



Combined list of help for small business and not-for-profit organisations

The COVID-19 pandemic adds further strain to bushfire affected communities, many of which were already under pressure from drought or flood events.

A list of Australian Government support, and how to access it, is below.

It includes bushfire, drought, flood and COVID-19 assistance.

Bushfire help is in white | COVID-19 help is in blue | Drought & flood help is in orange

We are updating this list as things change. Check the web for the latest information:

- See [combined list of help for individuals and families](#)
- See [combined list of help for small business and not-for-profits](#)
- See [combined list of help for primary producers](#)

All of these measures have eligibility criteria, so make sure you check out the detail to see if they match your circumstances.

For details of the response to COVID-19 visit australia.gov.au or covid19.qld.gov.au.

Prefer to talk? Call the Queensland Community Recovery Hotline on **1800 173 349**.

Help for businesses and not-for-profit organisations

Who you are	Type of support available	How to access it
I need financial counselling	Bushfire <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free financial counselling from specialist services for small businesses	Free Small Business Financial Support Line 1800 413 828
	Drought <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free Rural Financial Counselling Service for small rural businesses (non-farm) facing financial hardship due to drought	Free Rural Financial Counselling Service 1800 686 175

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I need business advice	Bushfire - Entrepreneurs' Programme: Strengthening Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Tailored Advisory Service for small and medium businesses affected by the bushfires 	Call 13 28 46 Visit business.gov.au (search for 'strengthening business')
I need money to keep my business or not-for-profit going	Indigenous corporations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants up to \$20,000 for Indigenous corporations to secure and clean up damaged properties 	Contact the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation on 1800 818 490 or EDOAdmin@ilcorp.gov.au
	Drought Community Support Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate financial support of up to \$3,000 For farmers, farm workers and suppliers facing financial hardship due to drought 	To apply contact: Salvation Army 1300 551 030 St Vincent de Paul 1300 846 643
	COVID-19 Job Keeper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employers significantly impacted by COVID-19 will be able to access a subsidy from the Government to continue paying their employees A subsidy of \$1,500/fortnight per employee for up to six months Available to businesses, not-for-profits and sole traders	Register your interest at ato.gov.au (search the site for JobKeeper) Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus
	COVID-19 - Boosting cash flow for employers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government is providing up to \$100,000 to eligible small and medium-sized businesses and not for-profits that employ people, with a minimum payment of \$20,000 Calculated based on salary and wages withheld 	The cash flow boosts will be automatically applied to the accounts of eligible businesses when they lodge their activity statement for the relevant periods Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus

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<p>I need money to keep my business or not-for-profit going</p>	<p>COVID-19 - Supporting apprentices and trainees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping businesses to retain apprentices and trainees • Wage subsidy of up to \$21,000 per apprentice or trainee 	<p>Talk to the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) in your area. Search for your local AASN at australianapprenticeships.gov.au</p> <p>Find out more at Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus</p>
	<p>COVID-19</p> <p>Backing businesses to invest, to help the economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instant asset write-off threshold has been increased to \$150,000. Now includes larger businesses • Backing Business Investment. A time limited 15 month investment incentive to support business investment and economic growth over the short-term, by accelerating depreciation deductions 	<p>Check your eligibility for the instant asset write-off with the Australian Taxation Office</p> <p>For information visit: Business.gov.au (select 'Coronavirus information')</p> <p>Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus</p>
<p>I need money to help wildlife and habitat recover from bushfires</p>	<p>Bushfire - Wildlife and Habitat Recovery Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants between \$100,000 and \$1million for on-ground bushfire recovery 	<p>For more information and application process visit environment.gov.au/biodiversity/bushfire-recovery/open-grant-program</p>
<p>I rent business premises, and am worried about being evicted</p>	<p>COVID-19 – Evictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evictions will be put on hold for six months by the states and territories, for those in financial distress because of COVID-19 	<p>See mandatory code of conduct for commercial tenancies. business.gov.au (click on for 'coronavirus information')</p>

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I need a loan	<p>Bushfire - Concessional Loans of up to \$500,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For bushfire affected businesses, not-for-profits and primary producers • No repayments or interest for the first two years, then a concessional rate • Available to businesses and not-for-profits in bushfire impacted Local Government Areas 	<p>Visit bushfirerecovery.gov.au and select small business</p> <p>Follow the links to your state's website to apply</p>
	<p>COVID19 - Supporting flow of credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government will provide lenders with a guarantee for loans, to increase their willingness and ability to provide credit • Loans of up to \$250,000, over up to three years, with an initial six month repayment holiday • For small or medium sized businesses with turnover up to \$50 million 	<p>Talk to your bank</p> <p>Business.gov.au (click 'Coronavirus information')</p> <p>Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus</p>
	<p>Drought - AgBiz Drought Loans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For small businesses supplying goods or services relating to primary production to farm businesses in drought • Loans of up to \$500,000 to pay for operating expenses, suppliers, salaries, wages, rent or refinance existing debt at a lower rate <p>First two years interest free</p>	<p>Call 1800 875 675</p> <p>Visit ric.gov.au/agbiz-drought</p>

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My business is in financial distress	<p>COVID-19 - Temporary relief for financially distressed businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase to threshold at which creditors can issue statutory demand, extra time to respond • Relief from personal liability for trading while insolvent • Temporary flexibility in Corporations Act 2001 • Australian Taxation Office to tailor solutions for struggling businesses 	<p>You don't need to apply. These relief measures will be in place for six months</p> <p>Business.gov.au (click 'Coronavirus information')</p> <p>Treasury.gov.au/coronavirus</p>