



BACK TO WORK

HIRE ME

**AND YOU COULD
BE ELIGIBLE FOR A
BACK TO WORK
PAYMENT**

Did you know that the Queensland Government will support your decision to employ an unemployed jobseeker with a support payment of up to \$20,000?

The Queensland Government is committed to driving increased employment opportunities for unemployed people in regional Queensland and in some areas of South East Queensland.

Employer Support Payments, Apprentice and Trainee Boost and Youth Boost payments are available to employers who hire a previously unemployed Queenslanders who has experienced a minimum period of unemployment directly prior to commencing work with them.

Where is Back to Work available?

An eligible job must be mainly located in in one of the following areas of regional Queensland:

- Wide Bay Burnett
- North Queensland
- Far North Queensland
- Mackay/Whitsunday
- Central Queensland
- North West Queensland
- South West Queensland

or one of these South East Queensland local government areas:

- Logan
- Scenic Rim
- Ipswich
- Lockyer Valley
- Somerset
- Moreton Bay



What payments are available?

Back to Work gives you the confidence to take on someone new and the opportunity to grow your business.

Available payments include:

- Employer Support Payments of up to \$10,000 for a full-time jobseeker* who has been unemployed between four and 52 weeks (available in Back to Work Regional only). This increases to \$15,000 for full-time jobseekers* who have been unemployed for 52 weeks or more available in Back to Work Regional and Back to Work SEQ.
- Apprentice and Trainee Boost payments of up to \$20,000 are available for employers who hire an eligible full-time* apprentice or trainee who has been unemployed for a minimum of four weeks.
- Youth Boost payments of up to \$20,000 for employing a full-time* young jobseeker aged between 15-24 years who has been unemployed for a minimum of four weeks.

An eligible job must be:

- Mainly located in regional Queensland or eligible local government areas in South East Queensland
- Ongoing paid full-time (at least 35 hours per week on average) or
- Ongoing paid part-time (at least 20 hours per week on average) or
- For a person with a disability working between 8 and 20 hours per week, hours consistent with their approved benchmark, on average.

Ineligible apprenticeships or traineeships include:

- a current school-based apprenticeship or traineeship
- an apprenticeship or traineeship which is funded through the Queensland Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work program.

* Eligible part-time jobs attract 75 per cent of the full support payment.

For full details, please refer to the Back to Work – Guidelines for Funding.

What do you need to know?

- All employers who hire an eligible employee in a job in regional Queensland or eligible local government areas in South East Queensland can apply, except for government entities including local, State and Commonwealth government, government owned corporations and statutory bodies.
- Eligibility criteria apply. Employers will need to ensure that their business, the job being offered, and the jobseeker being employed meet the eligibility criteria.
- You can apply for your first payment after four weeks of paid employment.
- From 15 July 2020, each eligible employer (based on their ABN) may claim a maximum of four Back to Work applications. This cap does not apply to applications for employees commencing before 1 July 2017 and does include applications from this date to 14 July 2020. This cap applies to Employer Support Payments and Boost payments and combinations of these payment types. Once a total of four initial applications have been approved, no further initial payment applications will be accepted.
- Applications must be made online through QGrants.

Want to know more?

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Read: [Back to Work Guidelines for Funding](#)

