


INNOVATION

INFORMATION + SUPPORT

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I am an innovator / entrepreneur


Advance Queensland – the Queensland Government’s innovation initiative that drives innovation, supports businesses to deliver new products and services, and helps establish new industries. Includes funding and support programs. 


Innovation for a Future Economy: 2022-2032 Roadmap – sets the direction, key priority outcomes and initiatives for the next phase in Queensland’s innovation journey, and position Queensland to become a leading and sustainable world-class innovation economy. 

Queensland Chief Entrepreneur – the flag-bearer for innovation and entrepreneurship in Queensland, who plays a vital role in building and promoting the importance and contribution of entrepreneurship and investment in Queensland. 


Innovation Advisory Council (IAC) – champions Queensland innovation, connects ecosystem stakeholders, attracts investment and builds the resource base for accelerating innovation through entrepreneurial action for better community and economic outcomes. 


Tax Incentives for Early Stage Investors – eligible investors who purchase new shares in a qualifying early stage innovation company may be able to access a non-refundable carry forward tax offset and modified capital gains tax treatment. 

Seeking Finance – venture capital seekers can contact funds registered or licensed with the Australian Government. 


Backing Female Founders – a suite of initiatives to maximise opportunities for women whether they are youth, emerging, startups, scaleups or going global. 


I want to start or grow my business


Business Queensland – information, tools and support services to help businesses start, grow and employ. 


Mentoring for Growth – offers eligible businesses free access to volunteer business experts who provide insights, options and suggestions. 


Queensland Government Grants Finder – a search tool to help find Queensland Government grants and assistance programs to help with business and research needs. 


business.gov.au – an online resource that offers simple convenient access to government information, forms and services, including **Start a Business Guide**, **Business Registration Service** and **Australian Business Licence and Information Service**. 

Enterprise Acceleration Fund – supports established small and medium businesses to innovate, realise their potential, and promote job creation in Queensland. 

Digital Solutions – Low-cost business advisory program connecting small business owners with expert advisors on everything from social media and selling online to business plans and financial management. 

Regional Services Network – Queensland – the first point of contact for people looking to invest in Queensland or grow a business. 

Support for Women in Business – a program encouraging more women to start and grow their own business, including grants, events, mentoring and education opportunities. 


Support for Indigenous Business – Find targeted support for Indigenous businesses, including grants, workshops, events, mentoring and networking opportunities. 





<https://advance.qld.gov.au/innovation-journey>





I want to start or grow my business cont


Skills for Queensland – assists business owners to recruit staff, including trainees and apprentices, through Queensland Government-funded programs. 


Entrepreneurs' Program – access to expert advice and financial support through grants to help progress business goals. 

Small Business Solutions – TAFE Queensland provides training, advice and partnerships required to facilitate growth and project strength. 


WorkSafe.qld.gov.au Injury Prevention and Management program – a free program designed to help Queensland businesses develop and implement sustainable health, safety and injury management systems. 


Workforce Australia – Starting a business – supports sole traders and small business owners when starting a business. 

Workforce Australia – Recruit for your business – provides assistance in finding and hiring staff at no cost. 


Back to Work – financial support for eligible employers who hire eligible unemployed jobseekers, and support for jobseekers who need or want to update their skills to gain, change or retain employment. 


I want to understand my Intellectual Property (IP)


Intellectual Property Info Kit – helps you to understand Australia's IP system and explains how to identify, protect and commercialise business IP. 


IP Australia – the go-to place for intellectual property rights, patents, trademarks, designs and plant breeder's rights. 

I want to export


Export Finance Australia – provides finance solutions for Australian exporters and overseas infrastructure development that delivers benefits to Australia. 


Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) – the Queensland Government's dedicated global business agency, helping Queensland exporters take their products to world markets and promoting Queensland as a place for investment. 

Austrade – a network of advisors in Australia and overseas offering practical advice to exporters and education providers on how to do business in international markets. 

Tradestart – a network of advisers available to assist small and medium sized exporters. 

I want to market my services or sell to government

Growing Queensland Business Roadshows – a regular roadshow that provides information, tools and tips to help local businesses supply to government and find out about other related programs. 

Private Sector Pathways Program – aims to solve corporate challenges with solutions generated by proven innovative Queensland small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) and scaleups. 

INNOVATION JOURNEY

For small-to-medium businesses (0-199 FTEs)

ONE BUSINESS PROGRAM

Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by creating pathways to participate in Queensland's innovation economy.
advance.qld.gov.au/entrepreneurs-and-startups-small-business-universities-and-researchers/one-business

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

Learn about business grants in Queensland. Read how to find grants, and prepare and write your grant application.
desbt.qld.gov.au/small-business/programs/grants

IGNITE IDEAS FUND

Supports Queensland based small-to-medium sized businesses to commercialise innovative products, processes and services and compete in a global market place and create new jobs.
advance.qld.gov.au/entrepreneurs-and-startups-industry-small-business/ignite-ideas-fund

DEALROOM QUEENSLAND

Innovative online platform to support Queensland's startup ecosystem. The platform collates and shares data that maps and measures startup and scaleup ecosystems globally.
queensland.dealroom.co/intro

NEW MARKET PROGRAM

Designed to support established Queensland exporters to explore new market opportunities and expand their export capabilities
TIQ.qld.gov.au/queensland-business/how-we-help-new-market-program

GO GLOBAL EXPORT PROGRAM

Designed to provide export ready Queensland SMEs with grants to cover the eligible project costs of finalising a sale into a new international market.
TIQ.qld.gov.au/queensland-business/how-we-help/go-global-export-program

BUSINESS GROWTH FUND PROGRAM

Targets high-growth businesses who can accelerate growth, drive Queensland's economy and employ more Queenslanders.
business.qld.gov.au/growthfund

AUSTRALIAN LANDING PADS

Provides Australian market-ready startups the opportunity to access global innovation hubs in San Francisco, Tel Aviv, Shanghai, Berlin and Singapore.
austrade.gov.au/landingpads

FEMALE FOUNDERS CO-INVESTMENT FUND

Supports female founded businesses to secure pre-seed and seed level investment by providing matched grants as non-dilutive capital.
<https://advance.qld.gov.au/entrepreneurs-and-startups-industry-small-business/female-founders-co-investment-fund>

BACKING QUEENSLAND BUSINESS INVESTMENT FUND (BIF)

Provides support to established SMEs to innovate, realise their potential, and promote job creation in Queensland.
qic.com.au/bqbif

EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Helps Australian businesses grow their exports in international markets. The grants encourage SME's to market and promote their goods and services globally.
austrade.gov.au/EMDG

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX INCENTIVE

Helps companies innovate and grow by offsetting some of the costs of eligible research and development.
business.gov.au/RDTI

CSIRO KICK-START

Provides matched funding for startups and SMEs to help enterprises access CSIRO's research expertise and capabilities.
business.gov.au/CSIRO-KickStart



EXPLORE



VALIDATE



DEMONSTRATE



LAUNCH