

**Available funding for employers and employees**  
(Qualifications, business growth and employment)

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## Qualification and skills (Queensland Government funding)

Program	Summary	Links
<b>Certificate 3 Guarantee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsidised training to support individuals to complete their first post-school certificate III qualification. The <a href="#">Priority Skills List</a> identifies the qualifications and skill sets that attract a government subsidy.</li> <li>The subsidy varies based on investment priority or importance of the training. Higher subsidies will be paid to support some students (e.g. disadvantaged learners) and training undertaken in country/remote locations.</li> <li>Participants can be job seekers, Year 12 graduates or existing workers on full-time, part-time or casual basis who meet eligibility requirements.</li> </ul>	<p>Certificate 3 Guarantee <a href="http://desbt.qld.gov.au">desbt.qld.gov.au</a></p> <p>Priority Skills List <a href="http://www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au">www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au</a></p>
<b>Higher Level Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsidised training in selected certificate IV, diploma, advanced diploma and priority skill set qualifications critical to productivity within the workplace</li> <li>The <a href="#">Priority Skills List</a> identifies the qualifications and skill sets that attract a government subsidy.</li> <li>The subsidy varies based on investment priority or importance of the training. Higher subsidies will be paid to support some students (e.g. disadvantaged learners) and training undertaken in country/remote locations.</li> <li>Participants can be job seekers, Year 12 graduates or existing workers on full-time, part-time or casual basis who meet eligibility requirements.</li> </ul>	<p>Higher Level Skills <a href="http://desbt.qld.gov.au">desbt.qld.gov.au</a></p> <p>Priority Skills List <a href="http://www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au">www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au</a></p>
<b>Apprenticeship and Traineeship User Choice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a public funding contribution towards the cost of training and assessment services for eligible Queensland apprentices and trainees.</li> <li>Funding available for accredited, entry level training for careers in driving, rail driving, warehousing, furniture removal and maritime.</li> <li>Works in conjunction with the Commonwealth Australian Apprenticeships System.</li> </ul>	<p>User Choice Program <a href="http://desbt.qld.gov.au/training">desbt.qld.gov.au/training</a></p> <p>Qualification and price list <a href="http://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers">desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers</a></p>
<b>Free TAFE for Year 12 graduates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for Year 12 graduates to enrol and start an apprenticeship, traineeship or training with an approved training provider in a high priority qualification.</li> <li>To be eligible, the student must have completed Year 12 in Queensland and start an apprenticeship or traineeship by 31 December the year after graduating.</li> </ul>	<p>Free TAFE for Year 12 <a href="http://desbt.qld.gov.au/training">desbt.qld.gov.au/training</a></p> <p>TAFE Information Line 1300 369 935</p>

<b>VET in Schools (VETiS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides funding for high school students to undertake a nationally recognised VET qualification with a supervising RTO while still at school.</li> <li>• Students undertaking VETiS funded by the VET investment budget can complete one employment stream qualification at the Certificate I or II level.</li> <li>• VETiS qualifications are identified on the <a href="#">Priority Skills List</a> and include training in aviation, logistics, maritime, rail and warehousing.</li> </ul>	Vet in Schools <a href="http://desbt.qld.gov.au/training">desbt.qld.gov.au/training</a>  Priority Skills List <a href="http://www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au">www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au</a>
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<b>VET Student Loans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assists eligible students to pay tuition fees for approved higher-level (diploma and above) vocational education and training (VET) courses.</li> <li>• Previously known as VET FEE-HELP scheme.</li> </ul>	VET Student Loans <a href="http://www.education.gov.au/vet-student-loans">www.education.gov.au/vet-student-loans</a>  HELP Student Enquiry Information Line 1800 020 108

## Business growth assistance (Queensland Government funding)

Program	Summary	Links
<b>Advance Queensland Business Development Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment grants available for private sector businesses commercialising an area in research or an innovative idea, product or service and require initial, early stage or follow-on investment.</li> <li>• Applications are processed individually at the time of submission.</li> </ul>	Business Development Fund <a href="http://advance.qld.gov.au/entrepreneurs-and-startups">advance.qld.gov.au/entrepreneurs-and-startups</a>  Advance Queensland Information Line 13 QGOV (13 74 68)
<b>Advance Queensland Innovate Queensland Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program supports small to medium sized enterprises to grow through a range of capacity building workshops, webinars and collaborations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ reduce innovation development costs</li> <li>○ integrate innovation into existing enterprises</li> <li>○ reduce the time lags from idea to income</li> <li>○ optimise research and development capability and linkages</li> <li>○ better target market needs and increase market uptake.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Innovate Queensland <a href="http://advance.qld.gov.au/entrepreneurs-and-startups">advance.qld.gov.au/entrepreneurs-and-startups</a>  Advance Queensland Information Line 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

