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What is FindBusinessSupport.gov.scot?

This service is established to help Scottish businesses find the advice, support they need.

Information is available for businesses of all sizes – from those thinking about starting a business to large, well established companies.

This website is supported by an enquiries and referral service. You can contact us by submitting an enquiry or calling 0300 303 0660. Our lines are open from 9.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays. We aim to reply to 90 percent of enquiries within 2 working days. We aim to reply to 75 percent per minute, 18 pence per minute depending on your operating provider (source: Ofcom).

Why was this website created?

This site intends to help Scottish businesses find the right information, advice and support at the right time.

We will continue to add information and develop FindBusinessSupport.gov.scot and the referral service. We aim to provide all businesses with quick and easy access to all business support services provided by public sector organisations in Scotland.

Who runs FindBusinessSupport.gov.scot?

This is a partnership service. It started as a collaboration between Business Gateway, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland. We will eventually include all organisations who receive public funding in Scotland. We currently include services from the following partners.

Core partners

Business Gateway

Business Gateway is delivered by local authorities and offers a range of professional resources, support and tools to help businesses take advantage of opportunities and develop sustainable strategies for growth.

About Business Gateway

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

HIE's interventions and investments are focused on the Highlands and Islands and east of Scotland. Their purpose is to create a strong economy which increases the numbers of people who choose to live, work, study and invest there.

About HIE

Scottish Enterprise

Scottish Enterprise is Scotland's national economic development agency and a non-departmental public body of the Scottish Government. Its mission is significant, lasting effect on the Scottish economy, they work with partners in the public and private sectors to deliver inclusive economic opportunities.

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Skills Development Scotland

Skills Development Scotland is the national skills body expanding the people and communities across the Scottish economy to reach their potential and apply their skills. They work in schools, careers centres and partner organisations to support young people's development and to contribute to a modern, innovative and prosperous Scottish economy.

About Skills Development Scotland

South of Scotland Enterprise

South of Scotland Enterprise works with the people and communities across the South of Scotland to create a prosperous economy. By providing investment, expertise and mentoring, they will inspire the region to be a place of ambition and unlimited opportunities for all. The vision of South of Scotland Enterprise is to establish the South of Scotland as a centre of opportunity, innovation and growth.

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Other partners

- ACAS
- Arkaig Council
- Association of Independent Music
- British Business Bank
- British Occupational Hygiene Society
- British Retail Association
- CENSIS
- Cornerstone House
- Construction Scotland
- Cora Foundation
- Creative Scotland
- The Data Lab
- Elevate
- Entrepreneurial Scotland
- Ernest Wachtl Charitable Foundation
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Fife Council
- Flexibility Works
- Highland Council
- HMRC
- InterTrade
- Inverclyde Council
- Invests Angus
- Joint Enterprise
- Museums and Galleries Scotland
- Musicians Union
- National Farmers Union Scotland
- National Lottery Community Fund
- National Lottery Heritage Fund
- National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS)
- Nestlings
- Oil & Gas Technology Centre
- Oil & Gas UK
- Perth & Kinross Council
- Public Contracts Scotland
- Public Health Scotland
- Rural Foundation
- Scotland Food & Drink
- Scotlandis
- Scottish Core Innovation
- Scottish Chamber of Commerce
- Scottish Council for Development and Industry
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- Scottish Water
- Screen Scotland
- SCVO
- Supplier Development Programme
- Supplier Journey
- Sustainable Aquaculture Innovation Centre
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Find Business Support gives customers an overview of all funding and services offered by public sector organisations across Scotland. This makes it quicker and easier for businesses to find the information, advice and support they need, when they need it.

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How can Find Business Support help me?

Find the first thing businesses can browse all of Scotland's public sector support services in one place.

There are currently more than 400 business support options listed on the website, from more than 80 public sector partners across Scotland.

We support business advice, funding, networking opportunities, training, wellness and more. This website's designed also so new services can be added and old ones removed.

You can browse all the support options available, or search for services and events and filter the results according to your needs.

Why was this website created?

Find Business Support was created at the request of the Scottish Government to help Scottish businesses find the right information, advice and support, when they need it.

The service's MVP is a key recommendation from Phase 2 of the Government's Enterprise and Skills Review. This called for a "more coherent, simplified and client-focused system of business support to be made available to customers through a single digital access point."

This website is at the heart of Find Business Support. Through supporting delivery, feedback and engagement with customers, we can make sure the service evolves to meet the needs of Scottish businesses, now and in the future.

Our ambition is to include information on every public sector service available to businesses in Scotland. It will take time to achieve this, but work is already underway.

Who runs Find Business Support?

Find Find Business Support project is delivered by the Business Support Partnership (BSP). By helping Scotland's enterprise and skills agencies work together, the BSP aim to build a more coordinated, efficiency and save money approach to delivery of support. It helps customers access Scotland's three core growth ambitions.

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How many people are using Find Business Support?

Find Business Support is growing in popularity month by month. To date, just under 1,000,000 users have visited the Find Business Support website and almost 100,000 users have visited the site in the last 12 months.

Since it was launched in 2019, Find Business Support has referred more than 600,000 users to other relevant public sector relevant support.

More than 10,000 users have subscribed to the Find Business Support newsletter, which is published 3 times a week and provides updates on the latest business support offerings across the public sector.

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