



# News and Views Podcast Show

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## Episode 89 – Government Business Grants

Happy New year and its our first episode for 2018. In this episode we will have a quick update with the things that are happening to start off the new year. We also have a look at the government business grants that are available for your business.

## Updates:

- December BAS due 28 February 2018
- 5 February 2018 – fuel tax change
- In February SBSCH will join Business Portal – AUSkey required for business (myGov account for Sole traders).
- Super payments in old system must be made before 19<sup>th</sup> February before change over occurs.
- ATO also reminding small businesses of \$20,000 write off before 30 June.
  - Back to \$1,000 after that (\$10 million turnover).
- Small business government grants.
  - You can search the new grants categories on [business.gov.au](http://business.gov.au).
- Also includes services such as low interest loans, tax and tariff concessions and programs to develop skills.
- State by state grants.
- Government doesn't generally offer funding to start business, but other forms of assistance.
- Most grants are state based but some are national and some regional.
- Some are industry based.
- Need to check criteria to see if you qualify.
- Grants can be given at all different stages of business.
- Most businesses don't know what they could be eligible for.
- Search by state or industry.
- Starting a business
  - Low interest (some interest free) loans, training and technical assistance, support for unemployed to start business mentoring, industry specific funding, connections with supplier business opportunity.
- Marketing and sales
  - Including international (reimburse promo exp), interstate, trade shows, market visits, advertising, technology.

- Buying Equipment
  - Energy saving grants, manufacturing equipment, recycling equipment, water efficiency, farming equipment technology.
- Employment
  - Wage subsidies, apprentices, disabled employees, hire mentor coaches, improve literacy and numeracy skills occupation health and safety training, payroll tax rebate for trainees, improve health of employees.
- Importing and exporting
  - Various training and support, R&D

There are many government grants that businesses are unaware of and they may be entitled to, visit [business.gov.au](http://business.gov.au) to search and see if there's anything might help your business. Here at BCG we have Business development program that can help you grow and develop your business. As always, we are here to help contact us via our website [www.buscgroup.com.au](http://www.buscgroup.com.au)