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Business Grants Hub

Cyber Security Small Business Program

It's been estimated that cybercrime costs Australians over \$1 billion a year. Approximately one in five small businesses report that they have been the target of a cyberattack. The Cyber Security Small Business Program is one of a suite of actions under Australia's Cyber Security Strategy.

What does it offer?

Grants up to \$2,100 will be provided to small businesses (with 19 or fewer employees) for up to 50 per cent of the cost of a certified small business health check. The health check involves an approved provider certified by the Council of Registered Ethical Security Testers Australia New Zealand (CREST) performing a cyber security test to determine your business risk and areas that need attention. Grant funding is available for a micro, small or standard certified small business health check. These health checks are essentially the same, but vary in price depending on the number of devices that are tested.

We will award grants on a first-come first-served basis, subject to the availability of funds. The program will close when funding is fully committed.

How does it work?

The following process outlines how you apply for a grant:

- Step 1 you register for a health check on the CREST small business website.
- Step 2 you have the certified small business health check undertaken by a certified CREST approved provider.
- Step 3 you pay in full the tax invoice from the CREST approved provider.
- Step 4 you complete and submit an application to the department for reimbursement of a grant up to \$2,100. You must include a tax invoice from your CREST approved provider, quoting a CREST test certificate number, as evidence of your expenditure.
- Step 5 you enter into a grant agreement with the department and receive a payment, once eligibility is confirmed and subject to available funding.

Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply for a grant your business must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- employ 19 or fewer full-time equivalent employees
- and be one of the following:
 - an entity incorporated in Australia
 - a partnership
 - a sole trader

Who is not eligible to apply?

The following cannot apply:

- a trust (however, an incorporated trustee may apply on behalf of a trust)
- a publicly funded research organisation (PFRO)
- a Commonwealth, state, territory or local government body (including government business enterprises)
- a business that employs more than 19 full-time equivalent people

An eligible small business can only receive one grant under the program.

What activities are eligible?

A micro, small or standard certified small business health check undertaken by a certified CREST approved provider.

How will you assess applications?

We will receive applications electronically and check for eligibility against the grant opportunity guidelines. We will award grants on a first-come first-served basis, subject to the availability of funds.

What will I need to do if successful?

You must enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. We will use an approval letter grant agreement for this program, which comprises your completed application form and the approval letter we send advising that your application has been successful. We consider the agreement to be executed (take effect) from the date of our approval letter. We will pay the grant into your nominated bank account.

How do I apply?

You should read the grant opportunity guidelines before you apply.

To apply you must:

- complete the online application form
- provide all the information requested
- address all the eligibility criteria

Where can I find more information?

Visit business.gov.au or call 13 28 46

CREST small business website <https://www.sb.crestaustralia.org>