



Australian Government



Help to relocate for ongoing work - information for job seekers

What is relocation assistance?

The Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job program helps eligible participants to relocate to take up new work.

If you need to move away from home for an **ongoing job**, you may be able to get financial assistance to help cover the costs of your move.

Am I eligible for relocation assistance for ongoing work?

Job seekers who are participating in employment service programs may be immediately eligible for the Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job program.

How much assistance can I receive?

If you are a job seeker participating in an employment services program and you are relocating to take up **ongoing work of at least 20 hours per week for more than six months**, you may be eligible to receive up to:

- \$3,000 if you relocate to a capital city*
- \$6,000 if you relocate to a regional area
- an extra \$3,000 if you relocate with a dependent.

*relocations between capital cities are only eligible if the destination city has lower unemployment rate.

Up to \$2,000 may also be available for your provider to assist you with the upfront costs of relocating.

Where can I move to?

When you relocate to take up **ongoing work** your new location must:

- be within Australia

- be at least 90 minutes away from where you currently live, based on your normal mode of transport
- not be within the same capital city.

What can I use the assistance for?

Relocation assistance is flexible and can be used for a range of items, such as:

- rent
- travel
- some employment-related expenses.

Your employment services provider will help decide if you can receive assistance as a reimbursement or make payments directly to the supplier. If you are in financial hardship, talk to your provider about upfront payments.

If you are a member of a couple, only one of you is entitled to apply for assistance.

What are my responsibilities?

You must be able to provide evidence that you have received and accepted an offer for an eligible job in an eligible location.

You must sign a relocation assistance agreement with your provider and provide them with the quotes, invoices, and receipts of relocation costs.

Penalties may apply if you leave your job without a valid reason or if you accept relocation assistance but don't commence employment or relocate.

However, penalties do not apply if the you lose your job through no fault of their own, such as through redundancy or business closure.

How do I apply for relocation assistance?

Talk to your local jobactive, Disability Employment Services, ParentsNext, Transition

to Work, or Community Development Program provider.

Want more information?

- Go to www.dese.gov.au/rattuai
- Call the Employment Services Information Line on 13 62 68*
- If you are registered with a jobactive, Disability Employment Services, ParentsNext, Transition to Work, or Community Development Program provider, ask them about eligibility information and what assistance you can receive, or call the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260*.

Do you need help with this fact sheet?

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450* and ask for the Employment Services Information Line on 13 62 68* or the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260*.

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, you can use the National Relay Service. For more information, visit www.relayservice.gov.au.

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