

BCEC EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Introduction

This manual is designed to assist you with the smooth planning of your exhibition display. Contained within this document are the BCEC's evacuation procedures, exhibition regulations, a list of available services and links to the BCEC online ordering portal.

All quoted prices are current at the time of printing and subject to change.

All prices listed are inclusive of 10% GST and are in Australian dollars.

Exhibitor Services

BCEC's online exhibitor ordering portal allows exhibitors to order multiple services at the same time and obtain tailored quotes using a secure payment gateway. Event organisers will provide an event-specific link or you can search for your event [here](#).

Please ensure all orders are placed and paid for well in advance to ensure your requirements can be accommodated. Online ordering will close 48 hours prior to start of event.

Tel: +61-7-3308-3134

Email: exhibitorservices@bcec.com.au

Access

For events within the Exhibition Halls:

- Access to the BCEC for Exhibitors and Contractors during build-up and pull-down is via Glenelg Street. The Service Road is a one-way road and is deemed a tow-away zone to ensure a continuous and clear flow of traffic.
- The Entrance to the BCEC Car Park is located at the end of the service road past Exhibition Hall 4.

For events elsewhere in the building:

- Park in Car Parks 1-3, accessible via Merivale Street (Car Park 3 also accessible via Grey Street).
- For BCEC on Merivale events, use the car park lifts to proceed to Foyer level.
- For BCEC on Grey events, exit the car park to Grey St and find the building entrance to your right.
- Concierge trolleys can be borrowed from Information Desks, subject to availability.

Audio Visual

A range of Audio Visual equipment is available to hire from the BCEC.

To submit a quote request please proceed to the online exhibitor ordering portal.

BCEC Event Safety Guidelines

Click [here](#) to view.

Cleaning

Public areas, foyers and exhibition aisles are cleaned and rubbish bins emptied daily by the Centre's cleaning staff.

Individual nightly stand cleaning must be pre-booked using the online exhibitor ordering portal.

Competition and Gaming Regulations

Any competition, trade promotion or art union conducted at or in conjunction with an exhibitors' stand must comply with the Charitable and Non-Profit Gaming Act 1999, Regulations and Rules (Qld).

For more information on conducting a competition, trade promotion or art union, exhibitors should contact the Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation on (07) 3872 0999 A/H (07) 3210 2906 to obtain an information sheet or visit their web site:

Competitions and Trade Promotions: [QLD Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation](#)

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Catering Cards

Catering cards are in-house debit cards for venue services. They can be used to make purchases at food and beverage outlets within the Centre and for sundry items at the Information Desk. A minimum deposit of \$200 is required for issue and catering cards must be returned at the conclusion of the event.

An \$11 charge per card will be applied on cards not returned within 2 working days.

Orders can be placed via the online exhibitor ordering portal.

Emergency First Aid & Medical

In an emergency situation or if first aid is required, please alert a BCEC staff member immediately.

Contact Security on any BCEC fixed phone by pressing '8'.

The nearest Public Hospital Casualty Department is the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Annerley Road South Brisbane - 07-3840-8111.

Evacuation Procedures

In the case of an emergency in the Centre, please stay calm. Please follow the instructions given by BCEC staff, fully trained for an emergency situation and all our Security and Building Services staff are qualified First Aiders.

The Centre has a 2-alarm system, which is as follows:

1st alarm sound.....

BEEP BEEP

This is a stand-by alarm. Do not evacuate the room but be prepared if evacuation becomes necessary.

2nd alarm sound...

WHOO WHOO

This is the evacuation alarm, which is followed by a PA message. This message will tell you what level of evacuation is occurring, for example: a room, floor or the whole building. Please use the nearest exit and do not use the lifts in the event of a fire.

If we do need to evacuate, all exits are clearly marked with exit written in green.

Centre staff will direct you to a Safe Assembly area.

Assembly area is South Bank Institute footpath, which is directly across the road from our bus waiting area in Glenelg Street.

