

## **Business.gov.au**

96.5% of all automotive businesses are small and family owned enterprises. MTAA actively lobbies Government to reduce red tape and to simplify requirements to open, operate and close small businesses. Business.gov.au (<https://www.business.gov.au/>) offers simple and convenient access to all of the government information, assistance, forms and services required when running a business (small, large, family owned etc.). For example:

- business.gov.au is an online government resource for the Australian business community
- business.gov.au focuses on all areas of business including; planning, starting, running and exiting your business. It also sends users to other government websites to help find the business answers the user requires.

## **Planning and starting your business**

This section of the website provides advice on:

- Whether your business is a hobby or a company.
- How to register your Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Business structure.
- Business location.

It also provides a checklist on what you need to start a business.

(<https://www.business.gov.au/Info/Plan-and-Start/Templates-and-tools/Checklists/Starting-your-business-checklist> )

Other templates provided include business planning and marketing templates to name just some.

(<https://www.business.gov.au/Info/Plan-and-Start>)

## **Running your business**

This section of the website (<https://www.business.gov.au/Info/Run>) provides information on:

- Financing.
- Employing workers.
- Growing a business.

It also provides information on a range of business topics including: fair trading, risk management, energy management and environmental management to name just some.

## **Exiting your business**

Planning is required to exit a business (<https://www.business.gov.au/Info/Exit>). For example, exiting a business may be due to selling or closing a business or through succession to someone else (i.e. a family member).

This section of the website also provides information on:

- Change of ownership.

- Bankruptcy.
- Dissolving partnership.
- Cancelling business names and ABN.

## Grants, programs, loans and subsidies

business.gov.au provides a set of free tools and resources to help businesses start and grow by providing information on how to access free advisory services and grants and assistance.

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

- The **Advisory Services** section provides business advice for particular states or territories.
- The **Grants & Assistance** section directs automotive businesses (and other businesses) to Government grants and assistance that can be applied for. For example:
  - Grants for training staff include:
    - IT training.
    - Subsidies for younger (and sometimes older) workers.
    - Subsidies for workers of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
    - Subsidies for apprentices and trainees.
    - Automotive Industry structural and adjustment programs.
  - Grants for importing and exporting goods include:
    - Export skills development.
    - Export market development grants.
    - Import and export licensing assistance.
    - Export and import assistance loans.
    - Banned and restricted goods information.
    - Labelling information.