



\$8,000 Funding Available to Qld Businesses

State Government Jobs Assist Program

Essentials 4 Business are proud to have been accredited as an approved business consultancy to deliver the Qld State Governments new Jobs Assist program. Government grants for our consulting services worth up to \$5,000 are now being provided to eligible businesses.

There is no guarantee that the Jobs Assist program will continue beyond this financial year and grants are being approved on a first come, first serve basis – at least until the funding runs out. We encourage all eligible businesses to secure themselves this service as early as possible.

Support is provided in two stages:

Stage 1 – consists of a \$3,000 grant for the diagnosis and assessment of the key issues impacting the business and to develop an action plan to help the owner create strategies and activities which improve the business model.

Stage 2 – (*where Essentials 4 Business assists*) consists of a further \$5,000 funding to engage our consultants to mentor, provide advice and to assist with implementation of the priority tasks identified in the Stage 1 Action Plan.

Eligibility Criteria

The Jobs Assist grants are available to businesses which have an established operating base in Qld, employ ten or more full time (equivalent) employees, possess an Australian Business Number (ABN), are registered for GST, and either:

- Fall within one of the key industry sectors listed below, or
- Are located within one of the regions listed below

Or be experiencing one of the following:

- The variation in working capital is negative and has declined by more than 25% between the two points in time i.e. 30 June 2009 and the most recent reporting period, or
- The business begins the two point period with negative working capital and remains in that position at the end of the two point period.

(Note: businesses with less than 10 full time equivalent employees can put a case forward and these will be judged on a case by case basis by the Department).

Industry Sector Eligibility

Businesses with ten or more full time (equivalent) employees and who operate within the following industries – regardless of their location within Qld – are eligible for the Jobs Assist program:-

- Aviation / aerospace
- Defence
- Information and communication technology (ICT)
- Advanced manufacturing
- Marine
- Biotechnology
- Therapeutic medicines and devices
- Environmental and mining technologies and services
- Processed Food
- Creative Industries – including architecture, visual arts and design (including fashion, jewellery, photography); film, television and entertainment software (animation and computer games); performing arts; music; writing, publishing and print media; advertising, graphic design and marketing.
- Tourism
- Alternative and renewable fuels
- Wine
- Aquaculture
- Fibre composites
- Liquefied natural Gas

Local Eligibility

Businesses with ten or more full time (equivalent) employees who operate within the following localities – regardless of their industry classification are also eligible for the JobsAssist program:-

Cairns – including areas in the Cairns, Tablelands and Cassowary Coast Regional Council boundaries

Townsville – Thuringowa – covering areas in the local governments of Burdekin and Hinchinbrook Shire, Charters Towers Regional and Townsville City Councils

Bundaberg – Hervey Bay – including areas covered by the Bundaberg Regional, Fraser Coast Regional and Gladstone Regional councils

Southern Wide Bay – Burnett – comprising areas covered by the Gympie, South Burnett and Fraser Coast Regional Councils and the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Caboolture – Sunshine Coast – comprising areas covered by the Sunshine Coast and North Moreton Regional Councils

Ipswich – Logan – comprising areas covered by the Ipswich and Logan City Councils

Applications

Applying for your \$8,000 Jobs Assist business grant is as simple as contacting us to help determine your eligibility to the program and to complete the necessary application form. We've been advised that JobsAssist applications are typically being processed by the State Government within two weeks.

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