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.

View business updates

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**Get set for summer**

Make the most of summer, whether you are hiring staff, paying leave, learning new digital skills, or working out a wellbeing plan.

Prepare for summer

[get-set-for-summer/]

**Fog cannon subsidy for retailers**

If you run a small retail business you may be eligible for a $4,000 subsidy to get a fog cannon installed.

Fog cannon subsidy

[risks-and-operations/health-and-safety/fog-cannon-subsidy/]

**Brave in Business e-learning series**

Learn how to focus on what matters most to you and your business and improve your mental and physical wellbeing.

Join the e-learning series

[wellbeing-support/brave-in-business-e-learning/]

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.

Download start up business plan[DOCX, 206 KB]

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**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.

Learn more about Digital Boost

[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.

Use ONECheck (https://www.business.govt.nz/onecheck)

Do business for good

Balance profit and purpose in your business. Use our downloadable templates and guidance to work towards doing business for good.

Read more about balancing profit with purpose (/doing-business-for-good/doing-business-for-good-an-overview/)

Business planning

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.

Business planning, Plan for your business (/build-your-business-confidence/)

Take climate action

Taking steps to reduce your carbon footprint can help your business in various ways.

Check out the Climate Action Toolbox to find out how you can benefit your bottom line and the planet.

Take climate action, Use the Climate Action Toolbox (https://www.tools.business.govt.nz/climate/)

Funding Explorer

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

Funding Explorer, Explore funding options (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, Hiring employees (/hiring-an-employee/)
Cash flow forecasting

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

Check out some of our tools and advice

Guide to starting a business

What to claim if you work from home

Goods and Services Tax (GST) dos and don'ts

Basic tips for reducing your tax bill

Common business milestones

Business finance
Research your market

Knowing about your market and rivals is crucial, whether you’re starting, growing or well established.

Keeping people healthy and safe

See health and safety visual guide