



Business support in New Zealand

This factsheet gives you the details of a number of government departments/agencies and organisations that provide support to businesses.

The following government departments/agencies and organisations can help your business to succeed. Most services are free but some may incur a charge.

There are many other organisations you can go to for advice. Family and friends who have business experience can also help you.

Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC)

ACC works with businesses to keep workplaces safe, offering a range of resources to help prevent injuries in and out of the workplace.

Find everything you need to know about ACC and your business under the "For Business" section at www.acc.co.nz or call them on 0800 222 776.

Business.govt.nz

Business.govt.nz is the first-stop-shop for small businesses—with expert advice, information and tools from across government all in one place. Whether you're starting out in business, looking to take on your first employee or have a query about tax compliance, www.business.govt.nz is a great place to start.

Business Mentors New Zealand (BMNZ)

BMNZ is an internationally acclaimed mentoring service to New Zealand's SME sector. Its 1,900 volunteers support business owners through their day-to-day challenges by sharing business skills, knowledge and experience. They act as a sounding board and keep business owners on track and motivated. Their service is confidential. BMNZ has a start-up programme for people who have a great business idea and want to know how to turn it into a fully-fledged business.

Find out more about BMNZ's programmes at www.businessmentors.org.nz or call 0800 209 209.

Callaghan Innovation

www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz

Callaghan Innovation accelerates the commercialisation of innovation by firms in New Zealand, helping businesses turn ideas into internationally marketable products and services more quickly and successfully.

It funds research and development, advises businesses on innovation and provides research and technical services, giving businesses a single front door to the innovation system.

Companies office

www.companies.govt.nz

The Companies office is the government agency responsible for the administration of corporate body registers, including the Companies Register.

New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE)

NZTE is New Zealand's international business development agency. Its role is to help New Zealand businesses grow bigger, better, faster in international markets.

It offers strategic advice, access to networks and influencers, research and market intelligence, and targeted financial support to help businesses on their international journey, and works to promote and support the growth of New Zealand business overseas.

To find out more about NZTE's services and programmes go to www.nzte.govt.nz "How NZTE can help" or phone them on 0800 555 888.

Statistics New Zealand

www.stats.govt.nz

The Statistics New Zealand website offers a wide range of information, such as demographic, business, and price statistics, which can help you make better marketing and business planning decisions.

If you're asked to complete one of Statistics New Zealand's business surveys, the website answers the most frequently asked questions and supplies contact details if you need more information.

Work and Income

To find out if you qualify for financial assistance from Work and Income to start your own business go to www.workandincome.govt.nz or phone 0800 559 009.