

Disaster Assistance Loans for SEQ Small Businesses

Through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), concessional loans have been activated for SEQ businesses impacted by recent severe storms.

Small businesses, primary producers and not-for-profits in the Logan, Scenic Rim and Gold Coast local government areas can apply for:

Disaster Assistance concessional loans

- Up to \$250,000 for producers and small businesses and \$100,000 for not-for-profits to repair or replace damaged assets like plant and equipment, to repair premises, or to replace stock and maintain liquidity.

Essential Working Capital loans

- Up to \$100,000 for producers, small businesses and not-for-profits to allow for the continuation of operations, including paying wages, rents or rates, purchasing items such as fuel, fodder and water, or for the transportation of livestock and produce.

Freight subsidies

- Freight subsidies are also being made available to primary producers to alleviate the costs of moving stock and operating materials.
- Up to \$5,000 for primary producers to assist with the movement of stock, feed, machinery, fuel, water, and building or fencing materials.

To apply for a loan, or if you have any questions regarding the application process, contact the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) via 1800 623 946 or www.qrida.qld.gov.au

Queensland Small Business Commissioner

Mediation fees waived for eligible tenants and landlords

- All fees payable for mediation through the Office of the Queensland Small Business Commissioner (QSBC) will be waived for eligible SEQ small business tenants and their landlords to help resolve leasing disputes quickly and affordably.
- The waiver is available for parties to a retail shop lease or small business lease located in the Logan, Scenic Rim and Gold Coast local government areas, at the time of the SEQ storms in December 2023.
- The mediation fee will be reduced from \$371 to \$0, commencing 25 December 2023 to 13 June 2024.

Other Assistance for Small Businesses

Free mentoring for recovery and business support

- Our [Mentoring for Growth program](#) can give your business free access to industry experts from across Queensland who can provide insights, options and suggestions to help your business recover and grow.

Small business wellness coaches

- Free [one-on-one wellness coaching](#) is available to help small business owners when recovering from a natural disaster or with unique and personal business challenges, needs and opportunities.

Small business financial counselling

- Businesses experiencing or at risk of experiencing financial hardship can access free, impartial and confidential [financial counselling and support](#), including cash flow planning, budgeting and insolvency advice.

Yours Sincerely,

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