

Workforce Australia Local Jobs

Workforce Australia Local Jobs (Local Jobs) is a program that supports tailored approaches to accelerate reskilling, upskilling and employment pathways. The program is designed to help address current and future workforce needs of local communities. The program focuses on helping individuals get the skills they need for local jobs.

Every region is different so local knowledge and collaboration is essential for tailoring solutions that are specific to each region. The program brings together key local stakeholders to develop projects that provide individuals with the training and skills that businesses are looking for.

The program is delivered in all 51 Employment Regions across Australia and runs until 30 June 2025. In each Employment Region the program provides:

- an Employment Facilitator
- a Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce
- a Local Jobs Plan
- access to funding for projects that provide training and employment pathways, through a Local Recovery Fund or the National Priority Fund.

Employment Facilitators

Employment Facilitators are on the ground connecting individuals with employment and training opportunities and helping businesses to fill their vacancies. Employment Facilitators understand local workforce challenges and bring together interested stakeholders to develop local solutions.

As part of their role, Employment Facilitators chair their Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce, with key stakeholders in the region. Together they develop a Local Jobs Plan that is tailored to the needs of their local labour market.

A full list of contacts can be found on the [Employment Facilitators](#) webpage.



Local Jobs and Skills Taskforces

Each region has its own Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce.

Taskforce members have specialised expertise and knowledge. Members can include local businesses, employment services providers, education and training providers, community organisations and all levels of government.

Taskforces identify the employment and training priorities in their region. They meet regularly to help develop solutions that move people into work or training and assist businesses to meet their workforce challenges.

Local Jobs Plans

Each Local Jobs Plan identifies labour market challenges and sets out the employment and skills priorities for the region. Local Jobs Plan details how the local Employment Facilitator and key stakeholders will help address local challenges, support individuals in meeting skill and business requirements and support job creation opportunities.

For example, if a region has an ageing population, and high youth unemployment, the Local Jobs Plan could include strategies to train young people to deliver aged care services.

Local Recovery Fund

A Local Recovery Fund is available in each region to support local projects that are aligned to the priorities identified in each region's Local Jobs Plan.

Local Recovery Fund projects might include training and re-skilling opportunities that are relevant to local business needs, professional development, individual mentoring, or employment pathway programs.

For example, a Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce may identify growth industries such as construction and healthcare. In this case, the Employment Facilitator could work with businesses, employment services providers and education and training providers to develop short courses to skill individuals for the jobs in these growth industries.

Employment Facilitators ensure a coordinated approach is used to leverage existing programs and minimise duplication.

National Priority Fund

The National Priority Fund provides funding for initiatives that address structural barriers to employment and support job creation where it is most needed.

Initiatives could include transport solutions to areas of workforce need or work readiness skills and training. Initiatives can also support employer capacity building, such as recruiting and retaining Indigenous, refugee or young job seekers or those with disability.

Funding is not limited to one region and may be an industry or sector wide response.

Want to know more?

Further information on the program is available on the [Local Jobs](#) webpage.