

Revitalised Back to Work program for Employers

From 1 July 2021, the Back to Work program will provide both financial and non-financial support to Queensland employers and vulnerable job seekers.

Back to Work Incentive payments

Back to Work Incentive Payments will be available to eligible employers who employ a previously unemployed Queenslanders from an eligible group.

Eligible employees for a Back to Work Employer Incentive payment include:

- a young person aged 15-24
- an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person
- a person with disability
- a long-term unemployed person (previously unemployed for 52 weeks).

Employers will have access to two support payments:

- Youth Boost (\$20,000): To hire a job seeker aged 15-24 who was previously unemployed for a minimum of eight weeks.
- Back to Work Support Payment (\$15,000): To hire a job seeker from the identified targeted groups previously unemployed for a minimum of eight weeks.*

*Other eligibility criteria applies.

Application cap reset

The application cap on employers will be reset to zero from 1 July 2021. This means an eligible employer may make a further four applications under the revitalised Back to Work program. This will be subject to program eligibility.

Small Business Support Pool

Under the revitalised Back to Work program, there is a stronger focus on supporting employers to keep or retain their employees on a long-term basis.

The new Small Business Support Pool is available to small business employers who have been approved for a Back to Work Incentive Payment and need assistance to support and retain their employees.

Eligible employers can access a \$2,000 payment to support employee retention.

On the ground, local support for employers and job seekers

The Back to Work program has teams based throughout Queensland who can provide local support to employers and job seekers.

Back to Work Employer Officers work with employers who are considering employing local job seekers.

Back to Work Jobseeker Officers work with job seekers or those at risk of losing their jobs, providing independent advice and access to services and support that may be of assistance.

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