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About ecoBiz

ecoBiz is a Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) program that helps Queensland businesses adopt resource-efficient practices that are good for the financial bottom line as well as for the environment.

ecoBiz helps companies find ways to improve how they do business. A range of tools and guides are available to help Queensland businesses invest, compete and profit sustainably.

By addressing water, energy and materials management and consumption businesses can reduce costs and eliminate waste. They may also become eligible for **ecoBiz** rebates to support eco-efficiency initiatives.

Through ecoBiz your business can:

- Achieve **savings** through
 - › more efficient use of energy, materials and water
 - › reduced waste disposal
 - › better productivity
 - › improved staff morale
 - › risk minimisation.
- Gain **competitive advantage** by meeting
 - › community expectations for better environmental performance
 - › demand for 'environmentally friendly' goods and services
 - › supply chain expectations based on international standards.
- Access **rebates** to implement improvements.

The 6 steps to ecoBiz

step 1	JOIN Complete the ecoBiz application form. You will be provided with an ecoBiz toolbox to guide you through the remaining five steps.
step 2	ASSESS Complete the baseline assessment to determine your resource consumption (materials, energy and water).
step 3	SURVEY Conduct a site survey of your business using the tools provided.
step 4	PLAN Develop an ecoBiz action plan that sets out how you are going to make your business more eco-efficient.
step 5	IMPLEMENT Start implementing your ecoBiz action plan. This may simply mean a new way of doing things, or it may require changing a process or investing in new technology.
step 6	RE-ASSESS Review your progress by completing a re-assessment which you can then compare with your baseline assessment. You may now be eligible to become an ecoBiz partner.

ecoBiz Rebates

Rebates up to \$150 000 are available to support projects that will lead to transformative change in both a business and in the industry the business operates (conditions apply). A project may be considered transformational if it is innovative and benefits both the business and Queensland by setting a new standard for eco-efficiency or helps create a more sustainable environment. Businesses are to complete an **ecoBiz** Rebate Expression of Interest form to be considered for the rebate. Rebates are limited to a maximum of 30 per cent of eligible project costs.

“The ecoBiz program has been so easy to use. It is refreshing to deal with a program so willing to help small business. The ecoBiz process has been excellent.”

Scott Garrett, Director,
Southport Steam Laundry

“What ecoBiz has done is help examine internal ways in which we could improve efficiency as well as help the environment and increase profitability.”

Brett Shepherd, Managing
Director, **Colorscreen Print**

For more information

- > visit www.derm.qld.gov.au
- > email ecobiz@derm.qld.gov.au
- > call 13 74 68 (13 QGOV)



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To join the **ecoBiz** program, complete this form and mail to:

ecoBiz Queensland
Sustainable Industries Branch
Department of Environment and Resource Management
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane QLD 4001
OR fax both sides to (07) 3330 5515
OR email signed PDF to ecobiz@derm.qld.gov.au

Business name _____ ABN _____

Address _____

Town or suburb _____ Postcode _____

Postal address (if different from above) _____

Principal contact _____ Position _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Please describe your main business activity or activities _____

Please describe your main eco-efficiency achievements so far _____

Number of full-time employees _____ Website _____

Has your business previously taken action to improve resource (energy, water and waste) efficiency? Yes No

• Energy _____

• Waste _____

• Water _____

Please list three eco-efficiency activities you would like to undertake as part of **ecoBiz**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Queensland

I would like to join the **ecoBiz** program. To the best of my knowledge the business is compliant with all Local, State and Commonwealth regulatory requirements.

The following Environmental Licences and Approvals are held under Queensland Legislation by the business. I acknowledge that the **ecoBiz** team may contact the authorities listed below to confirm our compliance status.

Environmental Licence / Approval Details			Contact Details for Regulating Authority	
Activity	Regulatory Authority	Licence/Approval Number	Name of officer	Phone number

I understand that the above business must remain compliant with relevant State, Local and Commonwealth government legislation to remain in the **ecoBiz** program. Our involvement with **ecoBiz** can be terminated if the business undertakes any activities that could bring the government into disrepute.

I would like to receive the following Please tick:

- ecoBiz** bulletin (by email)
 Notifications about sustainability events, and awards organised by DERM
 Details about other sustainability initiatives organised by DERM.

I am participating in (Please Tick where appropriate):

- National packaging covenant (national waste program)
 National Pollutant Inventory (national pollution reporting program)
 Greenhouse Challenge Plus (national greenhouse reporting program)
 Greenhouse Friendly
 Energy Efficiency Opportunities
 Water Efficiency Management Plan

How did you hear about the **ecoBiz** Program?

- An ecoBiz Overview – please provide details of the date and venue _____

- Environmental Consultant/Facilitator – Please provide their name _____
 EPA/**ecoBiz** website
 ecoBiz participant/partner
 Other _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Print name _____ Position _____

(Managing Director or CEO must sign)

I note that my contact details will be stored in a storage system and will be used for matters relating to the companies involvement in the **ecoBiz** Program and for notifications as above only. These contact details will not be passed on to any other organisation without the permission of the participant.

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