

Services Available to Penrith Businesses

Government Agency	Services
 <p>Contact: 1300 134 359 assist@business.nsw.gov.au www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>The NSW Department of Industry & investment runs targeted programs through the provision of expert information. Visit www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au for information to help you start, run or grow your business, details of our events, the latest small business news, and for information regarding our specialist business support programs.</p>
 <p>Contact: Danny Milan: 02 9226 6093 danny.milan@innovation.gov.au www.ausindustry.gov.au</p>	<p>AusIndustry provides incentives to help Australian businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct research and development • Grow small business • Take up new technology • Undertake industry-specific manufacturing and production • Commercialise a new technology or venture • Access startup capital
 <p>Contact: Commercialisation Australia on 13 22 56 ca@innovation.gov.au www.commercialisationaustralia.gov.au</p>	<p>Commercialisation Australia provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills and Knowledge support to help build the skills, knowledge and connections required to commercialise new ideas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to \$50,000 to pay for specialist advice and services ○ Up to \$200,000 over two years to assist with the recruitment of experienced executives • Proof of Concept grants of \$50,000 - \$250,000 to test the commercial viability of a product, process or service. • Early Stage Commercialisation repayable grants of \$250,000 - \$2,000,000 to undertake activities to develop a new product, process or service to the stage where it can be taken to market.
 <p>Contact: Narelle Wheatland 02 9890 7804 narelle.wheatland@deewr.gov.au www.deewr.gov.au</p>	<p>The Department Education, Employment Workplace Relations administers Federal programs to assist jobs seekers into employment. DEEWR's assistance for business include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of Business Enterprise Centres • Assistance for businesses to employ people registered with Job Services Australia providers • Provision of Local Employment Coordinators • Funding of the <i>Apprentice Kick Start Bonus</i> • Providing facilitation between business and the Australian Government.
 <p>Contact: Patrick Muraguri 0417 277 115 patrick.muraguri@innovation.gov.au www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au</p>	<p>Enterprise Connect is a \$50 million a year Australian Government initiative that provides support to eligible Australian small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), including; free business reviews and grant assistance to implement recommendations from business reviews.</p> <p>The objective of Enterprise Connect is to help firms develop the skills, tools and knowledge to improve their competitiveness, productivity and maximise growth potential.</p> <p>Enterprise Connect works with industries as diverse as manufacturing, mining, clean industries and the creative sector.</p>

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	<p>Services are available to businesses whether they are located in metropolitan, country, or remote areas. There are 12 Enterprise Connect centres across Australia staffed by skilled business advisers to help assist your business.</p>
 <p>Contact 1300 361 967 sustainbus@environment.nsw.gov.au www.savepower.nsw.gov.au/business</p>	<p>The NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water is recruiting small businesses across NSW to a program that helps to lower power bills and carbon pollution.</p> <p>The Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program offers an energy assessment, a tailored action plan and a rebate of up to \$5,000 for making energy efficiency improvements that save you money as well as reducing our impact on the environment.</p> <p>After your onsite energy assessment, you will receive an action plan to help you save. A rebate of up to \$5,000 is available to pay for half of your eligible costs to implement action plan.</p> <p>You can take part if your business spends up to about \$20,000 a year on electricity or employs up to about 10 people. Alternatively, if you are a larger business, you can register for the Sustainability Advantage Energy Saver program.</p>
 <p>Contact: Graham Hogg: 02 9208 9287</p> <p>WSI P: 131 870 www.wsi.tafensw.edu.au AWDS: 02 9208 9991 OTEN: 1300 362 346</p>	<p>TAFE NSW - Western Sydney Institute (WSI) is one of Australia's largest Registered Training Organisations (RTO). WSI can partner with your business to deliver relevant training services to meet any skill requirements you have.</p> <p>TAFE WSI's Australian Workforce Development Solutions (AWDS) provides customised training services across all industry areas, including; manufacturing, engineering, building, construction, management and many others (www.awds.edu.au)</p> <p>TAFE NSW also offers an Open Training Education Network (OTEN) which is a specialist distance education arm which can deliver consistent training for your business in all Australian States (www.oten.edu.au).</p>
 <p>Contact: Geoff Starr 02 8838 0408 geoff.starr@australianbusiness.com.au www.australianbusiness.com.au/trade</p>	<p>The Trade Start program can help your business by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting potential exporters to become established exporters • Assists established exporters to increase export sales and to enter new markets. • Works co-operatively with other relevant agencies to maximise the export success of Trade Start clients. • Promote exporting, international business and the Australian Government's trade agenda • Represents Austrade and provides access to the full range of its services for both existing and potential Austrade clients.
 <p>Contact: Dr Geoffrey Lee 02 9685 9658 g.lee@uws.edu.au www.uws.edu.au</p>	<p>The University of Western Sydney provides Greater Western Sydney's leading post-graduate courses including Masters and MBA programs. Specifically, UWS can help your business by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free online training and business planning through www.smexcellence.com.au, or www.toolkit.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/dsrd/ • Partnering with UWS in research projects • Apply to have final year students work on projects for your business at no cost