**Callaghan Innovation-government assistance for innovative companies**

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We’re a government agency supporting hi-tech businesses in New Zealand.

#### *We provide a single front door to the innovation system for businesses at all stages of their innovation journey – from start-ups to the most experienced R&D performers.*

### **We deliver services to businesses**

We’re a mix of about 300 researchers, engineers, scientists, technologists, designers, entrepreneurs, advisors and administrators delivering self-help and on-demand services and tailored programmes:

#### Access to experts

Connecting businesses with the right advisor, partner, mentor or technology provider. [More](http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/access-experts)

#### Technology and product development

Taking an idea from concept to commercial reality with tailored R&D solutions. [More](http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/technology-and-product-development)

#### Innovation skills

Building skills and capability so businesses are innovation-ready. [More](http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/innovation-skills)

#### Business collaborations

Collaborative projects to reduce R&D costs and share industry knowledge. [More](http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/business-collaborations)

#### Grants

A range of R&D grants to add scale, depth and return to R&D investments. [More](http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/grants)

#### Support for start-ups

##### **Incubators**

**Founder incubators** - providing entrepreneurs with support, networks and investments to build a business. [More](http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/access-experts/incubators-and-accelerators/incubators#toc-1)

**Technology incubators** - facilitating the commercialisation of complex intellectual property sourced from research organisations. [More](http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/access-experts/incubators-and-accelerators/incubators#toc-2)

##### **Accelerators**

**Accelerators** - for early stage ICT and digital start-ups. [More](http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/access-experts/incubators-and-accelerators/accelerators)

#### Pilot plants, facilities and innovation precincts

Providing pilot plant services, state-of-the-art shared facilities and R&D expertise like the [Gracefield Innovation Quarter](http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/technology-and-product-development/gracefield-innovation-quarter) and the [New Zealand Food Innovation Network](http://www.callaghaninnovation.govt.nz/about-us/nzfin).

**Exercise 3.2 Government support for Innovation.**

Use the information to explore the Government help available for Innovation in New Zealand.

Click on the links and watch the short videos.

1. From the Services to Businesses list, choose **one** particular way this could be helpful to a business and assess **why** this will be useful. In your answer think in terms of cost, risk, growth, exports.

1. Look at the information for start-ups. What can an incubator like The Icehouse do for a new business? **Why** is this useful for start-ups but not larger businesses?