

Queensland State Government Stimulus Measures: \$250,000 Loan

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What is the stimulus/Relief?

Loans of up to \$250,000 to for eligible Queensland businesses and non-profit organisations. The loans will:

- have a maximum term of 10 years;
- be interest free for the first year; and
- have no repayment obligations for the first year.

The Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (“QRIDA”) will determine concessional interest rates and repayment terms for the second and subsequent years of the loan.

What is the aim of the measure?

To support eligible businesses and non-profit organisations financially impacted by COVID-19 to maintain operations and retain employees by providing assistance to meet working capital expenses¹, including, for example:

- paying employee wages;
- paying creditors;
- paying rent and rates; and
- buying goods for the purpose of carrying on the business.

Who is eligible?

Businesses and non-profit organisations are eligible for the loan if the entity:

- holds and Australian Business Number²;
- is registered for GST²;
- has more than 1 full-time equivalent employee in Queensland;
- has continuously operated its business since 1 July 2017;
- has suffered a loss of income as a result of COVID-19;
- is viable³ under normal business conditions;
- is able to service the loan under normal business conditions; and
- intends to continue operating the entity’s business after receiving the loan.

¹ Working capital expenses do not include refinancing existing loans or equipment finance, or purchasing new equipment or other assets.

² Not a requirement for non-profit organisations.

³ Viability will be assessed by QRIDA upon application.

How do I get it?

QRIDA is responsible for administration of the loans and is currently taking expressions of interest. To register your interest, email QRIDA at contact_us@qrda.qld.gov.au or free call 1800 623 946.

More Info:

[Industry Recovery website](#)

Who should use this stimulus/other considerations?

A loan under this scheme must be secured to the satisfaction of QRIDA. You may need to discuss security arrangements with your other financiers or a qualified lawyer before proceeding with a loan under this scheme.

Closing comments

The government is moving quickly, and things are changing daily with regards to the response to COVID-19. Should you have any queries regarding this measure, or any Government measure announced in relation to COVID-19, please contact your Brentnalls Tax Specialist.