Did you know that the Queensland Government will support your decision to employ an unemployed jobseeker with an Employer Support Payment of up to $15,000?

The Queensland Government is committed to driving increased employment opportunities for unemployed people across regional Queensland. That’s why $305 million has been committed for a range of supports through the Back to Work Regional Employment Package.

Employer Support Payments will be available for employers who hire an eligible jobseeker between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2020 (subject to the availability of funds).

**Where is Back to Work available?**

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

- Wide Bay Burnett
- North Queensland
- Far North Queensland
- Mackay/Whitsunday
- Central Queensland
- North West Queensland
- South West Queensland.
What payments are available?

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

Eligible employees attract a payment of up to $10,000 paid to the employer. This increases to $15,000 for full-time jobseekers* who have been unemployed for 52 weeks or more.

An eligible job must be:

- Mainly located in regional Queensland (excluding 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.

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

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

What do you need to know?

- All employers who hire an eligible employee in a regional Queensland job 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 1 July 2017, each eligible employer may claim a maximum of five Back to Work applications. This cap of five applications applies to Employer Support Payments, Youth Boost Payments and combinations of both payment types. Once a total of five applications have been approved, no further applications can be accepted.

- Applications must be made online through QGrants.

Want to know more?

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