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COVID-19 IMPORTANT UPDATE

\$2.5 billion for workers and industry

The worker and industry support package includes:

- Up to \$500 million to assist workers who lose their job or income with retraining, job-matching and other help to transition into jobs in the industries that are vital to get Queensland through this crisis – such as health care, agriculture, food production, transport, cleaning and mining.

Industry Support Package

- 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.

Other support for business

- Relief for businesses renting government premises.
- \$500 rebate on electricity bills for all Queensland small and medium sized businesses. This will be automatically applied to electricity bills.

\$1.2 billion for health

This funding boost will increase the capacity of Queensland's health system to confront COVID-19. This includes the expansion of:

- fever clinics
- emergency department capacity
- acute care services
- regional aeromedical services

Payroll Tax Relief

- ◆ Immediate payroll tax refunds of \$740 million for COVID-19 affected businesses.
- ◆ A payroll tax holiday and deferral until the end of 2020 for eligible businesses

Small and medium businesses

All small and medium businesses (payroll up to \$6.5M) in Queensland will be eligible for:

- ◆ A two-month refund of payroll tax, giving an average of nearly \$9,000 cash
- ◆ A three-month payroll tax holiday, saving an average of \$13,360

In addition, they will be eligible to defer all payroll tax payments for the rest of 2020.

Large businesses

Larger businesses (payroll over \$6.5M) affected by COVID-19 will also be eligible for the two-month payroll tax refund and have their deferral extended for all of 2020.

\$300 million for households

- \$200 rebate for all 2.1 million Queensland households (including the \$50 Asset Ownership Dividend already announced) to offset the cost of water and electricity bills.
- Automatically applied through household electricity bills.

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COVID-19 Relief Measures

Liquor License Changes

- Licensed restaurants and cafes holding a current liquor license that will supply takeaway food, can supply takeaway alcohol or delivery, subject to conditions:
 - * The takeaway alcohol can only be supplied in conjunction with a takeaway food order.
 - * The takeaway alcohol can only consist of bottled or canned beer, wine, cider and ready to drink beverages such as premixed spirits.
 - * A maximum of 2.25 liters of alcohol applies (up to 2.25 liters per food order).

\$1.1M Market Ready Initiative

- As part of the Immediate Industry Recovery Package (\$27.25m) TIQ's contribution is the \$1.1 million Market Ready initiative. This will provide tailored export advice to SMEs on leveraging opportunities in the Chinese online market with the Digital Commerce Accelerator Program.
- It will also provide Export Forums around Queensland that provide practical expert advice on China market development. This package also includes providing market intelligence and advice for exporters looking to enter new markets.
- More information here: <https://www.tiq.qld.gov.au/export/how-we-help-exporters/market-ready/>

\$500M Interest Free Business Loans

- Expressions of interest are open for a \$500 million loan facility to support Queensland businesses.
- This provides low interest loans of up to \$250,000 for carry on finance with an initial 12-month interest free period.
- More information here: <http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs/covid-19-business-support/queensland-covid19-jobs-support-scheme>

Worker Transition Scheme and Rapid Response

- This initiative provides support services to businesses and people without work as a result of business closures. Support includes helping administrators with worker transition schemes, coordinating assistance from government departments, monitoring progress on payment of all entitlements, advising on new employment opportunities, and assisting businesses affected by changes in the supply chain.
- More information here: <https://www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/industry/industry-support/worker-transition-support.html>

Immediate Industry Recovery Package - \$27.5M

- This package will assist business and industry with resilience and recovery strategies to mitigate impacts of COVID-19. The package includes targeted financial support and advice, promoting Queensland locally and abroad through marketing and media activities, and providing counselling support to businesses.
- Further information here: www.qld.gov.au/industryrecovery



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COVID-19 Relief Measures

Fees and charges relief

Fees and charges relief for tourism operators and hospitality providers include:

- Waiving application fees for some variations to liquor license's.
- Waiving registration renewal fees for Inbound Tour Operators.
- Waiving of daily fees for commercial activity agreements and permits.
- Rebate on Marina Charges and Passenger Levies.
- Deferral of Tourism Lease Rent Payments.
- Further information and links to contact details can be found here: <https://business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Support-for-Tourism-Operators-and-Hospitality-Providers-QLD>
- For support in these relief measures contact: 1300 654 687

Small business access to information and support services

- Dedicated small business hotline 1300 654 687.
- Free financial counselling, marketing and support.
- Designated case workers to provide one on one support to businesses and link them with the right resources.
- More information and links to contact details can be found here: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/support/novel-coronavirus>

Market diversification and resilience grants

A \$3.66 million commercial fishing industry assistance package. The package includes:

- Market diversification and resilience grants of up to \$50,000 to support projects like market visits and new equipment.
- Waiving rock lobster and coral trout quota fees for the first 6 months of 2020.
- Waiving fishing boat license fees for those affected by coronavirus.
- Local promotion campaigns to encourage Queenslanders to buy local.
- Rural financial counselling services for commercial fishers, fishery supply chain and tourism businesses impacted by coronavirus.
- More information here: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/agribusiness/market-diversification-resilience-grants>

PIPES Loans—\$20 M

- An additional \$20M for loans that will be made available through the Primary Industry Productivity Enhancement Scheme (PIPES) administered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority. The loans will help the Queensland agriculture industry bounce back from any COVID19 impacts.
- In the past the scheme has provided financial assistance a range of purposes including property purchases, predator fencing, plant and equipment, water infrastructure and drought mitigation.
- More information here www.qrida.qld.gov.au or Freecall 1800 623 946



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COVID-19 Relief Measures

\$10.5M Support for the Arts

- Waiving rental payments for tenants based in Queensland Government Arts facilities through to December 2020.
- Arts organisations that are current recipients of the 2017-2020 Organisations Fund, will be guaranteed a further twelve months' funding at current levels to December 2021.
- \$2 million for QLD Arts Showcase Program (QASP) grants.
- \$500,000 boost for Individuals Fund grants.
- More information here: <https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/aq-funding>

Land rent deferrals—Tourism lease holders

- Rent deferrals for Tourism lease holders who are impacted as a result of COVID-19.
- Invoices for the 1st quarter of 2020 have already been issued with a due date of 1 March 2020. Lessees are eligible to seek deferral of payment of these invoices until 01 January 2021.
- More information about making an application can be found here: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/state/rents/tourism-lease-and-licence-holder-assistance>

Ergon Energy will not disconnect

- Ergon Energy Retail and Ergon Network have stopped disconnecting power for unpaid bills in regional Queensland for households facing genuine hardship as a result of COVID19.
- Further information and links to contact details can be found here: <https://www.ergon.com.au/about-us/news-hub/media-releases/regions/general/covid-19-our-response2>

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Stay up-to-date with latest HEALTH information

13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)

www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus

Community Recovery Hotline (if you cannot access food or medications while in self-isolation)

1800 173 349

Small Business Hotline

1300 654 687

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/>

Federal Government Support

<https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus>

National Coronavirus Helpline

1800 020 080

Lifeline Support

Phone: 13 11 14 (24 hours/7 days)

Text: 0477 13 11 14 (6pm – midnight AEDT, 7 nights)

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