

Taking Care of Business: Free advice and information event for businesses in November

- **30 State bodies and services ready to give expert help**
- **Register now at www.takingcareofbusiness.ie.**
- **Free-half day event in Dublin Castle on November 8**

Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Frances Fitzgerald TD, and Minister of State Pat Breen TD, have launched an important event for existing and potential entrepreneurs called 'Taking Care of Business'.

This free event will take place on **Wednesday, 8 November** in the Printworks Conference Centre in Dublin Castle. The **Personal Injuries Assessment Board** will be one of the bodies participating and it is pleased to support the event.

The event is specifically targeted at people thinking of starting a business as well as small business owners and managers to help them:

- Better understand the main regulations that affect them so that they can focus on the main task of running their business;
- Meet experts from a broad range of public bodies in an informal setting; and
- Find out about advice and supports that are available from the public sector.

The half-day event will open at 8.30am. There will be two separate strands running at the same time, with presentations from State bodies in one area and information stands manned by staff from these bodies in a separate area.

'Taking Care of Business' is supported by SFA, Chambers Ireland, ISME, RGDATA, ACCA, IBEC, IDA, Construction Industry Federation and the Hardware Association of Ireland.

This free initiative of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation will bring together up to 30 State bodies, agencies and units in one location. It will be an excellent opportunity for entrepreneurs, business owners and managers to learn about the broad range of advice and support available. It will also give attendees the chance to communicate with public bodies about business concerns.

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Early booking is strongly advised as there are a limited number of places available. You may register by visiting www.takingcareofbusiness.ie. The website provides full details of the event including the running order for presentations and the full list of bodies attending.

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The State offices, agencies and services represented at the event will be:

- Local Enterprise Offices
- Revenue Commissioners
- Enterprise Ireland
- The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission
- Companies Registration Office
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Food Safety Authority of Ireland
- Health and Safety Authority
- Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement
- Workplace Relations Commission
- Office of Government Procurement
- Department of Social Protection / Intreo
- Data Protection Commissioner
- National Standards Authority of Ireland
- Microfinance Ireland
- Credit Review Office
- Prompt Payment Code
- Personal Injuries Assessment Board
- Science Foundation Ireland
- Skillnets (supporting and working with businesses to address their current and future skill needs)
- The Pensions Authority
- Health Products Regulatory Authority
- Solas/ecollege
- Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland
- Solvit (informal problem-solving network for EU citizens and businesses)
- Patents Office
- IntertradeIreland
- Enterprise Europe Network
- European Commission
- Supporting SMEs online tool (Access to Finance)