

The logo for the Local Jobs Program features the word "Local" in blue with a green location pin icon over the 'o', "Jobs" in blue, and "Program" in a larger, bold, grey font. A thin horizontal line is positioned below the word "Program".

Local Jobs
Program

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The Local Jobs Program

Overview
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Presentation overview

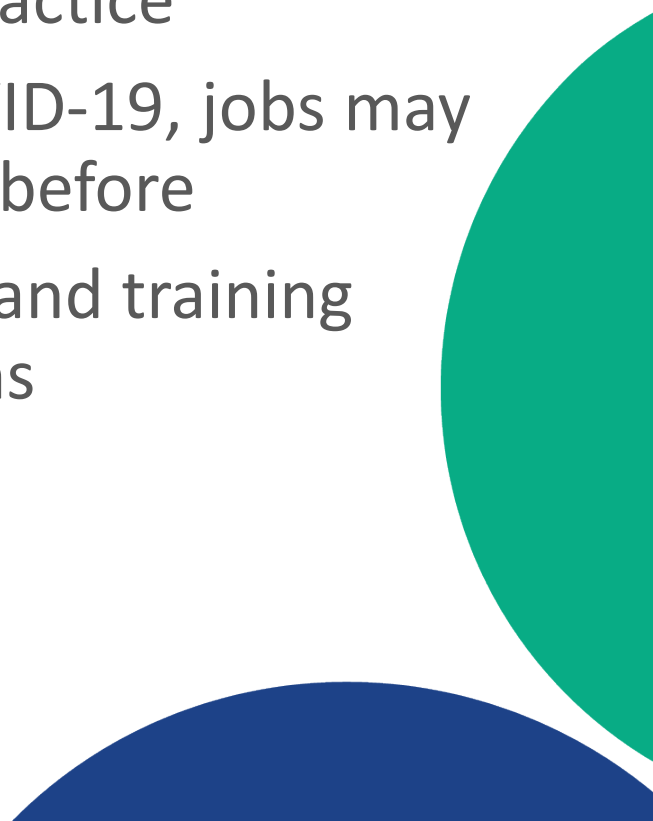
- Program objectives
- Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce
- Local Recovery Fund
- Local Jobs Plan
- National Funding Pool
- Other programs and services



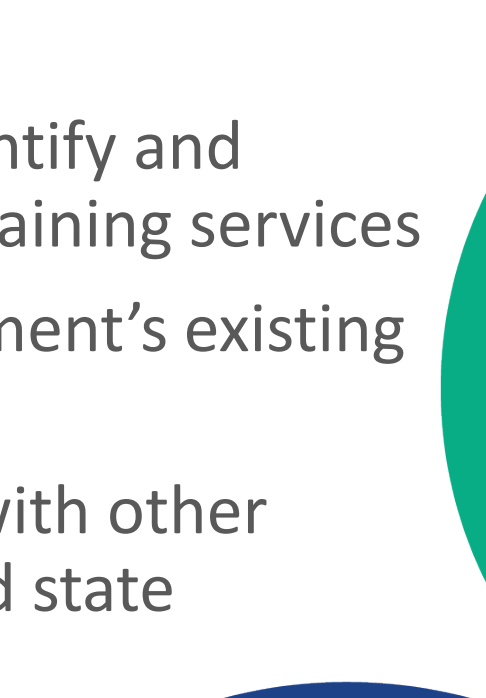
The Local Jobs Program

- Supporting economic recovery from COVID-19
 - \$276.3 million initiative
 - Initial 25 Employment Regions – with an expansion to all 51 regions from 1 July 2021
 - Runs until 30 June 2025
 - Key elements:
 - Employment Facilitators
 - Local Jobs and Skills Taskforces
 - Local Jobs Plans
 - Local Recovery Funds
 - National Priority Funding Pool (from 1 July 2021)
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Local support for upskilling, reskilling and job opportunities

- Place-based program drawing on local experience, evidence, collaboration and best practice
 - As the economy recovers from COVID-19, jobs may look different to those that existed before
 - Identification of local employment and training priorities and tailored local solutions
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Program objectives