<b>Business Queensland Business Growth Fund Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding of up to \$50,000 (excluding GST) for eligible businesses to purchase and implement highly specialised equipment or services and enable them to move to the next stage of growth.</li> <li>• Successful applicants must provide a co-contribution of between 25-50% of the total project cost (government contribution determined by an assessment panel).</li> <li>• Equipment/services may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ advanced logistic systems and equipment</li> <li>○ engaging business consultants or advisors to provide advice (for example, on business structures and governance, systems improvement, export and commercial negotiations)</li> <li>○ production equipment to meet otherwise unachievable growth demand.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Business Growth Fund Program <a href="http://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business">www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business</a> Business Queensland Information Line 13 QGOV (13 74 68)
<b>Business Queensland Small Business Entrepreneur Grants Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matched funding of up to \$5000 (excluding GST) to engage a consultant, advisor or business coach for up to three months to help establish or develop the business.</li> <li>• The advice must fall under one or more of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ professional business, tax, computing, legal or financial advice</li> <li>○ mentoring/coaching</li> <li>○ business and strategic planning</li> <li>○ market research and marketing strategies, including branding and social media/digital strategies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Small Business Entrepreneur Grants Program <a href="http://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business">www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business</a> Business Queensland Information Line 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

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<b>Department of Industry, Innovation and Science Entrepreneur's Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Business Management</b></li> <li>- <b>Business Growth Grants</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and services for eligible individuals and business to help drive growth and competition. The program provides advice, matched grants and access to national networks of business, research and market experts.</li> <li>• Business Management consists of 2 elements, business advice and facilitation services to help implement improvements through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ business evaluation</li> <li>○ supply chain facilitation</li> <li>○ growth service</li> <li>○ tourism partnership service.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• You may be eligible for a Business Growth Grant if you have received one of the Business Management services.</li> <li>• Funding between \$2500 and \$20,000, covering up to 50% of eligible costs can be used to engage expertise to implement the recommendations in your Business Management plan.</li> </ul>	Entrepreneur's Program <a href="http://www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs">www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs</a> Business Information Line 13 28 46

## Employer subsidies (Queensland Government funding)

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<b>Back to Work SEQ</b> <b>Back to Work Regional</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides employer support payments for eligible employers who hire an eligible unemployed jobseeker.</li> <li>Available in seven regions and six local government areas in SEQ experiencing significant labour market challenges.</li> <li>Back to Work programs are not a wage subsidy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employer Support payments of up to \$15,000 for a long-term unemployed job seeker</li> </ul> </li> <li>Youth Boost payment of \$20,000 for hiring a young job seeker (aged 15-24 and unemployed for 4 weeks or longer).</li> </ul>	<p>Back to Work Initiative  <a href="http://backtowork.initiatives.qld.gov.au">backtowork.initiatives.qld.gov.au</a></p> <p>Business Queensland Information Line  13 QGOV (13 74 68)</p> <p>Email South East Queensland  <a href="mailto:backtoworkseq@desbt.qld.gov.au">backtoworkseq@desbt.qld.gov.au</a></p> <p>Email Regional  <a href="mailto:backtowork@desbt.qld.gov.au">backtowork@desbt.qld.gov.au</a></p>
<b>Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) - Work Start incentives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SQW is a suite of targeted skills and training programs supporting Queenslanders to gain the skills, qualification and experience needed to enter and stay in the workforce. Employers can access payments for hiring job seekers.</li> <li>For employers <u>not</u> eligible for a Back to Work payment.</li> <li>Work Start incentives are a one-off \$10,000 payment to eligible employers for hiring a new trainee or apprentice who has previously participated in a Skilling Queenslanders for Work project (after a qualifying period).</li> <li>An additional Youth Boost component of \$20,000 is available if the trainee or apprentice is aged 15 to 24 years.</li> </ul>	<p>Skilling Queenslanders for Work  <a href="http://desbt.qld.gov.au/training">desbt.qld.gov.au/training</a></p> <p>Skilling Queenslanders for Work Information Line  1300 369 935</p> <p>Email  <a href="mailto:training@desbt.qld.gov.au">training@desbt.qld.gov.au</a></p>

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<b>Jobactive National Work Experience Programme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employers host job seekers in unpaid work experience placements of up to 25 hours a week over a maximum four week period. Helps participants to gain experience and confidence, while demonstrating skills to potential employers.</li> <li>An incentive payment of \$300 may be available to the business hosting the participant.</li> <li>Employer eligibility and wage subsidy applies for ongoing employment of participant.</li> </ul>	<p>National Work Experience Programme  <a href="http://www.jobs.gov.au">www.jobs.gov.au</a></p> <p>Search for Jobactive Service Providers  <a href="http://jobsearch.gov.au/serviceproviders/search">jobsearch.gov.au/serviceproviders/search</a></p> <p>Employment Services Information Line  13 62 68</p>