If you do have an emergency while in the Centre, all you have to do to obtain help is to pick up an inhouse telephone and dial "8". Let Security know the details/location of the emergency and they will respond.

Information Desk

Information Desks are located in the Main Foyer and Grey Street Foyer. Services include printing, photocopying and the sale of Exhibitor car park passes and stationery items. For exhibitor services enquiries outside of business hours, please proceed to the Information Desk for assistance.

Internet Access

Casual wireless internet is available at no cost to all visitors of the centre and is designed for web browsing and checking web based email. It is not designed for accessing VPN's or downloading large files. The speed is limited to 256K. The Network name is BCECLINK and requires no password.

Designated internet connections can be arranged with Exhibitor Services via the online exhibitor portal.

Fire Regulations

All materials used in stand construction and decoration must be fire retardant and conform to Local Statutory Building Regulations.

The storage of any flammable liquids or fuel within the Exhibition is not permitted. Motor vehicles or other mechanical appliances displayed within the Exhibition venue must be free of leaks. Fire extinguishers and fire hose reels must at all times be visible and accessible and must not be removed from their correct location.

The use of LPG gas on stands shall comply with regulations available from the Centre and a permit is required.

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Fire Proof Materials

Any materials used in stand construction or for display purposes must conform to the following standards:

- Non-combustible and inherently non-flammable material
- Durable flameproof fabric
- Self-extinguishing plastic
- Plywood, hardwood, pulp board or fibreboard is to be rendered flame-resistant by a process deemed acceptable by fire authorities.

Food & Beverage Sampling

Your event organiser has agreed to the following terms:

Only BCEC Management and its representatives are entitled to (and Hirer will not) bring into or provide or sell in the Event Facilities or the Centre, food and beverages (whether alcoholic or not). However, if the nature of the Event is such as to require it, exhibitors at an Event conducted by the Hirer may distribute food samples to visitors or guests at the Event with the prior written approval of BCEC Management (which will not be unreasonably withheld).

Exhibitors at Food & Beverage related events wishing to provide samples at BCEC must obtain prior approval from the F&B Service Director and/or Executive Chef. Clients without prior approval will not be able to provide samples.

A Food and Beverage Sampling Approval Form should be submitted through the online ordering portal.

Once permission has been granted, the exhibitors must comply with legislative requirements, including acquiring a Temporary Food Stall Licence from Brisbane City Council (BCC). Please note the conditions of supply of liquor is governed by the Qld Liquor Act and regulations.

The sampling activity must be the core business of the exhibitor, either demonstrating a food product or equipment. The sample must be given away free of charge to the patron.

Further:

- Items are those which registered members of the association buy wholesale in the normal conduct of business, or are produced by equipment used in the normal conduct of their business
- Liquid portions should not exceed 30% of what would be considered to be standard serving size.
- Solid food should be no larger than bite size; and
- The exhibitor must be fully self-sufficient in this endeavour, particularly in relation to the Health Regulations on the following page.

Freight

Agility Fairs & Events are our in house freight logistics company and handle all freight at BCEC.

Any freight enquiries should be directed to:

Sebastian Bufalino

Email: agility@bcec.com.au

Telephone: 07-3308-3385 / 0419-612-895

Neither the Organisers, Venue and/or Agility will accept any responsibility for the safety or wellbeing of any items on, or delivered to, the site in the absence of the Exhibitor of his/her agent or contractor.

All deliveries must be addressed with the attached delivery note to assist with the smooth delivery of goods.

Courier Companies should be instructed to pick up left over freight at the conclusion of the event. The Venue and/or Agility will not take responsibility for freight left after this time.

Forklift / Material Handling

Forklifts and drivers are available for hire from Agility Fairs and Events. Charges apply for forklift and driver. This service is available to all exhibitors and must be booked and paid for at least 48 hours prior to event build-up.

Contractors are not permitted to operate BCEC forklifts

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Health Regulations

The following health requirements are applicable for exhibitor's stands from which samples of food or drink are promoted to the public.

