Financial Counselling for Small Business Owners

Financial counsellors are skilled professionals who provide assistance, advocacy and information to people experiencing financial difficulty or who have problems with debt. The service is free, independent, confidential and without conflict.

Financial counsellors are employed by not for profit, community agencies and assist individuals, including small business owners.

How can small business owners access financial counselling?

Partners in Wellbeing	A Victorian Government initiative for small business owners, their families and employees. Integrated support services from specialist small business financial counsellors, business advisors and mental wellbeing specialists – serving all areas of Victoria
	Call 1300 375 330 or <u>click here</u> for online chat
	9am – 10pm weekdays and 9am – 5pm weekends
Small Business Debt Helpline	National support line staffed by specialist small business financial counsellors – immediate assistance and referral for ongoing support
	Call 1800 413 828 or <u>click here</u> for online chat
	9am – 5.30pm weekdays
Local financial counselling	In person or phone-based support for sole traders, business partners, personal and family finances and dealing with financial hardship and debt
	Click here to find your nearest service
	For immediate assistance and/or to be connected to your nearest service contact the National Debt Helpline
	Call 1800 007 007 or <u>click here</u> for online chat
	9.30am – 4.30pm weekdays
Rural Financial Counselling	National assistance for primary producers and small rural businesses – serving rural and regional locations
	Call 1800 686 175 or <u>click here</u> to find your nearest service
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