



Business Support and Information

There are a range of government and non-government organisations that provide information and services to support start up businesses and existing businesses.

Australian Government

The [Australian Government](#) includes information on setting up your own business, registration and licensing, grants and assistance and advice and support.

The Australian Government [Fair Work Ombudsman](#) works with employees, employers and the community to educate and encourage compliance with Australia's workplace laws.

The [Australian Taxation Office](#) includes information for business including starting new employees, registration details and taxation matters.

[Intellectual Property Australia](#)

The [Australian Department of Agriculture](#) includes a number of portfolio areas that may be of interest and assistance to rural business.

[Regional Development Australia](#) (RDA) is an Australian Government initiative that brings together all levels of government to enhance the development of Australia's regions.

Queensland Government

The Queensland Governments [Business and Industry Portal](#) provides a range of information on starting and running small businesses.

[Small business solutions](#) provide small business owners the opportunity to get real business assistance from accredited industry professionals. This extends to mentoring services and training opportunities. Contact: Phone: 1300 40 60 80 or Email: enquiries@smallbusinesssolutions.qld.gov.au.

[Queensland's safety and workers' compensation services](#) provide detailed information on about safety and workers' compensation issues and training opportunities for business.

[QRAA](#) administer and support the delivery of Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement (NDRRA) assistance for primary producers, small businesses and non-profit organisations.

Local / Regional

[Banana Shire Council](#)

- [Contact Council](#).
- [Economic Development](#).
- [Town Brochures](#).
- [Tourism](#).
- [Community Events Calendar](#).
- [Town Planning](#) and [Food](#).

[Local Economic Development and Community Groups](#)

- [Banana and District Community Association](#)
- [Biloela Enterprise](#)
- [Baralaba & District Progress Association Inc.](#)
- [Cracow Community Centre Association Inc.](#)
- [Dululu Progress Association & School of Arts Committee](#)
- [Goovigen & District Progress Association](#)
- [Jambin Hall Community Committee Inc](#)
- [Moura Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Taroom District Development Assoc Inc](#)
- [Thangool Inc](#)
- [Theodore Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Wowan & District Progress & Cultural Society Inc](#)

[CCIQ](#) provides products and advice to assist business including training opportunities on a range of topics.

[BIEDO](#) provide on-ground, face-to-face assistance in local communities, enterprises and industries.

[Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd](#) (GAPDL) includes a small business advisory service.

Statistics

[Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) (ABS) provides statistics derived from Australian census data. [ABS quick stats](#) can also be downloaded in a simple format and for a specific location including suburbs.

The Department of Employment publishes a wide range of information about the labour market - [Labour Market Information Portal](#). Other employment and economic statistics can be located by navigating from [here](#).

ABARES produce a series of individual profiles of the agricultural, forestry and fisheries industries in specific regions including the [Fitzroy Region](#).

[Queensland Regional Profiles](#) include resident and workforce statistics and can be tailored for a specific region, local government area or statistical local area.

[Mining Activity in the Banana Shire](#)

Other web links

- [Mentoring for Growth](#)
- [Business plan templates](#)
- [Business Apps](#)
- [Marketing template and guide](#)
- [Economic Development Australia](#)
- [Central Queensland University](#)
- [Innovation Toolbox](#)
- [Ideas2Market Program](#)
- [Business model canvas](#)