

Unite & Recover

Small Business Connect

April 2021

COVID-19 update

Check In Qld app – mandatory for hospitality businesses from 1 May

Queensland hospitality businesses have until 1 May 2021 to register and start using the Check In Qld app. The Queensland Government will continue to work with key stakeholders in the hospitality industry to finalise details around the statewide adoption of the app before it is mandated on 1 May. By mandating the Check In Qld app across the hospitality sector there will be a convenient, coordinated and effective way to keep Queenslanders COVID Safe and ensure Queensland Health has access to customer information quickly for contact tracing if needed. Business registrations for the Check in Qld app are currently taking three business days to process. Queensland businesses are encouraged to go to the website today and start their registration - www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld.

Skills and workforce

Free online courses grow for small business

Hundreds more courses are now online for Queensland small businesses dealing with the impacts of COVID-19. Targeted training is available covering a range of industries and topics with more than 450 new free online short courses for owners, managers and their staff. Find more information on the courses and how to access them - www.business.qld.gov.au/onlinetraining

Free training grows skilled workers for Queensland

More than 100 courses in health, aged care, manufacturing, construction, agriculture, cyber security and tourism are now available through the JobTrainer Fund in Queensland, with most fee-free and the remainder capped at a maximum cost of \$400. Employers can work with approved training providers to source workers with the skills and training they need to grow and recover. Access the full list of funded courses and to learn how JobTrainer can help employers - www.desbt.qld.gov.au/jobtrainer

Business advice and support

Mentoring for Growth

Our goal of connecting business owners with experts has taken on extra value for small businesses adjusting their plans and expectations. With hundreds of volunteer mentors available, Mentoring for Growth can help businesses tackle issues or opportunities or identify areas needing development. Find out more and register for a free session - www.business.qld.gov.au/mentoring

Commissioner support extended to help small business

Queensland small businesses can continue to access free mediation and dispute assistance

for commercial leasing and small business tenancy disputes through the Queensland Small Business Commissioner. If your business turnover dropped between 29 March and 31 December 2020 due to COVID-19, you can still negotiate rent relief with your landlord. If you are unsure how to get started, reach out to the Queensland Small Business Commissioner – www.business.qld.gov.au/qsbc or 1300 312 344.

Grants and funding

Adaption grants for regional small business

Round 2 of the Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant program remains open for regional small businesses. Grants of up to \$10,000 can be used to cover a wide range of activities.

Applying is easy and the online eligibility tool makes light work of checking if you classify as a regional small business. Find out more about the program and access guidelines, eligibility criteria, FAQs and application tips at www.business.qld.gov.au/adaption-grant

Getting Queenslanders Back to Work

Payments of up to \$20,000 are available for eligible employers in regional Queensland or areas of South East Queensland experiencing significant labour market challenges. Back to Work Teams are in every region to support employers and jobseekers locally. Find your local Back to Work Team or to learn more about Back to Work - www.backtowork.initiatives.qld.gov.au

Supplying to government

Preferred Supplier Panel applications for market and social research services (QGP007521PSP)

Businesses specialising in qualitative or quantitative market and social research services are invited to apply for the Queensland Government's Preferred Supplier Panel by 2pm Friday 30 April 2021. Services covered include designing research and methodology, conducting research, analysing data, producing reports and developing recommendations. Find out more and apply through [QTenders](#).

Preferred Supplier Panel applications for grocery, dairy and beverages (HSQ101256)

Businesses supplying various dry goods, frozen goods, dairy products, beverages and miscellaneous other products are invited to apply to the Queensland Government's Preferred Supplier Panel by 2pm Tuesday 4 May 2021. More information on this Invitation to Offer is available from [QTenders](#).

On-time Payment Policy

Are you a small business supplying goods and services to the Queensland Government? If so, the government's On-time Payment Policy is making sure you get paid quicker. Under the policy, small businesses will get paid within 20 calendar days following receipt of a correct undisputed invoice. If you don't receive payment within 20 calendar days, you can claim for penalty interest. Find out more about the policy, including how to register as a small business – www.business.qld.gov.au/ontimepayment

Events

Queensland Small Business Month – Bounce Back Better in May 2021

Queensland Small Business Month 2021 – QSBM 2021 – celebrates the small businesses that make a vital contribution to our state's economy and play an important role in each region and community across Queensland. There will be activities and events across the state, delivering a range of opportunities for small business owners to network, connect and learn new skills that will help them 'Bounce Back Better' in 2021 and beyond. Learn and acquire new ideas, skills and tools to take your business to the next level by either participating in or hosting an activity during the month of May – www.business.qld.gov.au/qsbm

Business Queensland [events calendar](#)

A one-stop-shop for all small business events. If you run events for Queensland small businesses, [list your event](#) today!

Resources

Business Energy Advice Program

Learn more about the Business Energy Advice Program — a free independent energy advice service which aims to connect small businesses to energy savings – www.businessenergyadvice.com.au

Free tax office webinars

Check out the range of free webinars for small business run by the Australian Tax Office, including help for new business starters, home-based operators and other topics – www.ato.gov.au/Business/Starting-your-own-business/Small-business-webinars-and-workshops/Small-business-webinars

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