A Permit may be required from Brisbane City Council- see [Temporary Food Stall Licence](#)

- Perishable packaged foods are required to be refrigerated.
 - Where unpackaged food is to be given away, openly stored, displayed and handled, the following facilities and services need to be provided: -
 - A hand basin with hot and cold water.
 - A refrigerated display and/or storage cabinet if the food is perishable.
 - Glass or Perspex screens or sneeze guards to protect food from contamination.
 - A washable impervious floor e.g. sheet vinyl.
 - Where serving implements or utensils are used, a separate sink with hot and cold water will be required.
 - Where drainage and water is required, stands must be located with access to the appropriate service pits.
 - All eating and drinking utensils must be disposable (paper cups, plastic spoons, plastic wine glasses) and must not be reused.
 - When food or drink samples are given away for promotional purposes:
 - They must be offered in such a manner as to avoid being handled by the public e.g. Portioned and toothpicks inserted.
 - They should be protected from contamination, for example by the use of trays fitted with plastic covers.
 - Condiments such as sauces and mustards are to be contained in squeeze type dispensers or individual sealed packets.
 - For other than food related exhibitions, cooking of food by Exhibitors is prohibited unless approved by the Centre. Early consultation with the BCEC Management is mandatory.
 - Exhibitors must provide receptacles for rubbish collection. These receptacles must be located in within or near to the stand and the contents shall be disposed of in a manner approved by Centre Management.
 - All stands involved in the presentation of food & beverage must abide by the "Food Hygiene Regulations 1989"
- Please note extra cleaning charges may be imposed for the disposal and cleaning of wet and food waste.

Parking

The Centre provides undercover parking for 1500 vehicles, with direct lift access to the Centre's convention and exhibition facilities. The flat rate for exhibitor parking is \$15.00 per day/per vehicle. To receive this rate please present your exhibitor badge upon exit or pre-purchase your ticket each day at the Information Desk in the Main Foyer.

To arrange bulk pre-paid car parking passes, please contact Exhibitor Services prior to the event.

Post Office

The nearest Post Office is located at 75-77 Russell Street, South Brisbane.

Telephone: 07-3844-6317

Stamps can be purchased and mail sent via the Information Desk.

Rigging

For safety reasons all rigging of overhead banners and signage will be completed by the BCEC and must be pre-arranged with the Centre prior to build up of the Exhibition.

A quote can be arranged with Exhibitor Services via the online exhibitor portal.

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Safety Vests

All Organisers, contractors and exhibitors and their staff must wear safety vests and closed in shoes whilst on the loading dock, service road or in the exhibition hall during the construction, bump in and bump out of events.

Vehicle drivers and offsidors or passengers utilising the service road or dock areas, who intend to exit their vehicle are required to wear a safety vest or approved hi-visibility clothing for safety purposes.

Safety vests can also be purchased from the Information Desk in the Main Foyer or the vending machines located on the Exhibition Hall concourse and Loading Dock entrance at a cost of \$10.

Security

BCEC Security Officers will maintain security throughout the building. Whilst every reasonable precaution is taken, the Organisers and the BCEC accept no responsibility for any loss or damage occurring to persons or property at the exhibition.

Smoking

The BCEC has a "No Smoking" policy within all areas of the Venue. Exhibitors, contractors and their staff are therefore requested not to smoke within the Exhibition Area or loading docks.

Stand Catering

Catering, barista service and on-stand networking functions can be arranged via BCEC's online ordering service. To view options and place an order please click [here](#).

Please note some restrictions may be set by your event organiser.

Stand Construction & Exhibits

1. Cables

Electrical or other cables crossing walkways or public areas at floor level could cause a trip hazard.

Where possible cables should be raised above the walkway. If this is not possible, cables need to be covered with carpet tile, matting or taped with gaffer tape or cable covers.

In high traffic areas changes in floor level should be highlighted with high visibility or yellow/black hazard tape.

