

North Stradbroke Island

Workers Assistance Scheme

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The Queensland Government is committed to supporting Sibelco workers affected by the closure of sand mining on North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) transition into new employment.

Employer wage subsidies

Employer wage subsidies of up to \$10,000 are available for employers who hire an eligible worker affected by the closure of sand mining on North Stradbroke Island.

Businesses who employ a former worker on a permanent, full-time basis (a minimum of 35 hours per week on average) will attract a subsidy of:

- \$10,000 per worker if the permanent position is in South East Queensland
- \$4,000 per worker if the permanent position is in an area outside of South East Queensland.

Businesses who employ a former Sibelco worker on a part-time basis with a minimum of 20 hours per week will attract 75 per cent of the full subsidy (\$7,500 or \$3,000).

Is my business eligible?

To receive the wage subsidy, your business must employ a former Sibelco worker for 20 hours or more per week.

The payment will not be paid for permanent employment of less than 20 hours per week or casual employment.

The subsidy will be paid once the worker has been employed for six months continuously. The six months of continuous permanent employment must be completed and the application for the subsidy submitted for approval by 30 June 2022. This means that the affected worker must be employed before 1 January 2022.

How do I apply?

Employers apply for the employer wage subsidy by completing the application form at desbt.qld.gov.au/employment/transition-programs/north-stradbroke-assistance and submitting it to the Employment Services Manager at nsiwas@desbt.qld.gov.au.

You will need to provide a copy of your ABN certificate, employee identification and payslips for time the employee has been employed with your business.

Contact us:



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