

COVID-19 Business Sector Brief Edition #12

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Q&A on Support for Businesses

National Cabinet met today to review the first three weeks of the roadmap to recovery and assess how to further ease restrictions while continuing to manage small and controlled outbreaks of COVID-19.

Here are the answers to some questions we are receiving about this week's announcements:

Will National Cabinet continue to meet?

Yes it will meet fortnightly during the COVID-19 period (and monthly thereafter), replacing COAG to better streamline and consolidate government decision making with a focus on creating jobs.

What resources are available to help businesses plan their recovery?

The Australian Government has launched a step-by-step online guide to continuing your business containing useful information such as support and assistance available, assessing your finances, workplace restrictions and training information. Click on the link <u>here</u>.

How can businesses access information about what support they are eligible for?

Call the Small Business Hotline on 1300 654 687 or use the online COVID-19 business assistance finder here.

When will the National Cabinet's Code of Conduct for Commercial Leases come into effect?

The Queensland Government's regulation of the Commercial Leasing Code has now been implemented with effect from 28 May. The regulations apply to lease arrangement between 29 March and 30 September to help mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on small business tenants and landlords. The Office of the Queensland Small Business Commissioner will help resolve disputes. Information is available <u>here</u>.

QUICK BUSINESS SURVEY

We have received almost 300 responses to our survey about the challenges currently facing local businesses and their concerns about the Sunshine Coast and Australian economy over the next 12 months.

The survey closes on 31 May so it's not too late to respond.

Only 2 minutes to complete - click here.

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