

The Queensland Government supports individuals and small businesses to reach their full potential. If you are starting out, need support, or want to take your business to the next level, we can help.

Starting or running a business

Business Queensland

Information, events, and support are available online for Queensland business owners and industry. Whether you are starting out, running a business, or ready to go next level, all kinds of support can be found at Business Queensland.

business.qld.gov.au

Small business grants*

Federal, state and local governments offer grants to help Queensland small businesses increase key capabilities and embrace innovation, and to assist high-growth businesses to capitalise on opportunities. *Eligibility criteria applies.

business.qld.gov.au/grants

Business Launchpad

Save time and effort when starting up and running your business by using the Business Launchpad, a digital tool that makes it easier to discover licences, permits and regulatory information from across government levels, tailored to your business needs.

business.qld.gov.au/launchpad

Supply to Queensland Government

Find out how your business can supply goods and services to Queensland Government buyers. Register for the Buy Queensland supplier newsletter to receive updates about how your business can be involved in the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games.

business.qld.gov.au/supplytogov

Trading outdoors

If you are looking to expand your business by trading outdoors, the Queensland Outdoor Activation Action Plan can help you to better understand compliance requirements and other regulatory information that your business will need to meet.

business.qld.gov.au/trading-outdoors

Queensland Indigenous Business Network (QIBN)

An independent body led by First Nations business leaders to support the advancement of First Nations businesses. QIBN provides support and advocacy for the growth of First Nations businesses and work in partnership with local business communities, industry and Government to build the economic footprint of First Nations business in Queensland.

business.qld.gov.au/qibn

Support for small business

Business health check

Use the business health check to identify changes you can make to help your business survive and thrive. Answer questions to assess your business strengths and areas for improvement and receive a personalised report with next steps and recommendations, and links to resources and support.

business.qld.gov.au/health-check

Access free mentoring and business support

Our Mentoring for Growth program can give your business free access to industry experts from across Queensland who can provide insights, options and suggestions to help your business.

business.qld.gov.au/mentoring

Small Business Support Network

A range of programs, resources and services are available to support you and your small business tackle challenging times. This includes free financial counselling – one-on-one financial support, including cash flow planning, budgeting, insolvency advice and dispute resolution assistance. The Network also includes a free business wellness coaching service to help you overcome business challenges that are preventing you from taking your business forward.

business.qld.gov.au/wellness

ecoBiz

ecoBiz is a free program for small to medium businesses, funded by the Queensland Government. 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 on your energy, water and waste bills.

ecobiz.businesschamberqld.com.au

Queensland Small Business Advisory Council

The QSBAC provides advice on issues and opportunities affecting small business to the Minister for Employment and Small Business, Minister for Training and Skills Development, and Minister for Youth Justice, as well as the Queensland Government. Find your local QSBAC member to discuss any concerns or ideas you may have.

desbt.qld.gov.au/small-business/council

Queensland Small Business Commissioner

The Queensland Small Business Commissioner works to enhance the operating environment for small businesses in Queensland through advocacy, collaboration, delivery of projects and programs, and the provision of information and advisory services.

business.qld.gov.au/qsbc

Payroll Tax initiative

The Government's 1% discount on payroll tax rate for eligible regional employers has been extended until 30 June 2030 to provide ongoing certainty to regional businesses, and the 50% Payroll Tax Rebate for Apprentices and Trainees has been extended until 30 June 2024.

qro.qld.gov.au/payroll-tax/calculate/regional-discount

Cost of doing business rebate

To help tackle the cost-of-living pressures and rising business costs, around 205,000 eligible small businesses will receive an automatic rebate of \$650 on their electricity bill in 2023-2024.

business.qld.gov.au/running-business/energy-business/electricity-bill-relief

Small business disaster hub

Find information, resources and links for businesses in different industries to improve how they prepare for, respond to and recover from a range of natural disasters and issues like IT threats, health or reputation incidents and other events. You can also download the Small Business Disaster Hub app on Apple IOS or Android.

business.qld.gov.au/disasterhub

Queensland Business Energy Saving and Transformation (QBEST) program

Support for small business to reduce energy usage and costs through rebates to purchase energy-efficient appliances and equipment, smart technology and energy management systems to reduce their energy costs.

business.qld.gov.au/qbest

Support to employ staff

Back to Work program*

Back to Work has a range of financial and non-financial supports available to businesses who decide to employ and retain an eligible jobseeker through Back to Work. This includes incentive payments, funding for training, and short courses. You can also access localised support with Back to Work teams based throughout Queensland.

*Eligibility criteria applies.

qld.gov.au/backtowork

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

Queensland small businesses can employ job ready staff through this initiative that provides funds skills development, training and job opportunities to help unemployed, disengaged or disadvantaged Queenslanders.

qld.gov.au/skillingqueenslanders

Workforce Planning Connect

Jobs Queensland and Business Chamber Queensland's Workforce Planning Connect equips you with the tools for building workforce planning capabilities in business. The practical resources will help you develop a workforce plan for your business, whatever you do and wherever you are in Queensland.

jobsqueensland.qld.gov.au/workforce-planning-connect

Queensland Workforce Strategy 2022–32

The Good people. Good Jobs: Queensland Workforce Strategy is a ten-year blueprint connecting Queenslanders with work, supporting employers to develop inclusive work practices, and growing a more diverse workforce.

qld.gov.au/workforcestrategy

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