Programs of up to \$50,000 to help small business recover, grow and thrive.

- [Supply to Queensland Government](#)

Find out how your business can supply goods and services to the Queensland Government. A range of information and resources is available including the [Fit to supply quiz](#) for tender contracts.

- [Mentoring for Growth](#)

Mentoring for Growth (M4G) offers eligible businesses free access to volunteer business experts to provide options and suggestions for challenges and opportunities you are facing in your business.

- [Business events calendar](#)

Workshops, events and webinars that provide advice and assistance to your business.

- [Queensland Small Business Commissioner](#)

Provides information and advocacy support to small businesses, including informal resolution and mediation of lease disputes.

Running your business

Small Business Solutions

<https://tafeqld.edu.au> Phone: 1300 308 233

Through workshops and mentoring, expert business mentors guide you through critical periods of business development and arm you with the knowledge, skills and confidence you need to clarify your ideas and move into the next stage of business growth.



Workforce Planning Connect

<https://jobsqueensland.qld.gov.au/workforce-planning-connect/> Phone: 07 3294 4706

Workforce planning involves planning for the people who will help your business. It is a continuous process of identifying the existing skills of your workforce, desired future skills, workforce gaps and strategies and actions to close those gaps.



Small Business Financial Counselling program

<https://rfcssq.org.au> Phone: 1300 732 777

Provides free of charge, confidential, impartial and independent assistance to small businesses who are experiencing hardship associated with long standing drought conditions or impacts of COVID-19.





Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland

<https://cciq.com.au>
Phone: 1300 731 988

The Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland (CCIQ) helps businesses with issues such as Fair Work and HR advice, staff training and accessing overseas markets.

- [Become a member of your local Chamber of Commerce](#)

Benefits include meeting like minded business people.

- [ecoBiz](#)

A free program for small to medium businesses delivered by CCIQ. With the help of an ecoBiz expert, you will be able to develop an action plan to help your business save money and increase efficiencies.



Department of Employment, Small Business & Training

<https://desbt.qld.gov.au>
Phone: 1300 654 687

Training and re-skilling is essential to ensure your workforce is prepared for the future. We have subsidised training and incentives to help including:

- [Back to Work](#)

Support payments are available for eligible employers who hire eligible jobseekers, apprentices and trainees in regional Queensland and in selected areas of South East Queensland.



Supply 2032

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will create a 20 year pipeline of opportunities for Queensland businesses. Register for the [Buy Queensland supplier newsletter](#) to receive updates about how your business can be involved in the Games.



- [Skilling Queenslanders for Work](#)

Queensland small businesses can employ job ready staff through this initiative that provides support and training to help jobseekers gain local employment. Connect with your local DESBT Regional Office to find out about local projects that might suit your industry.

- [JobTrainer](#)

The JobTrainer fund supports jobseekers, school leavers and young people access the skills and training they need to find work, re-enter the labour market or explore new work opportunities. Employers can partner with training providers to source potential workers with the skills and training to meet the workforce requirements.



- [Free TAFE for under 25s](#)

Free TAFE for under 25s will be available to eligible Queenslanders in 26 priority certificate III qualifications at TAFE Queensland and Central Queensland University only.

- [Free apprenticeships for under 25s](#)

The Queensland Government will cover the cost of training for apprenticeships and traineeships in 139 priority areas for apprentices and trainees aged under 25.

- [Trade Skills Assessment and Gap Training](#)

For small businesses, if you have an eligible employee with substantial industry experience in a priority trade area, they can have their skills recognised to achieve a qualification.



Small Business Connect Newsletter

The Small Business Connect newsletter keeps you up to date with all the latest information for Queensland small businesses. This newsletter is a great source of information on available grants, events and support for Queensland businesses.



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1300 654 687

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