

HIRE ME

**AND YOU COULD
BE ELIGIBLE FOR A
\$15,000 BACK TO
WORK PAYMENT**



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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