



**Did you know the Queensland Government will support your business to hire a new employee with a payment of up to \$20,000? This payment is being provided to increase opportunities for previously unemployed Queenslanders with a disability.**

The Queensland Government is committed to driving increased employment opportunities for unemployed Queenslanders who face disadvantage in the labour market in regional Queensland and select areas of South East Queensland.

### **Where is Back to Work available?**

An eligible job must be located in regional Queensland and/or select South East Queensland local government areas.

Regional Queensland areas:

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

South East Queensland local government areas:

- Ipswich
- Lockyer Valley
- Logan
- Moreton Bay
- Scenic Rim
- Somerset.

## Support Payment for employing someone with a disability

Back to Work gives you the confidence to take on someone new and provides the opportunity to grow your business.

Employers may be eligible for a Back to Work Support Payment of up to \$15,000 for a full-time job seeker\* who has been unemployed a minimum of eight weeks and who identifies as having a disability. This may increase to \$20,000 if the eligible jobseeker is aged between 15–24.

This may include, but is not restricted to, people who have a long-term physical, mental, cognitive, intellectual or sensory impairments.

An eligible job must be:

- located in regional Queensland and/or eligible local government areas in South East Queensland
- a secure role:
  - 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 payment.

For full details, see the Back to Work Employer Incentives Guidelines for Funding.

## What do you need to know?

- All employers who hire an eligible employee in a job in regional Queensland and/or eligible local government areas in South East Queensland may apply excluding government and government owned entities.
- Employers will need to ensure that their business, the job being offered and the job seeker being employed meet the Back to Work eligibility criteria.
- First payments are available after your Back to Work supported employee completes four weeks of continuous paid employment.
- From 1 July 2021, each eligible employer may enter into a maximum of four Back to Work agreements. This cap does not include agreements for employees who started employment prior to 1 July 2021.
- Applications must be made online through QGrants and must be submitted by the employer.

## Want to know more?

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