

Help for individuals and businesses affected by the Rena Grounding

HOW WORK AND INCOME CAN SUPPORT EMPLOYERS AND STAFF AFFECTED BY THE RENA GROUNDING

Oil from the grounded container ship Rena has contaminated a large area of sea and coastline in the Bay of Plenty area. Tides and changing winds are spreading the oil both east and west of Tauranga and this is affecting some industries. If you have been affected in some way, Work and Income may be able to help.

For detailed information about the financial support and services we offer, visit our website:

- If you're an employer go to www.workandincome.govt.nz/business
- If you work in fishing, hospitality or tourism and are worried about the effects of this disaster on your job, go to www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals to see what support is available.

You can also talk to us by calling 0800 559 009 or by visiting your nearest Work and Income service centre or Community Link.

Support Services

Work and Income provides support services to businesses and their staff when they're faced with sudden change, such as reduction or loss of business. We can work with employers to identify options for retaining staff during temporary periods of no employment or helping staff find suitable jobs in the event the business is forced to close.

The types of services we offer include:

- advice on options for keeping the business going through tough times
- employment training and job placement
- temporary financial assistance and emergency assistance for staff
- help with CV preparation
- redundancy support.

Whatever your situation, it's better to contact us earlier so we can help you prepare you and your staff for change. We'll keep any information you give us strictly confidential. We respect an employer's right to make decisions about their business and their staff.

Help for people not eligible to receive a main benefit

Some workers may not qualify for a main benefit (such as unemployment benefit) because their partner is working. However, families on a low income may be eligible for some extra help or Working for Families Assistance through Inland Revenue.

For more information

If you would like to find out more information about how we can help visit our website www.workandincome.govt.nz or call us on **0800 559 009**.