

BACK TO WORK

South East Queensland

About Back to Work South East Queensland

From 1 July 2017, the Queensland Government's Back to Work South East Queensland program will provide support for employers who hire a long term unemployed or young unemployed jobseeker in the South East Queensland region.

Employer Support and Youth Boost Payments will be available for employers who hire an eligible jobseeker between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018 (subject to the availability of funds).

Where is Back to Work South East Queensland available?

An eligible job must be mainly located in South East Queensland in one of the following local government areas:

- Brisbane
- Redlands
- Logan
- Gold Coast
- Scenic Rim
- Ipswich
- Lockyer Valley
- Somerset
- Moreton Bay
- Sunshine Coast
- Noosa
- Toowoomba

What payments are available?

<p>Employer Support Payment</p> <p>(\$15,000)</p> <p>Jobseeker previously unemployed 52 weeks or more</p>	<p>Payments are made directly to the eligible employer in three parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial payment of \$4,500¹ after 4 weeks of continuous employment and approval of initial payment application• Second payment of \$5,250¹ after 26 weeks of continuous employment and approval of second payment application• Final payment of \$5,250¹ after 52 weeks of continuous employment and approval of the final payment application.
<p>Youth Boost Payment</p> <p>(\$20,000)</p> <p>Jobseeker previously unemployed (minimum 4 weeks) youth aged between 15-24 years</p>	<p>Payments are made directly to the eligible employer in three parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial payment of \$6,000¹ after 4 weeks of continuous employment and approval of initial payment application• Second payment of \$7,000¹ after 26 weeks of continuous employment and approval of second payment application• Final payment of \$7,000¹ after 52 weeks of continuous employment and approval of final payment application.

¹ Figures in table are payments for eligible full-time jobs. Eligible part-time jobs attract 75% of the full support payment.

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Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Employers	Eligible Jobs	Eligible Employees
<p>All employers are eligible except for government entities (local, State and Commonwealth governments and entities including government owned corporations and statutory bodies).</p> <p>Employers must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A good workplace safety and industrial relations record and• A commitment to ongoing employment of the employee.	<p>An eligible job must be:</p> <p>Mainly located in South East Queensland, and must be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ongoing paid full-time employment (at least 35 hours per week) or• ongoing paid part-time employment (at least 20 hours per week (or 8 hours for a person with a disability with an approved work plan)) or• a registered and eligible Queensland full-time or part-time apprenticeship.* <p>* Ineligible apprenticeships include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship• An apprenticeship or traineeship for which the employer is eligible to receive Queensland's Apprentice Trainee Rebate for payroll tax or• An apprenticeship or traineeship which is funded through either the First Start or Work Start programs.	<p>An eligible employee for both payments must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be a resident of Queensland• not have worked for the employer in the previous 12 months and• have commenced work with the employer on or after 1 July 2017 and has worked for at least 4 weeks. <p>In addition, an eligible employee for the Employer Support Payment must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have been unemployed for 52 weeks or more <p>An eligible employee for a Youth Boost Payment must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aged between 15-24 years on the date they commenced employment with you (but can turn 25 during the period of their employment)

Application timeframe

Initial payment applications must be received within 8 weeks of the employee completing 4 weeks of continuous employment with the eligible employer.

Evidence Requirements

Employers will be required to provide evidence documents including payslips, Employee Identification and their Australian Business Number Registration certificate in order to make an application.

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Back to Work Teams

Back to Work Teams including Employer Officers and Jobseeker Officers will be available to support both employers and jobseekers and provide advice about the program.

Employer Officers will be available to assist employers throughout the application process and Jobseeker Officers will work with potential employees to identify the right job for them and what skills and training support they may need to get them there.

Certificate 3 Guarantee Boost

The Certificate 3 Guarantee Boost provides eligible jobseekers with funding for training to help secure local jobs. Training may include “second chance” training for jobseekers or workers who already have a Certificate 3 (or higher) level qualification but need new or updated skills to gain, change or retain employment. Eligibility for the Certificate 3 Guarantee Boost is assessed by Jobseeker Officers.

What do you need to know?

Eligibility criteria apply. Employers will need to ensure that their business, the job that is being offered and the jobseeker that is being recruited to the role meet the program eligibility criteria.

The jobseeker needs to be hired on or after 1 July 2017.

Applications will be capped at five (5) applications per employer.

Applications will be open from 29 July 2017 and must be made online through QGrants.

There are a few simple things that employers can do now to get ready to make an application.

1. Set up a QGrants account at <https://qgrants.osr.qld.gov.au/portal/>
2. If they cannot locate your ABN registration certificate they can apply for a replacement certificate at <https://abr.gov.au/Media-centre/Featured-news/Business,-Super-funds-and-charities/How-to-get-a-copy-of-your-ABN-certificate/>
3. Check that their payslips meet the Fair Work Australia requirements at <https://www.fairwork.gov.au/pay/pay-slips-and-record-keeping/pay-slips>

Further Information

To register your interest and get the latest updates on Back to Work South East Queensland visit:

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