2. Demonstration of Equipment

Where an event or exhibition has demonstrations using portable electrical equipment, the Safety Manager must give special approval. Also, extra safety precautions must be taken to protect members of the public. These extra precautions must be complied with at all times or the demonstration will be stopped and a current permit to demonstrate must be held.

3. Electrical Equipment

The BCEC Management reserves the right to request removal from the site of any electrical equipment it deems to be non-compliant or suspect and can call upon internal specialists to assist when necessary.

All portable electrical equipment, appliances and leads used on the BCEC site must be tested and tagged in accordance with Australian Standard 3760 and WH&S Act 2011. Any electrical equipment found not tested will have to be done immediately or removed from the Centre. For safety reasons, double adaptors are not to be used in the Centre.

Where an Exhibition has demonstrations using portable electrical equipment a work permit needs to be submitted to the Safety Department

Any person who suffers an electric shock from any piece of electrical equipment MUST report the incident IMMEDIATELY to the Centre's Security Department by dialling (8) on a wall phone.

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5. Floor Load Weight Limits

All floor areas within the BCEC have specified loading limits per square metre. Any equipment or item to be displayed, or used during an event weighing more than 500 kilograms must be assessed prior to the item or equipment being positioned. A current permit must be held for items over 500 kilograms, and BCEC requires the following information in advance of the commencement of the build:

- The dimensions of the base of the item;
- The gross weight of the item;
- A picture or diagram of the item; and
- Indication on the floor plan where the item is to be located.

6. LPG Gas – Use on Stands

The use of LPG on stands is allowed in the Exhibition Halls if a current permit is held, however the following policies apply:

- All installations carried out in accordance with the relevant statutory acts and regulations
- All appliances must be approved for use in accordance with the relevant acts and regulations
- The quantity of LPG held within a stand is to be limited to that amount reasonably consumed in one day.
- Maximum Cylinder Size = 45kg.
- One cylinder per appliance.
- Centralised cylinders with appliances connected to a reticulation system are not permitted.
- Cylinders must be fitted securely to appliances to prevent the cylinder from falling.
- Cylinders and connections must be protected from damage.
- Control of cylinders must be accessible by the stand but not by the public.
- Each evening at the close of show the LPG must be turned off at the bottle and all cylinders must be removed from the building overnight to designated areas.
- Security and provision of storage facilities at designated areas is the responsibility of the Event Organiser.
- The LPG supply must be connected and disconnected by a certified tradesman.

7. Motor Vehicle Displays

All vehicles must be supplied with a drip-tray. The vehicle keys are to be left with Security Control, unless alternate arrangements have been made with the Event Planning Manager.

All vehicles displayed on a gradient (e.g. one set of wheels on a ramp) are to be locked and no access to be granted unless removing the vehicle from the display. If the display has the vehicle totally off the floor level, chains or straps for added safety must also secure the vehicle.

A Vehicle Display permit is required to display vehicles at BCEC.

8. Temporary Structures

All temporary structures will be professionally designed, structurally sound and will contain reasonable provision for:

- Safety of persons to be accommodated in the event of fire, including means of egress.
- Prevention of fire.
- Suppression of fire.
- Health of persons accommodated.
- All structures over 2.4 metres in height, where persons either staff or guests gather, must be certified by an engineer.
- Patrons must give consideration for wheelchair access to the Stand (Building Code of Australia –

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The reduction of the existing level of fire protection is not permissible. Designers and builders have an obligation to design and construct to these principles and any relevant standards or legislation while meeting the special needs of their client.

Stands over 18sqm where roofing is fitted must have a “Smoke Detection Device” and have a fire extinguisher installed. The recommended material for the roofing is “shark tooth” type material that allows water penetration from sprinklers and fire canon.

Storage

As limited on site storage facilities for packing materials and boxes are available, it is recommended that exhibitors keep packing materials to a minimum.

Exhibitors may not leave boxes and packing material in the Exhibition Display Area during the event.

Venue

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

Cnr Merivale and Glenelg Streets,

South Bank Qld 4101.

Telephone: 07-3308-3000.

[Location and access map](#)

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