Small Business Resource Kit

A business.gov.au resource

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This is particularly important as small business owners, working hard to achieve commercial success, don't necessarily have the time to trawl around for the right information.

The Small Business Resource Kit is a USB flash drive containing a wide range of resources to assist them.

It includes recently updated versions of the popular Starting Your Business and Growing Your Business checklists.

These checklists provide a guide through the various stages of business, from just starting out, to preparing for the next phase of growth.

A USB drive allows all the information to be held in the one place. The Resource Kit links to business.gov.au, so changes can be incorporated quickly to make sure small businesses have access to the most up-to-date information.

The kit also has links to valuable online resources on the business.gov.au website.

These include, Advisor Finder, as well as:

> **Grants and Assistance Finder** - a free search tool that enables businesses to find grants most relevant to them from the Australian, state and territory governments.
>
> **Business Loan Finder** - a useful guide for small businesses on finance options available from banks and other lenders. Using the Business Loan Finder can help small business operators find and compare business loan options.
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> The new kit also brings together a range of planning templates developed in conjunction with prominent business and financial advisors.

These include templates for business, marketing and succession plans.

A number of other useful publications in the resource kit include:

> **Independent Contractors**: contracts made simple - this popular guide helps independent contracts save time and money by minimising business risks and showing them how to negotiate a contract that works for them.
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> **Independent Contractors**: the essential handbook - which tells independent contractors and their hirers all they need to know about independent contracting, including tax, super, insurance, workers compensation, negotiating contracts and more.

An easy reference to key facts and economic indicators related to small business and Australian industry.

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Small business resource kits can be ordered by calling the Small Business Support Line on 1800 77 7275 or emailing sbsl@innovation.gov.au

This resource kit is the latest in what is an impressive and well-targeted range of tools the Australian Government has set up to help small businesses start and grow for success.

Source:
http://minister.innovation.gov.au/Sherry/Speeches/Pages/LAUNCHOFTHESMALLBUSINESSRESOURCEKIT.aspx

ICB Comment: we haven't had a chance to review the kit yet (it's on order)

Also available in 'printed format' - Small Business Resource Kit - PDF | Word

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