

reThink Business Waste Services—\$750 Subsidy

Introduction

Queensland's Industry Waste Levy aims to halve waste sent to landfill by 2020. The waste levy will change the way Queensland businesses approach disposal of waste to landfill. To help, the Queensland Government is introducing the reThink Business Waste Services Program to provide a \$750 subsidy to eligible applicants.



What is the subsidy for?

The subsidy will be given to eligible Queensland businesses to help them rethink business waste practices and realise cost savings resulting from more efficient waste management.

The subsidy will help businesses review their existing waste management arrangements, and commit to improvement by introducing a new resource recovery service to divert more material from landfill.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for the subsidy, an applicant must:

- be a company, incorporated association, sole trader, partnership or not-for-profit organisation that has a registered Australian Business Number (ABN) and is registered for GST, and
- be based in and have a physical street address in Queensland, and
- have fewer than 100 employees and the ability to enter into and manage its own resource recovery service agreement, or
- be a body corporate or commercial landlord, whose management activities include the management of waste operations for tenants.

For the full list of eligibility criteria, please refer to the terms and conditions available on the DERM website <www.derm.qld.gov.au/waste> and follow the links to the reThink Business Waste Program.

What resource recovery services are eligible?

Applicants can apply for a subsidy when they enter into a new resource recovery service, or vary an existing resource recovery service resulting in more material being collected for reuse, recycling (including composting) or energy recovery.

How does a business apply?

Step 1—Check that the eligibility criteria for the reThink Business Waste Services program can be met by downloading and reading the terms and conditions available at the DERM website before proceeding to step 2.

Step 2—Download and complete the Waste Management Plan available on the DERM website. Download and read the Guide to Reviewing Waste and Recycling Contracts and Service Agreements before proceeding to step 3.



Step 3—Seek quotes from resource recovery service providers and commit to a new service agreement or vary an existing service agreement. Local resource recovery service providers can be found at <BusinessRecycling.com.au>*.

Step 4—Logon to DERM's online application system to access the application form. Fill in the application form, upload the completed Waste Management Plan, provide details on the new or varied resource recovery service agreement, and provide payment details. Submit the application form.

A hard copy application form can also be requested by:

Mail: reThink Business Waste Services Program
Waste Reform
Department of Environment and Resource
Management
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane Qld 4001

Phone: 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

Email: <rethink.businesswaste@derm.qld.gov.au>

Completed hard copy forms can be posted to:

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What happens after the application is submitted?

On receipt of the fully completed application, it will be assessed and if the application is:

- accepted—payment will be made to the nominated bank account
- incomplete—the application will be returned for completion
- declined—notification will be given in writing that the application has been unsuccessful.

Further information

- Links to the application form, terms and conditions, Waste Management Plan and the Guide to Reviewing Waste and Recycling Contracts and Service Agreements are available on the DERM website.
<www.derm.qld.gov.au/waste>
- Email <rethink.businesswaste@derm.qld.gov.au>

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