

COVID-19 Government info for businesses

Find out about COVID-19, how it may affect your business and how to stay updated.

[Find out more \(https://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/\)](https://www.business.govt.nz/covid-19/)

Helping businesses succeed

Tools and expert advice from government and industry, designed to help Kiwi businesses save time and succeed

[News for business](#)

[See our regular updates for small businesses from across government about new services, law changes and more.](#)

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[COVID-19 Protection Framework](#)

[Start preparing for operating under the new COVID-19 Protection Framework by making sure you understand the changes coming.](#)

[Read on \(/covid-19/covid-19-protection-framework/\)](#)

[Digital Boost](#)

[See how other Kiwi business owners are using digital to boost their business and work smarter. Access free, self-paced training and tools and gain skills to launch your business into the digital world.](#)

[Read more \(/do-business-online/digital-boost/\)](#)

[Is your business name available?](#)

[Use ONECheck to see if your business name, web domain, trade mark and social media usernames are available — it only takes one search.](#)

[ONECheck \(https://www.business.govt.nz/onecheck\)](#)

[Don't let the name fool you. This template is useful any time you need a full and thorough business plan.](#)

[Customise it to suit — this could mean adding in extra sections, or cutting out ones that you don't need.](#)

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[Mental health and wellbeing support](#)

[Tools, tips and resources to help you, your team, and your business stay happy, healthy and find support when you need it.](#)

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[Starting a business?](#)

[There's a lot to think about when you're starting a business, and it can seem overwhelming – but our tips, tools, visual guides and case studies can help.](#)

[Get started](#)
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[Tailored advice for your business](#)

[Get business information and support, including COVID-19 guidance, tailored to the needs of you and your business.](#)

[Check it out](#)
[\(https://www.tools.business.govt.nz/boost/\)](https://www.tools.business.govt.nz/boost/)

Plan for your business

Tips, tools and visual guides to build and test your skills. These will help fine-tune your business — and make life easier and better for everyone.

Find out how to ID your assets, steer clear of risks, and use planning and stats to grow.

[Plan for your business , Check it out \(/build-your-business-confidence/\)](#)

Funding Explorer

Your business might have more funding options available than you realise. We'll help you explore the best options.

[Funding Explorer, Get started \(https://www.tools.business.govt.nz/funding-explorer\)](#)

Hiring and managing staff

Tips and tools to help you hire staff with confidence and managing people day-to-day. Check the visual guides, quizzes and the free Employment Agreement Builder.

Find out who to hire and when, how to interview and the costs of taking people on.

[Hiring and managing staff, Check it out \(/hiring-an-employee/\)](#)

Forecast your cash flow

Cash flow is an indicator of your business's financial health. Forecasting your cash flow helps you have better conversations with your bank or advisor.

[Forecast your cash flow, Get started \(https://www.tools.business.govt.nz/cashflow-forecaster\)](https://www.tools.business.govt.nz/cashflow-forecaster)

Check out some of our tools and advice

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[GST dos and don'ts](#)

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[When to register and deregister for GST, how to pay it and when, plus zero-rated goods and services.](#)

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[Basic tips for reducing your tax bill](#)

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[Common business milestones](#)

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[Highs, lows and speed bumps — here are 20 milestones small businesses often face, plus tips and tools to help.](#)

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[Business finance basics](#)

[\(/tax-and-accounting/business-finance-basics/introduction-to-business-finance/\)](/tax-and-accounting/business-finance-basics/introduction-to-business-finance/)

[It's all about money in and money out — pick up tips and check out our jargon-buster.](#)

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[Research your market](#)

[\(/getting-started/taking-the-first-steps/how-to-research-your-market-and-competitors/\)](/getting-started/taking-the-first-steps/how-to-research-your-market-and-competitors/)

[Knowing about your market and rivals is crucial, whether you're starting, growing or well established.](#)

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[Keeping people healthy and safe](#)

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