



# Your passion is our business

The Queensland Small Business Commissioner's Office (QSBC) provides practical information, support and assistance to help Queensland small businesses thrive

## What assistance we provide

Our main objectives are to enhance the operating environment for small businesses in Queensland and reduce the time and costs associated with resolving disputes involving small businesses. Some of the ways in which we do this are:

## Disputes

- We assist parties to informally resolve all types of disputes involving small business
- We can provide mediation for:
  - retail tenancy disputes
  - small business lease disputes
  - franchise disputes
  - COVID-19 affected lease disputes
    (until 30 April 2024)

## Enquiries

- We are a central point of contact to connect services that can help
- We share answers to common questions to keep all small businesses informed

#### Advocacy

- We advocate for changes that benefit small business
- We help small business navigate all levels of government
- We are a voice for Queensland small business at the national level
- We champion the Small Business Friendly program

## Engagement

- We connect with small businesses through face-toface engagements and online channels
- We help small businesses see the critical messages and make them aware of the support available
- We promote the benefits of small business to the whole community

## Contact us



1300 312 344
 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm
 <u>qsbc.qld.gov.au</u>



## Resources

## A selection of programs to support small businesses in your community

#### **Small Business Grants**

- Business Basics Grant \$5000 to increase core skills and adopt best practice
- Business Boost Grants up to \$15,000 to advance improvements in efficiency and productivity
- Business Growth Fund up to \$50,000 for high-growth business to unlock growth potential
- Social Enterprise Grants supporting development of a sustainable social enterprise sector

business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advicesupport/grants

#### Industry Workforce Advisor program

Free and confidential program to help you plan your workforce, find solutions to employment challenges, and referrals to HR support grants

business.qld.gov.au/running-business/employing/ planning-workforce/industry-workforce-advisors

#### Small Business Financial Counselling and Wellness Coach Program

- Free one-on-one specialist support
- Acess a state-wide network of specialist small business wellness coaches and 43 small business, rural and tourism financial counsellors
- Small Business Support Services Fund
- Southern Queensland: 1300 732 777 sbfcssg.org.au
- Northern Queensland: 07 4652 5669 rfcsnq.com.au

#### Mentoring for Growth (M4G)

Free access to volunteer business experts to provide tailored support including financial mentoring and business planning

business.qld.gov.au/running-business/growingbusiness/business-mentoring/mentoring-growth

#### **Griffith and JCU Tax Clinics**

Free tax advice, events and assistance for small businesses from taxation students under the supervision of experienced tax practitioners

griffith.edu.au/griffith-business-school/departments/ accounting-finance-economics/griffith-tax-clinic

or jcu.edu.au/college-of-business-law-and-governance/ tax-clinic

#### **Business Launchpad**

Free online service that provides access to all government licences and permits in one place

business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/launchpad

#### ecoBiz

Free program to help small business save money by implementing energy, water and waste saving efficiencies

#### businesschamberqld.com.au/sustainability/ecobiz



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