

## FREE Advice and Guidance

### Starting a business

#### We will help you take the first step

- For over thirty years Enterprise First has been providing free, impartial advice and we would love to help you too..
- Our team of accredited advisers are knowledgeable on subjects like preparing a business plan, understanding regulations, legal advice and finance.
- If you want to be your own boss, we can help make it happen! A free impartial no-obligation chat with a business adviser will help you assess what to do next and give your business a better chance of survival.

- Is your idea a viable proposition?

- What weaknesses and threats would there be in your business plan?

- Will you be a sole trader, partnership or limited company?



### Funding for your new or existing business

#### Access to finance:

- **Start-up loan** - if you're looking for finance to start or grow your business, a start-up loan of £500-£25,000 may be just what you need!
- Through our start-up loan service you could receive essential start-up funding as well as a business mentor, with relevant experience, for a full year to help you make best use of your loan.
- **Crowdfunding** - Enterprise First is pleased to offer a dedicated crowdfunding platform for our clients. By working with Crowdfunder UK we have access to the expertise and support of the industry's best experts to ensure that your campaign has the best chance of success.
- **Other loans and grants** - the funding market has changed considerably and we will be happy to guide you through the options that are now available. We also have a good working relationship with the major banks and can help with both your application and business plan.



## FREE resources

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### Business toolkit:

- If you're thinking of starting a business, you'll need to have the paperwork in place, starting with a business plan. Our business advisers can help you translate your idea into a working document that will help you attract and apply for funding, and make sure you have covered all the bases. The template below are all free to download and use and should be a useful starting point!
- You will also find contact details for HMRC and other useful organisations.
- Business plan
- Personal survival budget
- Cash flow
- Profit and loss forecast
- <http://www.enterprisefirst.co.uk/services/business-toolkit>



## Other services

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### We can also help if you need:

- **Business premises** - having launched your business, moving from a home office into a large space can feel like a daunting task but it need not be a risky one! Enterprise First has a number of studio units for rent in Southampton, Paulsgrove, Fareham and Liss. These units are all provided on a short term basis with only one month's notice required, subject to straightforward license agreement. They are ideal for start-ups and growing small businesses as they allow them to grow and contract as necessary
- **Mentoring** - Meeting with a business mentor will give you a chance to discuss your ideas, voice any areas of concern and benefit from the wealth of experience that our business mentors have. We offer this as a free service so if you're looking for a bit of extra help why not get in touch.
- **Bookkeeping and start-up workshops** - we offer a number of informal half- and full-day seminars covering most aspects of starting and running a small business. To see what's coming up, and book your place, please see: <http://www.enterprisefirst.co.uk/services/workshop-training>.



## To find out more, please do get in touch

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