



**Welcome to the May 2016 alert from ESS BIZTOOLS and ESS BIZGRANTS.**

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## **A. Early Stage Innovation Companies**

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The Senate has passed the legislation for the Early Stage Innovation Companies (ESIC).

The legislation is targeted to commence from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

We're currently finalising the product package for ESIC Investment Readiness, which we plan to launch by 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

We've conducted a couple of interesting webinars on the new Innovation Companies recently. These are:

- Innovation Companies Capital Raising – to view the recording:
  - [Click here to view part 1](#)
  - [Click here to view part 2](#)
  - [Click here to view part 3](#)
- Accelerating Commercialisation Facilitator Role and Charges – [Click here](#) to view the recording



## **Crowd-Sourced Funding Companies**

Unfortunately, the Senate hadn't passed the legislation for crowd-sourced funding companies when the Senate adjourned for the double dissolution election. Hopefully, this legislation will be reintroduced when the Parliament reconvenes after the election. We will then finalise the Crowd-Sourced Funding Company Investment Readiness product package for inclusion within ESS BIZTOOLS.

## **B. Business Advisory Services Introduction Package**

The new training videos for each of the 11 modules within the Business Advisory Services Introduction Package have now been finalised and are available on ESS BIZTOOLS. To access the training packages, log in to your ESS BIZTOOLS' account, click on "*Business Advisory Services Intro*" and click "*Access the BASIP Training material for this package - NEW!!*"

The BASIP Training material for Business Advisory Services Introduction Package is available for Gold and Silver members.

If you have questions or comments on the training packages, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## **C. Business Advisory Services Products**

The individual product modules have also now been loaded on to ESS BIZTOOLS. We will be preparing training videos for each of those product packages, to assist with the utilisation of the products.

### **New Products Being Developed**

In addition to the Early Stage Innovation Company Product Package and the Crowd-Sourced Funding Company Product Package, we're also currently working on the Research and Development Product Package, which we will be launching in the near future.

## **D. Government Grant Application Closing Dates**

The government grant application closing dates are available within ESS BIZTOOLS, summarising the closing dates for Federal, State and Territory government grants.

To view the list of government grants and their application expiry dates, [click here](#).

## **E. ESS Small Business – Webinars**

A reminder that the previous webinars on ESS Small Business are available for viewing. For a list of our previous webinars and to watch them, [click here](#).

The recent webinars that you might be interested in are as follows:

### **“Innovation Companies Capital Raising for Businesses”**

**Held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

#### **Guest Presenters:**

- **Michael Murtagh – Business Angels Group**
- **Rick McElhinney – Founders Forum**
- **Peter Milla – Bistorque Pty Ltd**

This webinar was specifically targeted at small businesses, featuring comments by the guest presenters.

[Click here](#) to view the recording

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### **“Improving Debtors’ Management”**

**Held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016**

An effective debtors’ management system for small/medium enterprises.

[Click here](#) to view the recording

### **“Vehicle Financing for SMEs”**

**Held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Guest Presenter – Bud Verheijen – AutoMates**

[Click here](#) to view the recording

We will also be presenting the following webinars, free of charge. Please advise your team and any clients whom you think might be interested.

### **“Grants are Available to Assist your Business”**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – 12pm AEST**

There are a number of government grants available to small/medium enterprises, to help and encourage them to grow. Whether it be exporting to other countries, becoming "investment ready", improving the skills within staff or assistance with recovery from natural disasters.

This webinar will provide an overview of a few grants currently available to small/medium enterprises. This webinar will also provide some information on the resources available to help you identify the grants for which you’re eligible and to guide you through the application process.

[Click here](#) to register to attend this webinar.

## **F. Free Webinars**

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### **Free Webinars for Members**

The free members’ webinar programme for June 2016 is as follows:

- [ESS BIZTOOLS – Training Packages – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – 12pm AEST](#)
- [ESS BIZGRANTS – Update on Grants – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – 2pm AEST](#)

### **Free Webinars for New Members**

We look forward to welcoming new members and any current members who want to have a refresher or have new staff who could benefit by attending a new members’ webinar, FREE of charge. These are held monthly for ESS BIZTOOLS and ESS BIZGRANTS.

Details of the new members’ webinar programme for June 2016 is as follows:

- [ESS BIZTOOLS – Adding Value with ESS BIZTOOLS – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – 12pm AEST](#)
- [ESS BIZGRANTS – Grants for SMEs – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – 2pm AEST](#)

To view other upcoming webinars and to watch previous webinars, exclusive to members of ESS BIZTOOLS and ESS BIZGRANTS, [click here](#).



## G. Conclusion

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Thanks for your support of ESS BIZTOOLS and ESS BIZGRANTS.

If you have any suggestions on content or material to be incorporated within any of the products of ESS BIZTOOLS or ESS BIZGRANTS, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards



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