

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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The latest financial relief to business was last night announced by the Prime Minister.

The [JobKeeper Payment](#) is explained in more detail via the fact sheets below. Two specific and recurring questions require clarification :

1. It is available to self employed people (without employees) and sole operators
2. It is not means tested against what your partner earns

There is an updated list of resources from the Qld State Government and further updates from both the Noosa and Sunshine Coast Councils.

In addition, we have included the link to [B-Well & Prosper](#), a FREE online space to discover Wellbeing & Mental Health tools, resources, programs and information to support Sunshine Coast small business owners and employees.



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## Essential Information for Business

- **JobKeeper payment:** You may be eligible for an [Australian Government subsidy to continue paying your employees](#). Sole traders may also be eligible.
- **Business closures:** Latest information on [non-essential business closures](#).
- **Queensland border closures:** [Information about Queensland state border access](#) restrictions, including who is exempt. You can also read the [Chief Health Officer directive on border closures](#) for more information.
- **Payroll tax relief package:** You may be eligible for one or more of a range of [payroll tax relief measures](#).
- **Power bill relief:** Your business may be eligible for a [\\$500 rebate off energy bills](#) if you consume less than 100,000kWh. This will be automatically applied on your business electricity bills.
- **Business support fact sheet:** Read a [summary of Queensland Government support for businesses](#)
- **Contact us:** Phone the Small Business Hotline on 1300 654 687 or take our [Business Impact Survey](#) so we can link you with relevant support.

## Fact Sheets

See below for all the latest Fact Sheets to help you navigate the range of economic benefits aimed at supporting business during this crisis.



**JobKeeper**



**Qld Government**



**Electricity Relief**

## Payment

The Government is introducing a subsidy program to support employees and businesses. The JobKeeper Payment is designed to help businesses affected by the Coronavirus to cover the costs of their employees' wages, so that more employees can retain their job and continue to earn an income.

Fact Sheet

## Business Support

The Queensland Government has announced a range of initiatives to support businesses affected by COVID-19. The initiatives are designed to help businesses of all sizes withstand the economic impacts of the pandemic and support jobs.

Fact Sheet

## for Businesses

Household Utility Assistance Package and power bill relief for small business.

Fact Sheet



## Sunshine Coast Council Coronavirus latest news

- [Latest news and updates](#)
- [Preparing your business against coronavirus](#)
- [Government support programs](#)
- [Sole Traders](#)
- [Industry support](#)
- [Looking after your mental health](#)
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- [Health FAQ's and advice](#)

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## Business Community Update

- A reminder that details of all Government packages are being regularly updated by Biz Whiz Business Solutions [here](#).
- Business Mentors Noosa Hotline opens today - 5430-6652. This hotline will provide general business assistance and support and will be staffed from 3.00 - 5.00pm, weekdays. (Messages will be taken at any other time).
- Councils dedicated [Business & COVID-19 webpage](#) also provides the most up to date information on all levels of government support, links to 'buy local' and industry specific information.

To keep up to date with all Council's Business e-Updates, [subscribe here](#).

Business and COVID-19



## Wellbeing & Mental Health Tools

B-Well & Prosper is an online space to discover Wellbeing & Mental Health tools, resources, programs and information to support Sunshine Coast small business owners and employees and it's FREE!

B Well + Prosper

## Helpline for Small Business

Operations at the [www.business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au) Contact Centre has increased from five

days per week to seven days per week, and will provide an additional two hours a day of support outside standard operating hours, answering calls from 11.00pm AEST.

[Click here for more](#)



## Current Health Advice from the Department of Health

The latest information about COVID-19 is available on the Department of Health's website, including a number of fact sheets and resources for the public.

[Latest Health Information](#)



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Regional Development Australia Sunshine Coast is an Australian Government initiative which works in collaboration with the Sunshine Coast and Noosa Councils to support economic development within the region.



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