Did you know that the Queensland Government will support your decision to employ an unemployed jobseeker with a support payment of up to $20,000?

The Queensland Government is committed to driving increased employment opportunities for unemployed people in areas of Queensland experiencing labour market challenges.

Employer Support Payments are available for employers who hire an eligible jobseeker before 30 June 2020 (subject to the availability of funds).

Youth Boost Payments are available for employers who hire a young unemployed jobseeker (aged 15-24 years) before 30 June 2020 (subject to the availability of funds).

Where is Back to Work available?

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

- Wide Bay Burnett
- North Queensland
- Far North Queensland
- Mackay/Whitsunday
- Central Queensland
- North West Queensland
- South West Queensland

or one of these South East Queensland 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.

Employers who hire:

• an eligible employee may qualify for the Employer Support Payment of up to $10,000 (available in Back to Work Regional only). This increases to $15,000 for full-time jobseekers* who have been unemployed for 52 weeks or more.

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

An eligible job must be:

• Mainly located in regional Queensland or eligible local government areas in 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.


What do you need to know?

• All employers who hire an eligible employee in a job in regional Queensland or eligible local government areas in South East Queensland 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 Guidelines for Funding 2018–2020