- Minimise time out of work or training for job seekers
 - Connect the greatest number of people to training and/or employment opportunities to meet local labour market needs
 - Support local decision makers to identify and leverage existing employment and training services
 - Enhance coordination of the department's existing range of place-based initiatives
 - Enhance coordination and linkages with other Australian Government priorities and state government programs
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Local Jobs Program Employment Region coverage



Local Jobs Plan Murray Riverina

Local Jobs Plan outlines four priorities including:

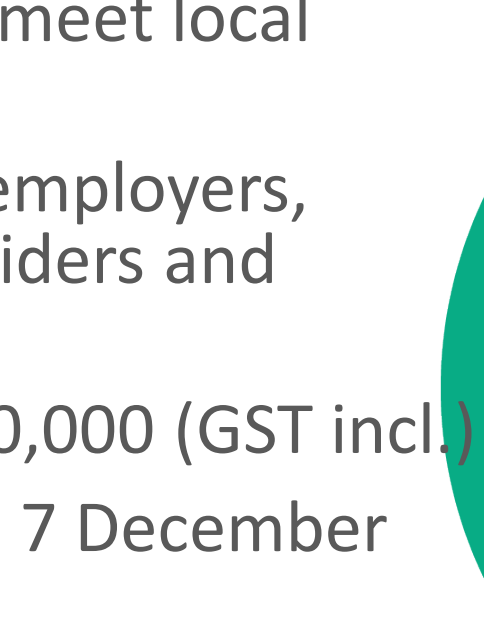
1. BOOST LOCAL WORKFORCE AND APPRENTICESHIPS

2. CREATE EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS INTO GROWTH INDUSTRIES


3. SUPPORT MIGRANT AND REFUGEE JOBSEEKERS INTO TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

4. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIGENOUS JOB SEEKERS


Local Recovery Fund

- Development of projects that meet the four priorities identified in the Local Jobs Plan.
 - Projects to meet employment and training priorities to prepare job seekers to meet local employment demand.
 - Applications can be received from employers, employment services, training providers and community sector support
 - Funding between \$10,000 and \$200,000 (GST incl.)
 - Current Open Tender – closing date 7 December 2021.
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Local Jobs and Skills Taskforces

- The Taskforce is comprised of 10 members with representation from local stakeholders such as employers, education, employment service providers, and local and state governments
 - Work collaboratively to develop solutions to get people back into work or training as quickly as possible
 - Identify key employment and training priorities and provide a framework for driving employment outcomes
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National Priority Fund

- \$50 million over four years to 2025
 - To fund initiatives that help address structural and other barriers to employment and complement job creation.
 - Respondents must be a registered Australian company (Cth & State Gov. are ineligible).
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Wage Subsidies

Wage subsidies up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) may be available to Australian businesses hiring employment services participants in ongoing jobs. Employment services providers determine if a wage subsidy is offered and will enter into an agreement with the employer to make payments over six months.

Wage Subsidy ¹	What are the eligible age ranges?	How much can employers receive? (GST inc)	Indigenous Australian participants?
Restart ²	50 years of age and over	Up to \$10,000	 <p>Job seekers may be eligible to attract a wage subsidy 6 months after commencing in employment services.</p> <p>Indigenous Australians may get immediate access to wage subsidies of up to \$10,000 if all eligibility requirements are met.</p>
Youth Bonus	15 to 24 years of age	Up to \$10,000 or \$6,500	
Youth	25 to 29 years of age	Up to \$6,500	
Parents	Any age	Up to \$6,500	
Long Term Unemployed	Any age	Up to \$6,500	

¹ Wage Subsidies are available to eligible Participants in Jobactive, Transition to Work (TtW) and ParentsNext Intensive Stream.
² The Restart Wage Subsidy is also available to Participants in the Volunteer Online Employment Services Trial (VOEST), Disability Employment Services (DES) and the Community Development Programme (CDP).

Placement details

All wage subsidy placements must average at least 20 hours per week over the 26 week wage subsidy period to be ongoing.

All wage subsidy agreements must be approved in the Department's IT System no later than 84 days from the employee's start date.

Employment must also comply with National Employment Standards.



Jobs can be full time, part time or casual.



Apprenticeships and traineeships may be eligible to attract a Wage Subsidy.

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