COVID-19 Government assistance and response

The following are a COVID-19 information links from various Government agencies to help you access and manage your business disruption (click on each link)

Dealing with coronavirus

Government support packages
- Federal Government stimulus package
  - JobKeeper Payments: questions
  - Summary of stimulus package for sole traders
- WA State Government relief package

Financial support packages
- Defer loan repayments for small business

COVID-19 coronavirus: Latest updates
- Keep up-to-date with the latest news regarding novel COVID-19 coronavirus.

Preparing your business

Handy information resources
- Checklist: Keep your business going during the COVID-19 pandemic
- What is considered an essential business?
- How to avoid coronavirus related scams
- FAQ: how to deal with the business impact

Other Grants Available

COVID-19 Relief Fund
- State Government, through Lotterywest, is committing $159m into a relief fund
  - Crisis & Emergency Relief
  - Event cancellation relief
  - To maintain activity for not-for-profit arts, sports and community organisations

Indigenous business assistance during COVID-19
- Federal Government Indigenous business assistance
  - Specialist advice to be delivered through Indigenous Business Australia
- State Government Aboriginal business support
  - Aboriginal Businesses with relevant capability and experience to provide COVID-19 products or services to Government are invited to complete a survey link under the link on the SBDC pages (Supplier Survey)
  - DPIRD Aboriginal Economic Development Team also would like to understand the impacts of COVID-19 is having on your business to advise Government on required supports (Start Survey)

If you need further support to work out next steps for your business, please contact DPIRD’s Aboriginal Economic Development Team at aed@dpird.wa.gov.au, or specifically contact:
- Pastoral and Farming Business: robert.vinson@dpird.wa.gov.au
- General Business and Self Employed: ashley.talbot@dpird.wa.gov.au

TOP 12 TIPS

1. Understand your current financial position & cashflow*
2. Check your eligibility for Government assistance
3. Contact your bank
4. Communicate with your stakeholders
5. Seek advice on deferring tax and BAS payment*
6. See if your business can still operate
7. Understand your options in relation to employees
8. Check your licensing requirements
9. Commercial Leasing – talk to your Landlord
10. Consider carefully whether you should draw on your superannuation*
11. Build your networks
12. Keep informed of changes*

*Please seek professional and financial advice