

## TaxWise

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### Palaszczuk Government unveils \$4 billion package to support health, jobs, households and Queensland businesses

The Palaszczuk Government will invest an additional \$4 billion in measures to support Queenslanders' health, their jobs and businesses.

#### Reduced utility bills

The Government has announced a \$300 million household relief package that will give Queensland households \$200 off their utility bills, building on the \$50 asset dividend already announced.

Sole traders, small and medium businesses are to receive a \$500 rebate on their power bill for this year.

#### Payroll tax relief

For small and medium businesses and large businesses specifically impacted by COVID-19, the

State Government will refund two months' worth of payroll tax.

Queensland small and medium businesses will benefit from a three-month payroll tax holiday, and a further six-month payroll tax deferral.

#### Assistance to workers

The Government announced a package of up to \$500 million to assist workers who lose their job or income and to help them find jobs in the industries that are vital to getting us through this crisis – health care, agriculture, food production, transport, cleaning and mining.

#### Liquor licensing fees to be waived

Liquor licencing fees will be waived for venues that have had to close their doors.

#### Extra funding for health services

The Government will invest an extra \$1.2 billion to expand:

- fever clinics
- emergency department capacity
- acute care services

- regional aeromedical services for our remote communities.

## Rent relief on Government buildings

The State Government will also be providing rent relief for businesses who rent premises from the state government.

## Small business hotline

Minister for Employment and Small Business Shannon Fentiman said today's stimulus package is in addition to recently announced initiatives, including the dedicated small business hotline (1300 654 687) which has seen around 2000 business contacts so far.

Today we will launch an online portal for businesses to apply for payroll tax relief which can be accessed via [www.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.business.qld.gov.au)

Further information and applications for other measures will be made available there in coming days.

## Previous Announcements

### Queensland COVID-19 jobs support loans

Businesses may be eligible for a loan to retain employees and maintain operations.

The State Government has announced a \$500 million concessional loan facility which will include low interest loans of up to \$250,000 for carry on finance with an initial 12-month interest free period for businesses to retain staff.

[Register your interest](#) through the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority or phone 1800 623 946.

### Industry support

The Industry Support Package will assist large businesses through this period to ensure they will be able to scale up and service the community when economic activity improves.

Email [COVID19ISP@treasury.qld.gov.au](mailto:COVID19ISP@treasury.qld.gov.au) for more information.

[Market diversification and resilience grants](#) are available for Queensland agriculture, food and fishing exporters and their critical supply chain partners, as well as industry organisations working with exporters.

Read further support and advice for:

- [cleaning and disinfecting your environment](#)
- [clinicians and healthcare workers](#)
- [commercial fishers](#)
- [commercial tourism operators working in Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service-managed areas](#)
- [food and grocery businesses](#)
- [linen management in healthcare and linen services](#)
- [liquor and gaming licensees](#)
- [waste management in healthcare facilities and waste contractors.](#)

Read more about the [Immediate Industry Recovery Package](#).

## Mentoring sessions

The Mentoring for Growth program currently has more than 50 mentors ready to connect with impacted small businesses.

Mentors are available to provide tailored support including financial mentoring and business planning.

[Register your interest](#) in a Mentoring for Growth session.

Contact 1300 654 687 or [m4g@desbt.qld.gov.au](mailto:m4g@desbt.qld.gov.au) for more information.

## Financial workshops

Small businesses can access a series of workshops to learn about financial management and business planning.

Delivered by TAFE Queensland, workshops will provide you with practical tools and skills to build business resilience. You will also have an opportunity to connect and network with other small businesses facing similar issues.

Workshops will be delivered in several locations to support a place-based approach for the local small business community.

[Register for workshops](#) in a location near you.

Details of other workshop times and locations will be posted on this website soon.

For other locations, register your interest by contacting 1300 654 687 or [info@desbt.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@desbt.qld.gov.au).

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