

Victorian Government Support for Small Business

The Victorian Government offers a range of programs and services to support small business.

Go to www.business.vic.gov.au (or ring 13 22 15) for information, support and tools.

TIPS FOR TOUGH TIMES

- **Watch your cash flow** – use the worksheet to calculate your cash flow.
- **Look at your costs** – use the checklist to assess your financial health.
- **Manage your debt** – compare loans and their costs at www.business.vic.gov.au/businessloanfinder
- **Skill your workforce** – the [Skills for Growth](#) program offers help with workforce planning and training.

SOME KEY PROGRAMS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Workshops, seminars, grants & mentoring for over 7,000 small businesses per year.

Small Business Workshops & Seminars give practical information on starting a business, access to finance, cash flow management, marketing for growth, strategic planning and employing staff, plus one-on-one advice.

Grow Your Business grants – independent specialist gives one-on-one or group assistance.

Small Business Mentoring Service - over 70 mentors gave over 2,300 sessions to over 760 companies in 2007/8. Details at www.sbms.org.au.

Small Business Commissioner provides quick and cost effective mediation to resolve disputes between businesses, especially retail lease disputes (more than 80% of over 4,000 disputes valued at over \$180 million resolved since 2003).

Energise Enterprise - Victoria's small business festival each August – 31,000 participants in 2008, expect 35,000 in 2009.

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