

# Unite & Recover

## Small Business Connect

September 2021

### Restrictions update

The [local government areas of Brisbane, Gold Coast, Moreton Bay, Logan, Townsville and Palm Island](#) will return to Stage 2 restrictions from 4pm today (Thursday 30 September) for two weeks.

This means businesses can operate with 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup> indoors or 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup> for smaller venues (up to a maximum of 50 people) or outdoor spaces. Customers must be seated when they are eating or drinking.

Weddings and funerals are capped at 100 people. Up to 30 people can gather at home.

People in these areas or anyone who has been in these areas recently must also follow the [mask wearing requirements](#).

Please continue to use the [Check In Qld app](#) when you leave your home to support fast contact tracing and [book a vaccination appointment](#) with Queensland Health or a local GP or pharmacy or [search for a walk-in vaccination centre](#).

You can see the [updated Roadmap to easing restrictions](#) and check back for updates to the [latest directions from the Chief Health Officer](#).

### COVID-19 Business Support Grants

#### Nearly 17,000 COVID-19 Business Support Grants paid – apply before 16 Nov 2021

The application window for COVID-19 Business Support Grants has hit the halfway point, and with more than \$170 million already paid to Queensland businesses affected by the August lockdowns, it's time to check your eligibility to apply.

West End gym owner, Ash Danenic, is determined to see her business bounce back from the August lockdown, so she was quick off the mark to apply for a COVID-19 Business Support Grant.

“Operating in this environment is tough, there’s no reduction in the outgoing bills, but what’s coming into the business is significantly reduced,” Ash said. “So, grants like this mean we can trade confidently for the rest of the year.”

COVID-19 Business Support Grants of between \$1,000 and \$30,000 are available for all eligible businesses that apply before 16 November 2021 (for businesses or not-for-profits that employ staff) and 30 November 2021 (for sole traders without staff).

To be eligible, you must show a drop in business of 30 per cent or more during the lockdown, have an annual turnover of at least \$75,000 and be registered for GST.

Visit [business.qld.gov.au/supportgrants](https://business.qld.gov.au/supportgrants) for more information.

## Watch the QTA state final live online!

Don't miss the Queensland Training Awards Diamond Jubilee State Final, streaming live from 6pm on Friday 8 October 2021.

Hosted by television personality Sofie Formica, the virtual event will criss-cross Queensland to meet the [85 state finalists](#) and celebrate our 14 category winners, with a special 'through the decades' performance to mark a remarkable 60 years of the awards.

[Watch via the QTA website](#) and get behind finalists on social media — tagging #QTA2021 and joining the [Skills for Queensland Facebook event](#).

## Mentoring for Growth

### **Business experts, we need you! / We are calling for Mentoring for Growth volunteers**

Do you have business knowledge and experience and want to contribute to the success of other Queensland businesses? We are currently recruiting for new business mentors to join the Queensland Government's Mentoring for Growth (M4G) program, which has successfully mentored Queensland businesses for nearly 20 years.

Our mentors are business and industry specialists who volunteer their time, knowledge and expertise to help Queensland small business owners overcome challenges and identify opportunities through free mentoring sessions coordinated by the M4G team. Sessions can run for 45-90 minutes and the mentors are matched to small businesses based on their business skills and knowledge.

"I have been a M4G mentor for seven years, and the program has connected me to a bunch of really great people and taken me places I would not have gone – I have facilitated workshops, spoken on stage and been on roadshows all over regional Queensland. We need other mentors who have knowledge, passion and skills to share," Angie Hammond said.

Registrations for the current recruitment round are now open, and close at 5pm on 31 October 2021. For more information including how to register to become a mentor, visit [business.qld.gov.au/mentoring](https://business.qld.gov.au/mentoring).

## October is Safe Work Month

Raise awareness of workplace health and safety and the importance of mental health in your communities with [Safe Work Month](#) and [Mental Health Week](#) coming up.

There are a [range of industry and topic specific resources](#) to support safe work practices and general awareness including a range of online events and information.

This year's Mental Health Week (9 to 17 October) theme is 'Take time' and encourages everyone to support [mentally healthy workplaces](#).

## Stay connected

For further health updates please keep checking the [Queensland Government website](#). In addition to this message you can stay up-to-date with the latest assistance from the Queensland and Australian Governments through the [Business Queensland website](#). You can also follow us at [facebook.com/businessqldgov](https://facebook.com/businessqldgov).

For more information, visit  
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