



## ABOUT THE SUBSIDY

Pacific Trade Invest New Zealand (PTI NZ) recognises the ongoing, enormous strain faced by exporters in the Blue Pacific due to COVID-19.

The now multi-year pandemic has exposed the risks and vulnerabilities associated with global supply chains and the flow-on effect to Forum Island countries has been strongly felt.

Respondents to the monthly PTI Network Business Monitor Survey indicate that access to finance remains the #1 constant; whereby enterprises need financial injection to keep their businesses afloat.

The Freight Support Programme (FSP) aims to:

- Strengthen business resilience
- Support businesses affected by supply chain constraints
- Enhance business competitiveness in international markets.

PTI NZ's COVID-19 Freight Support Programme offers eligible businesses funding assistance for freight costs for the current year.

Grants of up to a maximum of **NZ\$2,500** per enterprise on a 50/50 cost-share basis will be awarded to successful applicants.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Have a registered business and export licence in one of the Pacific Islands Forum Member Countries\* and actively exporting in 2022, or have forward export orders for 2022.
- Operating for a minimum of one year .
- Provide documentary evidence of freight costs over the past 12 months (eg., bill of lading, air waybills, freight company invoices and/or statements) .
- Provide documentary evidence of the applicant/ business listed in the application form is the name of the company applying for the subsidy.
- Complete application submitted; partial applications must be completed within two weeks of PTI NZ requesting remaining information.

\* Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

Please apply for the 2022 Pacific Freight Assistance Programme. To qualify you should have been in business for at least one year.

## APPLICATIONS CLOSE 19 SEPTEMBER 2022

Successful applicants will be contacted by a PTI NZ representative once all applications have been received and assessed.

### COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Please note: PTI New Zealand is required to report periodically on the impact of its work plans. PTI New Zealand E-Commerce Scholarship recipients may be required to provide information on their businesses and sales generated. No commercially sensitive information will be released without express permission.