Resources for business migrants

The Small Business Development Corporation is the State Government Agency that has been providing advice and guidance to small business in Western Australia since 1984. The SBDC’s Business Migration Centre provides qualifying business migrants with State nomination.

Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC)

We provide assistance at all stages of business development - from starting a new venture to growing an established enterprise. In addition, we support this development with a wide range of information and tailored programs to meet the specific needs of the small business sector.

**Step one: Visit our website**
For information on a wide range of business topics visit: smallbusiness.wa.gov.au

**Step two: Attend a free Business Basics workshop**
This two-hour workshop provides an overview of the basics involved in starting a business. Held every Tuesday from 9:30am - 11:30am at our Perth office. Register online or call 13 12 49.

**Step three: Talk to one of our expert business advisers**
For general advice for both start-up and established businesses as well as specialist expertise on topics including financial management, buying or selling a business, marketing, franchising, employing people, negotiating your commercial lease and exporting and importing.

**Business licences and permits**
Whether it’s a business name registration, a licence to play music or a licence to run a tattoo parlour, you need to check which licences or permits you may need to run your business. Visit the link below to search for licences and permits. licence.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au

**Visit the SBDC**
Our information centre offers an extensive range of small business information. You can also source business industry reports and research, and have free access to business industry reports and benchmarking information.

Facebook
Be the first to hear about small business news and events at facebook.com.au/smallbusiness

Business Local
Across the State, you can also access business advice through Business Local – an outreach service of the SBDC. Business Local advisers understand how to do business in your area, and can provide guidance on a wide range of issues relating to solving problems, and growing and developing your business.

Experienced advisers will listen to your story, help you decide what to do next and provide practical advice to meet your particular needs. This could include guidance through a temporary crisis, help in solving long-standing issues or discovering new opportunities. They can also refer you to other organisations and contacts offering additional support.

Visit smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/businesslocal to find the provider for your region.
Business opportunities

If you are looking for business opportunities in Western Australia but don’t know where to start, some key organisations can provide assistance (these are suggestions only).

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Business Brokers’ Association (WA) Inc
ailb.org.au

Franchise Council of Australia
franchise.org.au

Western Australian newspapers

The West Australian is published Monday to Saturday. The most popular days for business listings are Wednesdays and Saturdays. You can also search the listings at: westrealestate.com.au

The Sunday Times provides ‘businesses for sale’ listings

Business News
businessnews.com.au

The following links may also assist you to find businesses
investmatch.com.au
reiwa.com.au
businessonline.net.au
businessforsale.com.au
bsale.com.au
domain.com.au
seekcommercial.com.au
bizlistings.com.au
business2sell.com.au

Other valuable State and Federal Government resources:

Business Link
wa.gov.au/information-about/business/business-link

Small Business Development Corporation
smallbusiness.wa.gov.au

Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation
tjts.wa.gov.au

Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety
dmirr.wa.gov.au

Austrade
austrade.gov.au

Department of Agriculture and Food
agric.wa.gov.au

Information on regional business opportunities is available from WA’s nine Regional Development Commissions:

- Kimberley: kdc.wa.gov.au
- Pilbara: pdc.wa.gov.au
- Gascoyne: gdc.wa.gov.au
- Mid West: mwdc.wa.gov.au
- Wheatbelt: wheatbelt.wa.gov.au
- Goldfields-Esperance: gedc.wa.gov.au
- Peel: peel.wa.gov.au
- Great Southern: gsdnc.wa.gov.au
- South West: swdc.wa.gov.au

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