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**Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business**  
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**UPDATE**  
**HELPLINE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19**

From today, the Morrison Government's Business Hotline - 13 28 46 - will be expanded to provide specialist advisers and extended hours to support small and medium businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Operations at the [www.business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au) 13 28 46 Contact Centre will increase from five days per week to seven days per week, and provide an additional two hours a day of support outside standard operating hours for the first month, answering calls from 7.00 am to 11.00pm AEST.

The Government is rolling out comprehensive, targeted assistance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and we want businesses who are looking for information to be supported.

During these challenging times businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19 need readily available access to advice so they can fully understand the assistance available to them and their employees.

To read the media release on the helpline, [click here](#).

For more information on the assistance available to businesses please go to [www.business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au).

Please also go to <https://www.australia.gov.au> . This site will link you to the latest COVID-19 news, updates and advice from Australian Government Agencies.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michaelia Cash'.

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