

Business Assistance Reference Guide

General Business Support / Business Organisations

Business Gateway www.bgateway.com

Perth & Kinross Business Advisory Team

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/Business+and+trade/Support+for+businesses/Business+Advice/> Contact: economicdev@pkc.gov.uk Tel: 01738 477940

Perth College UHI www.perth.ac.uk/employers/enterprise/

Contact: Sheena.Howden@perth.uhi.ac.uk

Growbiz www.growbiz.co.uk

Scottish Enterprise www.scottish-enterprise.com

Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust (PSYBT) www.psybt.org.uk

Business Mentoring – www.businessmentoringscotland.co.uk

Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) – <http://www.scdi.org.uk/>

Chambers of Commerce www.perthshirechamber.co.uk and

www.dundeeandanguschamber.co.uk

Phone contact Perthshire Chamber: 01738 450401 Dundee & Angus Chamber : 01382 228545

Federation of Small Businesses www.fsb.org.uk

www.fsb.org.uk/default.aspx?id=31&loc=general&menu=fsbbenefits

The FSB Perth & Kinross Branch local branch

www.fsb.org.uk/default.aspx?id=106&loc=021

FSB Customer Helpline 01253 336 000

Grants/Loans

Grant and support directory – www.bgateway.com/bdotg/action/gsd?site=202

Perth & Kinross Businesses Enterprise Schemes:

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/Business+and+trade/Support+for+businesses/Grants+and+Loans/>

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Government Guaranteed Lending Schemes –

<http://www.bgateway.com/bdotg/action/layer?site=202&topicId=1081834708>

Regional Selective Assistance (RSA) <http://www.rsascotland.gov.uk/rsa/208.html>

Enterprise Finance Guarantee Scheme –

<http://www.berr.gov.uk/whatwedo/enterprise/finance/efg/page37607.html>

Rural Support

Scottish Enterprise <http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/rural-agriculture>

SRDP (Scottish Rural Development Programme)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP>

Leader – <http://www.ruraltaysideleader.com/>

Procurement

Public Contracts Scotland www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

CompeteFor - www.competefor.com

Commonwealth Games Business Portal www.glasgow2014.com

BusinessClub Scotland – www.businessclubscotland.co.uk

Innovation

Scottish Enterprise

<http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/innovation-how-we-can-help.htm>

Scottish Business Grants

SMART:SCOTLAND -

R&D Grant <http://www.rsascotland.gov.uk/rsa/998.html>

Intellectual Assets Centre - http://www.ia-centre.org.uk/about_us/

ICASS – ICASS is a government initiative <http://www.icass.co.uk/>

NESTA is the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts -

www.nesta.co.uk

Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP)

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP) is a UK- www.ktponline.org.uk

Perth College UHI www.perth.ac.uk/employers/bdc/Pages/KnowledgeTransfer

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Perth College UHI sustainability and environmental issues.

Stephen.Tinsley@perth.uhi.ac.uk

Interface – <http://www.interface-online.org.uk>

Intellectual Property Office – online information on Patents, trademarks,

copyright and designs. www.patent.gov.uk

Innovation Portal <http://www.innovationportal.co.uk/main/about/>

<http://www.innovationportal.co.uk/main/about/20080123154303/>

Social Enterprise

Aspire to Enterprise <http://www.aspiretoenterprise.org.uk/>

FirstPort <http://www.firstport.org.uk/>

Third Sector Enterprise Fund

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding/enterprising-skills-fund>

Social Entrepreneurs Fund Managed by **Firstport** <http://www.firstport.org.uk/>

UnLtd Millennium Awards Programme www.unltd.org.uk. The fund is also

managed by **FirstPort** <http://www.firstport.org.uk/>

Perth & Kinross Local Social Economy Partnership

Access to Social Enterprise Development Fund

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/Promoting+Perth+and+Kinross/Social+Economy.htm>

Contact economicdev@pkc.gov.uk

Enterprising Third Sector Action Plan

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/Actionplan>

Scottish Investment Fund – <http://www.scottishinvestmentfund.co.uk/>

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Tourism

Tourism Intelligence Scotland – [Scottish Enterprise](http://www.scottishenterprise.com),

[Highlands and Islands Enterprise](http://www.highlandsandislandsenterprise.com), and [VisitScotland](http://www.visitScotland.com);

www.tourism-intelligence.co.uk

Green Business Tourism Scheme www.green-business.co.uk

Tourism Innovation Fund

http://www.scottishenterprise.com/sedotcom_home/your-sector/sector

[tourism/tourism-initiatives/tourism-innovation/tourism-innovation-fund.htm](http://www.scottishenterprise.com/tourism/tourism-initiatives/tourism-innovation/tourism-innovation-fund.htm)

VisitScotland www.visitscotland.org

Visit Scotland Challenge

http://www.visitscotland.org/marketing_opportunities_main/growthfund.htm

Workforce Development

ACAS (Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service) www.acas.org.uk

Investors in People (IIP) - www.investorsinpeople.co.uk

Perth College UHI Training www.perth.ac.uk/employers/bdc/

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International

Scottish Development International (SDI)

UKT&I (UK Trade and Investment). www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk

TAP – Trade Access Programme

https://www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk/ukti/appmanager/ukti/ourservices?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=market_entry&_nfls=false

Market and Sector Research:

https://www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk/ukti/appmanager/ukti/ourservices?_nfls=false&_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=market_sector_research

Enterprise Europe Scotland - <http://www.enterprise-europe-scotland.com/sct/>

Environmental

Carbon Trust – www.carbontrust.co.uk

Envirowise – www.envirowise.gov.uk

The Business Environment Partnership (BEP) www.thebep.org.uk

Enhanced Capital Allowances – www.eca.gov.uk

Biomass Energy Centre

http://www.biomassenergycentre.org.uk/portal/page?_pageid=77,15133&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

Manufacturing

SMAS (Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service) -

<http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/manufacturing>

Food and Drink

Scotland Food & Drink www.scotlandfoodanddrink.org

Food Processing Marketing and Co-Operation Scheme

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Food-Industry/granttimetable>

Life Sciences

Life Sciences Scotland Support Service –

http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/se/life_sciences/life_sciences_scotland.htm