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

From 1 July 2018, the Queensland Government’s Back to Work South East Queensland program will provide support for employers who hire a long term-unemployed jobseeker in areas of South East Queensland experiencing labour market challenges.

Employer Support Payments will be available for employers who hire an eligible jobseeker from 1 July 2018.

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:

- 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.

Eligible employees attract a payment of up to $15,000 paid to the employer if an eligible full-time jobseeker* is hired who has previously been unemployed for 52 weeks or more.

An eligible job must be:

- Mainly located in eligible South East Queensland areas (in local government areas listed)
- 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 – South East Queensland Guidelines for Funding.

What do you need to know?

- Eligibility criteria apply. Employers will need to ensure that their business, the job being offered and the jobseeker being employed meet the eligibility criteria.

- The jobseeker needs to be hired on or after 1 July 2018.

- You can apply for your first payment after four weeks of paid employment.

- Each eligible employer may claim a maximum of five Back to Work SEQ applications, including those approved prior to 1 July 2018 combined. This cap applies to SEQ Employer Support Payments, Youth Boost Payments and Mature Aged Worker Boost Payments and combinations of those payment types. Once a total of five initial payment applications have been approved, no further initial payment applications will be accepted.

Want to know more?

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