

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

Get Set for Work

What is Get Set for Work?

Get Set for Work is one of eight programs that make up the Queensland Government's successful *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* initiative. The initiative has become permanent with \$80 million each year ongoing to support up to 15,000 Queenslanders into work.

In 2025-26, up to \$7.5 million will be available to organisations to assist up to 1,875 disadvantaged young people transition to the workforce, undertake further education and training, or return to school.

The program aims to provide disengaged young people aged 15–19 years with nationally recognised training, combined with integrated learning support and core skills, so they can successfully transition to employment and/or further education and training.

Get Set for Work is administered by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training (DTET).

Who does it support?

Get Set for Work primarily targets young Queensland residents aged 15-19 years who are ineligible for Australian Government employment services or assistance.

Individuals accessing Australian Government services are eligible if they are disadvantaged and require complementary services, regardless of the length of time they have been unemployed or in receipt of assistance.

Priority will be given to young people who are no longer enrolled and have already left school.

Who can apply for funding?

Not-for-profit community organisations, registered for GST, are eligible for funding.

Applicant organisations must have experience in delivering services in the location in which they are applying and must be able to demonstrate a commitment to access and equity principles, as well as an ability to provide appropriate support services to disengaged youth.

The training and assessment services component of the funded project must be delivered by a registered training organisation (RTO) that has Queensland Government Skills Assure Supplier ([SAS](#)) status.

If an applicant organisation is not a SAS, they will need to partner with one for the project. To search for RTOs with SAS status, visit the [Queensland Skills Gateway](#).

What is funded?

Get Set for Work funds organisations to deliver customised training opportunities which include:

- nationally recognised training delivered in a community-based setting where participants can gain qualifications (including foundation skills) up to certificate III level
- integrated learner support, including career advice, job preparation skills and case management to accompany the delivery of training.

Delivery methods should be tailored to meet individual needs and local circumstances through a range of training-related activities.

Get Set for Work complements the Queensland Government's [Certificate 3 Guarantee](#) program. Under Get Set for Work, every participant is required to be enrolled in nationally recognised training

There is a focus on the eventual attainment of certificate III qualifications, however certain skill sets and lower level qualifications recognised as an appropriate entry level pathway in some industries may be funded.

Training and support plans

A training and support plan is to be developed for each participant and individually tailored for the acquisition of foundation skills embedded in the learning support. The plans must be developed based on an upfront skills assessment and available training options.

Practical learning activities

Practical learning activities to motivate young people and support the delivery of nationally recognised training may include (but not be limited to):

- recreational activities or team building exercises
- adventure based learning
- work experience or volunteering
- workplace or employer visits
- social and community-based activities
- guest or motivational speakers
- learner driver training.

What level of funding is available?

The funding available is for a maximum 12 month term. The level of funding is dependent on the type of project and nature of the training and assistance to be provided, as well as the number of participants targeted by the project.

What is the application process?

Funding for Get Set for Work is available through an open and transparent application process.

There are two funding rounds each financial year.

Details of the opening and closing dates for funding rounds, as well as program guidelines and online application details, can be found at <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/community-orgs/sqw/get-set-for-work>.

Applicant organisations are encouraged to contact their local DTET regional office to discuss their project proposals.

How are applications assessed?

Applications are assessed against set assessment criteria, including the applicant organisation's capacity to manage the proposed project, and the extent to which the project will service community and industry needs. Information on the assessment criteria is available in the Get Set for Work Guidelines for Funding 2025-26.

Applications will be assessed by locally-based SQW Advisory Committees, comprising of representatives from the community, industry, government and unions.

What can project funds be used for?

Project funds can only be expended on costs directly associated with the delivery of the project.

More information is available in the Get Set for Work Guidelines for Funding 2025-26.

Ineligible costs

Some costs such as the purchase of assets, interstate travel and recurrent organisation costs are not eligible for funding under the program. More information is available in the Get Set for Work Guidelines for Funding 2025-26.

What outcomes are expected?

Funded organisations will be required to identify what employment, further education and/or training and return-to-school targets will be achieved throughout the project.

Get Set for Work has standard key performance indicators which organisations are expected to meet or exceed on training completions and the positive post-project outcomes.

What are the funding conditions?

Successful applicants must enter into a formal services agreement with DTET, which will include standard key performance indicators.

A copy of the services agreement, which is performance based and outlines the standard terms and conditions of funding, can be found at <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/community-orgs/sqw/get-set-for-work>.

All projects must be fully acquitted after completion and any unexpended or surplus funds returned to DTET.

More information

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