<b>Jobactive Transition to Work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program for young people aged 15-21 years on a pre-employment program.</li> <li>• Providers work with employers to ensure young people meet their needs and are supported by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ pre-employment skills for participants that is directly relevant to the needs of local employers and the local labour market</li> <li>○ work experience placement for participants to assess suitability for work</li> <li>○ wage subsidies of up to \$10,000 over six months to help with hiring and training costs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Transition to Work <a href="http://www.employment.gov.au/transition-work">www.employment.gov.au/transition-work</a> Search for a Transition to Work provider: <a href="http://jobsearch.gov.au/serviceproviders/search">jobsearch.gov.au/serviceproviders/search</a> Employer Information Line 13 17 15
<b>Jobactive Restart</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incentive of up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) to encourage businesses to hire and retain mature age employees who are 50 years of age and over. Payments are made by employment service providers to businesses over six months.</li> <li>• Employers can negotiate how often they receive the payments and may be able to receive a kickstart payment of up to 40 per cent of the total amount after four weeks of the job starting.</li> </ul>	Jobactive Restart <a href="http://www.jobs.gov.au/restart">www.jobs.gov.au/restart</a> Employer Information Line 13 17 15
<b>Jobactive Other wage subsidies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wage subsidies are available to encourage employers to hire eligible participants in ongoing jobs by contributing to the initial costs of hiring a new employee.</li> <li>• Up to \$10,000 when you hire an eligible new employee who is either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 15 - 24 years of age</li> <li>○ an Indigenous Australian</li> <li>○ 50 years of age and over.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Up to \$6500 when you hire an eligible new employee who is either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 25 - 29 years of age</li> <li>○ a principal carer parent</li> <li>○ long term unemployed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jobactive information on wage subsidies <a href="http://jobsearch.gov.au/employer-info">jobsearch.gov.au/employer-info</a> Employer Information Line 13 17 15
<b>Launch into Work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job seekers are recruited for pre-employment projects designed to deliver training and skills that meet a participating organisation's employment requirements.</li> <li>• Projects are generally between four to 12 weeks, depending on the needs of the employing organisation with employers committing to hiring suitable job seekers who successfully complete a project (includes apprenticeships and traineeships).</li> <li>• Each project must have a <u>minimum of 10 jobs available</u>. Smaller employers may consider consortium arrangements and appoint a lead employer.</li> <li>• Employers may be eligible for a wage subsidy of up to \$10,000 per job seeker.</li> </ul>	Launch into Work <a href="http://www.employment.gov.au/launch-work-program">www.employment.gov.au/launch-work-program</a> Transport and Logistics Project Profile <a href="#">Launch-Into-Work-Program-Transport</a> For further information <a href="mailto:workforce@employment.gov.au">workforce@employment.gov.au</a>

<p><b>Jobactive Youth Jobs PaTH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employability skills training designed to help young people develop core workplace skills and knowledge which can be tailored to meet business' needs.</li> <li>• PaTH internships available to job seekers aged 17-24 years providing work experience for four to 12 weeks that could lead to employment.</li> <li>• Employers receive \$1000 to help cover the costs of the trial. Interns are not paid by the employer (they receive an extra \$200 per fortnight on top of their normal income support during the period of the internship).</li> <li>• You may be eligible for a wage subsidy of up to \$10,000 if you hire the young person.</li> </ul>	<p>Jobactive Youth Jobs PaTH  <a href="http://jobactive.gov.au/path">jobactive.gov.au/path</a></p> <p>Employer Information Line  13 17 15</p> <p>For more information  <a href="mailto:internships@employment.gov.au">internships@employment.gov.au</a></p>
<p><b>Australian Apprentices Support for Adult Apprentices Assistance for Apprentices with a disability Australian Apprentice Wage Subsidy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Support for Adult Australian Apprentices aims to encourage up-skilling adult workers through apprenticeships. Payments may be made to employers if the apprentice is over 21 years old when starting their apprenticeship and undertaking a Certificate III or IV that leads to an occupation on the <a href="#">National Skills Needs List</a>.</li> <li>• Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support may be payable to an employer who employs an apprentice that satisfies the disability eligibility criteria.</li> <li>• Australian Apprentice Wage Subsidy provides financial support for employers who employ an apprentice undertaking a full-time Certificate III or IV qualification that leads to an occupation on the <a href="#">National Skills Needs List</a> in a regional or rural area.</li> </ul>	<p>Australian Apprentices Website  <a href="http://australianapprenticeships.gov.au/aus-employer-incentives">australianapprenticeships.gov.au/aus-employer-incentives</a></p> <p>National Skills Needs List  <a href="http://australianapprenticeships.gov.au">australianapprenticeships.gov.au</a></p> <p>Apprenticeship Network Provider  <a href="http://australianapprenticeships.gov.au/search">australianapprenticeships.gov.au/search</a></p>

**Please Note:** All programs have eligibility and incentive criteria requirements, please contact the relevant agencies to discuss your specific business needs. For more information, please contact TLI Connect on 07 3066 0785 or email [tli.connect@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:tli.connect@tmr.qld.gov.au).