



BACK TO WORK

regional employment package

HIRE ME

**AND YOU COULD
BE ELIGIBLE FOR A
\$20,000 BACK TO
WORK PAYMENT**

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

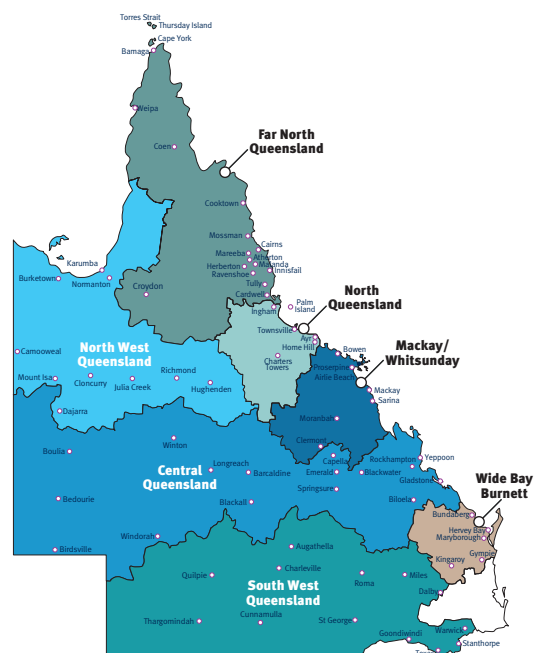
The Queensland Government is committed to driving increased employment opportunities for unemployed people across regional Queensland. That's why \$305 million has been committed for a range of supports through the Back to Work Regional Employment Package.

Youth Boost Payments will be available for employers who hire an eligible jobseeker between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2020 (inclusive).

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.

If eligible employers hire a full-time young jobseeker* aged 15-24 years before 30 June 2020, they may be eligible for the Youth Boost Payment of up to **\$20,000**.

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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Read: **Back to Work Regional Guidelines for Funding**

