

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

Programs and support

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training wants to connect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to skills, employment and small business opportunities.

We offer advice and support to help you choose a pathway to your future career.

Support to develop skills

Subsidised training

Subsidised training is where the Queensland Government makes a contribution to the cost of your course. This reduces the cost of study for a wide range of vocational education and training courses offered by training providers.

There are several subsidised training programs including:

- **Certificate 3 Guarantee** – helps you complete first post-school certificate III qualification.
- **Higher Level Skills** – helps you complete first post-school certificate III qualification.
- **Trade Skills Assessment and Gap Training** – If you have experience and are eligible, you can upskill in priority trade areas by having your current skills recognised, as well as complete gap training to assist you in obtaining a trade qualification.

Apprenticeships and traineeships

Combine training and a job through an apprenticeship or traineeship. Whether in a traditional trade or an emerging industry, they are a great way to gain practical work experience while working towards a qualification.

The Queensland Government provides funding to cover the cost of training associated with your apprenticeship or traineeship.

Free tafe for year 12 graduates

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Study 160 tafe courses in high priority areas and kick-start your career by getting the skills employers want without the fees.

Support for jobseekers

Back to Work Jobseeker Officers

We work with jobseekers, or those at risk of losing their jobs, to provide career advice and identify training opportunities to help find a job.

Contact us to discuss eligibility, your individual skills and to find training linked to local jobs.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work

If you are a jobseeker this initiative will help you gain the skills, qualifications and experience to enter and stay in the workforce.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work funds community-based projects that offer support ranging from basic foundation and life skills through to earning new qualifications as well as traineeships offering hands on experience. It also provides incentives for employers who recruit Skilling Queenslanders for Work participants.

Career and course guidance

Employment and Jobs

The Queensland Government provides useful information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including career advice and planning.

qld.gov.au/atsi

Queensland Skills Gateway

Find a training course, training provider, occupation information and check what training is government subsidised.

skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au

Job Outlook

Not sure what industry or job is for you? Job Outlook can help you explore different careers and occupations and includes information on job duties, future jobs growth and likely wages.

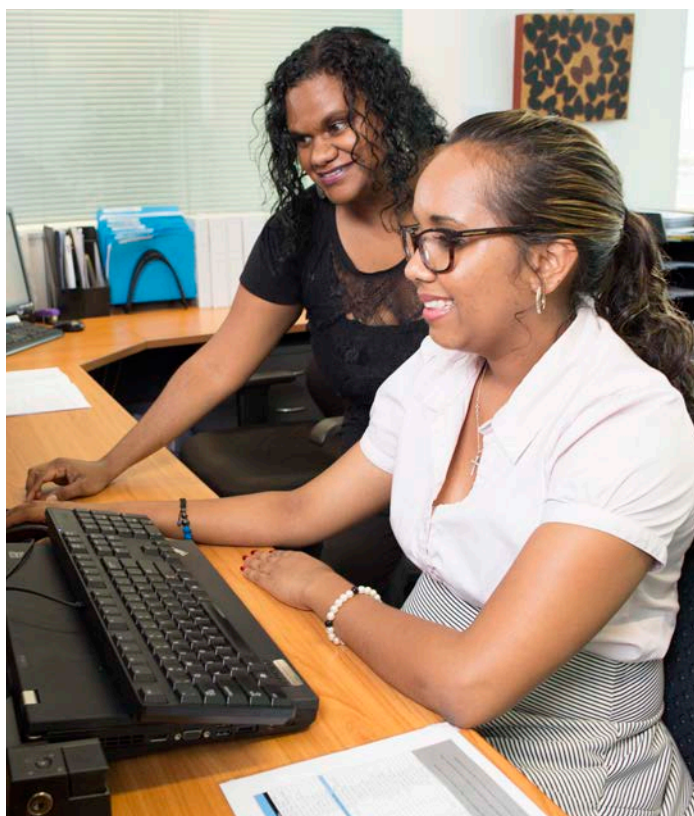
joboutlook.gov.au

VET student loans

Similar to HECS-HELP, this income contingent loan scheme provides loans to eligible diploma or above courses.

education.gov.au/vet-student-loans

desbt.qld.gov.au



Starting and growing your business

Successful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses contribute to thriving communities. We want to help support the development, growth and success of your small business.

Advancing Indigenous Business

Targeted support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business owners and entrepreneurs, to assist with development, growth and continued business success.

Advancing Women in Business

The program encourages more women to start and grow their own business through grants, events, mentoring, partnerships and education.

Business Growth Fund

This program provides funding up to \$50,000 for eligible businesses to purchase and implement highly specialised equipment or services.

Mentoring for Growth

With more than 500 active mentors from a range of industries, including world renowned marketing experts; this is your chance for a face-to-face, 90-minute panel focused on growing your business.

Start a small business

Perhaps this is time to turn your idea into a small business. Our business start-up guide is a comprehensive way to consider the opportunities and challenges of starting a small business.

Small Business Digital Grants

This program assists eligible small businesses to access digital technologies and services with matched funding up to \$10,000.

Support for Indigenous businesses

Find targeted support for Indigenous businesses, including grants, workshops, events, mentoring and networking opportunities.

business.qld.gov.au

All programs have eligibility criteria, see our website for details.

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