



National Work Experience Programme

Information for Participants

What is the National Work Experience Programme?

The National Work Experience Programme (NWEPP) is a voluntary program that gives you an opportunity to participate in a work experience trial to help you get your foot in the door, show potential employers what you can do, and grow your skills and confidence. It's a great way to make other connections within your local labour market, and if your Activity Host Organisation thinks you are a good fit, you may be offered a job with them at the end of your placement.

"The NWEPP made me feel confident that the job was right for me and I was the right fit for the employer...The NWEPP placement definitely helped me to feel confident about starting the job as I was familiar with the role and people who worked there. I would recommend NWEPP to anyone who is looking to develop their skills and confidence and the very real potential of ongoing employment after completing the placement".

Taneeka, NWEPP participant

Am I eligible?

To be eligible to participate in the NWEPP you must be aged 17 years or over; registered with jobactive, Transition to Work, Disability Employment Services or Enhanced Services in the New Employment Services Trial; receiving an Income Support Payment; and be subject to Mutual Obligation Requirements.

What can I expect?

Your Employment Services Provider (Provider) will work with you and the Activity Host Organisation to document the details of your NWEPP placement, including the tasks, duties, supervision, safety equipment and any training you will receive prior to starting the placement.

You will be placed in a work-like role and perform tasks similar to other employees in the Activity Host Organisation. Your NWEPP placement will provide you with the opportunity to show your skills to a potential employer.

How can the NWEPP help me?

The NWEPP will provide you with practical support to:

- demonstrate your skills and work ethic to a potential employer
- help improve your employability by increasing confidence and resilience in the workplace
- provide you with practical work skills and networks within a workplace
- provide references and relevant, recent industry experience.

“Many employers are seeking reliability, willingness to learn and ‘a can do’ attitude, which is hard to showcase in a resume, but job seekers are able to demonstrate these attributes through participating in an NWEP placement”.

Robyn, MAX Employment.

How long does a NWEP placement go for?

NWEP placements can vary in length but cannot go for longer than four weeks duration, consist of more than 8 hours a day or more than 25 hours work per week.

Do I get paid?

NWEP placements are unpaid, however you will continue to receive income support, and participation will contribute towards your Annual Activity Requirement and Six Month Activity Requirement, where relevant.

In addition to your income support payment you will receive an additional Approved Program of Work Supplement of \$20.80 per fortnight as part of your NWEP placement.

Is my NWEP placement insured?

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment purchases personal accident insurance and public and/or product liability insurance to cover participants while they undertake their placements, including travelling to and from the NWEP placement.

Your Provider can give you further information on the insurance policies and what to do in the event of any accidental injury or damage occurring while participating in your NWEP placement.

Who do I contact if I’m interested in doing NWEP?

If you would like to participate in NWEP, talk to your Provider. If you are not currently registered with one, you can find a Provider at <https://jobsearch.gov.au/serviceproviders>

Want more information?

- Ask your Provider, or you can search for a Provider at: <https://jobsearch.gov.au/serviceproviders>
- Call the Employment Services Information Line on 13 62 68*

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*.

If you are deaf and/or find it hard hearing or speaking with people who use a phone, you can use the National Relay Service. For more information, visit www.relayservice.gov.au.

* Note that call charges apply for calls to ‘13’ numbers from mobile phones