## COVID19 Support Services & Information for Agribusiness

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| Supply chain support & assistance | Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure & Planning (DSDMIP) | The Queensland Government is committed to assisting Queensland manufacturers and businesses that are currently impacted by the ongoing coronavirus situation. If you are finding it difficult to obtain vital materials and supplies to remain open you can complete the supply matching request form. | DSDMIP Homepage: [www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/](http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/)  
| Trade Barriers Register | Export Council of Australia | Agribusiness are encouraged to register their trade barriers online. Registering a trade barrier will provide visibility and help resolve trade barriers affecting Australian business. | www.tradебarriersregister.com.au/ |
| **WORKFORCE AVAILABILITY** | | | |
| Workforce availability factsheet | Department of Agriculture & Fisheries, Queensland Government | COVID-19 may impact your ability to source harvesting and production workers. While there may still be numerous overseas workers available, significant disruption to seasonal worker numbers could occur in various regions. | Options for recruiting workers:  
- To lodge job vacancies: [https://jobsearch.gov.au/](https://jobsearch.gov.au/)  
- Licensed labour hire service providers: [https://www.labourhire.qld.gov.au/](https://www.labourhire.qld.gov.au/)  
- Pacific Labour Mobility Scheme: [https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/pacific/engagement/pacific-labour-mobility/Pages/default](https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/pacific/engagement/pacific-labour-mobility/Pages/default) |
| **WORKPLACE RISK MANAGEMENT** | | | |
| **BUSINESS ASSISTANCE & INDUSTRY SPECIFIC INFORMATION** | | | |
| Enquiries about industry impacts and business assistance | Business Queensland, QLD Government | Services:  
- Financial Assistance  
- Industry support  
- Supply chain & cashflow  
- Managing staff  
- Business support & advice  
- waiving tropical rock lobster and coral trout quota fees for the first 6 months of 2020, and fishing boat licence fee waivers for these and other fisheries affected by coronavirus, such as mud crab
- expanding the tropical rock lobster fishery area for 3 months. This will reduce operating costs for quota holders and allow fishers to sell product into other markets while maintaining crew and jobs in the short term

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

| Job Support Loans | QRIDA | Applications are now open for the Queensland Government’s $500 million COVID-19 Jobs Support Loan scheme. This scheme is for Queensland businesses and non-profit organisations financially affected by COVID-19 to retain employees and maintain their operations. Low interest loans of up to $250,000 are available to assist with carry-on expenses such as employee wages, rent and rates and other related expenditure. Eligible business types include sole traders, partnerships, private and public companies and Trusts. | http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs/covid-19-business-support/queensland-covid19-jobs-support-scheme

| Payroll Tax Support | QLD Government | You may be eligible for one or more of a range of payroll tax relief measures as a result of the impacts of coronavirus. | https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/employing/payroll-tax/employing/coronavirus-tax-relief

| Market diversification & resilience grants | Department of Agriculture & Fisheries, QLD Government | DAF are providing assistance for businesses impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak through the Market Diversification and Resilience Grants (MDRG) program. The MDRG program will benefit Queensland agriculture, food and fishing exporters and their critical supply chain partners, as well as industry organisations working with exporters to build resilience by diversifying into new markets (international or interstate). Project grants of up to $50,000 (excluding GST) will be available to support project activities including, but not limited to: 
  - market evaluation studies
  - market visits
  - staff training
  - new equipment such as refrigeration

| Business Loan Relief | Australian Banking Association | Australian banks have hardship teams ready to help. If you’re dealing with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, or drought, bushfire or flood, there are practical ways your bank can help. The type of assistance will depend on individual circumstances. | https://www.ausbanking.org.au/campaigns/financial-hardship/

| Business financial advice | Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS), Southern Queensland | Rural Financial Counselling Service Southern Queensland (RFCS-SQ) provides free, impartial, confidential and responsive rural financial counselling services across Southern Queensland. | https://www.rfcssq.org.au/

### WELLBEING SUPPORT

| Community Support Services | Department of Communities, Disability Services & Seniors, QLD Government | List of region specific community support services available across central Queensland, including: 
  - Family support & advisory services
  - Community support services
  - Emergency Relief
  - Housing & Tenancy
  - Material Support Assistance | To view the community support services flyer click [here](#)

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The information in this document is current as of 31/03/2020 and is subject to change. Please refer to the respective websites for current information and updates.

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