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Support for businesses around Queensland



The Queensland Government has today announced it will provide \$5,000 payments to small and medium businesses in Queensland affected by the current COVID-19 lockdown. The payment is also available to businesses impacted by lockdowns in other states. There will also be support payments to eligible impacted large businesses in the hospitality and tourism sector in the 11 local government areas currently locked down.

Small and medium businesses are defined as businesses that have a turnover of more than \$75,000 per annum and have an annual payroll in Queensland of up to \$10 million.

Large tourism hospitality businesses are defined as those entities with turnover greater than \$10 million that have experienced a 30 per cent reduction in turnover.

Applications for grants will open from mid-August, with information available on [this Business Queensland webpage](#) in coming days.

[READ MORE](#)

Further support available

COVID-19 Disaster Payments

The Australian Government has announced the COVID-19 Disaster Payments will be extended to people affected by Queensland COVID-19 hotspots and restrictions. Further information on eligibility criteria and the opening date for applications will be available on the [Services Australia website](#).

Tourism Business Financial Counsellors

Businesses can also contact one of the Queensland Government-funded Tourism Business Financial Counsellors or COVID-19 Small Business Counsellors who can assist with identifying potential sources of funding and business support. The counsellors provide free confidential assistance to businesses with understanding their finances, accessing government assistance, dealing with debt and referrals for additional support. To find your region's local Financial Counsellor please visit:

[Northern Queensland](#) | [Southern Queensland](#)

Further support

You can use the [Queensland Government Business Assistance Finder tool](#) to understand the other support that may be available to your business. Answer a series of questions about your business size and type to view the relevant business support packages available and applicable to you.

Travel during the lockdown

The Restrictions for Locked Down Areas (South-East Queensland) Direction has been published, as well as extensive Q&As including issues surrounding travel into, out of and through the locked down area.

Important items to note:

- Anyone who has been in the locked down areas since 1:00am, Saturday 31 July is subject to the stay-at-home orders, even if they are no longer in those areas. This includes the extended period of the lockdown to 4:00pm, Sunday 8 August.
- The definition of 'essential work' differs from previous lockdowns.
- There is guidance for people who need to return to South East Queensland if they've been away from the region.
- There are limited reasons why any person should arrive into the locked down area, with leisure travel not one of them.
- Travellers can transit through the locked down areas to travel to other parts of Queensland (if following requirements outlined in the direction).

[SEE Q&A AND DIRECTION](#)

Posters you can display

Accommodation (or other tourism businesses) in South East Queensland [may display this poster](#) to advise their guests of the stay at home orders.

Accommodation (or other tourism businesses) in other parts of Queensland [may display this poster](#) to advise their guests of the requirement to lockdown if they have been in South East Queensland since 1:00am Saturday, 31 July 2021.

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Current 31.07.21

SOUTH EAST QLD IS CURRENTLY IN LOCKDOWN

You are required to follow the stay-at-home restrictions and can only leave your accommodation for essential reasons.

Please check Queensland Health's requirements:

www.qld.gov.au/health/covid19/update

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COVID19.qld.gov.au



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