

Funding for Qualifications, Business growth and Employment

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Queensland Government funding for qualifications and skilling

Program Name	Summary	Links
Certificate 3 Guarantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidised training to support individuals to complete their first post-school certificate III qualification (information in the Queensland Training Subsidies List). Participants can be jobseekers, or existing workers on full-time, part-time or casual basis. Subsidy varies based on demand and skills shortage. 	<p>http://www.training.qld.gov.au/employers/funding-incentives/certificate3.html</p> <p>Queensland Training Subsidies List - http://www.training.qld.gov.au/documents-data/strategies-plans-reports/vet-investment-plan/subsidies-list.html</p>
Higher Level Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsidised training in selected Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma and priority skill set qualifications (information in the Queensland Training Subsidies List). Subsidy varies based on demand and skills shortage. Examples: Certificate IV in Transport & Logistics – Heavy Vehicle Driving, Certificate IV in Warehousing operations, Business and Automotive. 	<p>http://www.training.qld.gov.au/employers/funding-incentives/higher-level-skills.html</p> <p>Queensland Training Subsidies List - http://www.training.qld.gov.au/documents-data/strategies-plans-reports/vet-investment-plan/subsidies-list.html</p>
Back to Work Regional Queensland (See website)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employers apply for an Employer Support Payment 4 weeks after an eligible employee starts working on, or after, 1 July 2016 Eligible employees attract a payment of \$10,000, paid to the employer. This increases to \$15,000 for employees who have been unemployed for 52 weeks or more. Eligible part-time jobs between 20 and 34 hours per week on average attract 75% of the full support payment 	<p>https://backtowork.initiatives.qld.gov.au/for-employers/#1467125057895-9e6be83e-da6d</p> <p>Telephone: 13 74 68 Email backtowork@treasury.qld.gov.au</p>
Apprenticeship and Traineeship User Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding available for accredited, entry level training. Traineeships funded under User Choice please check the User Choice 2015 – 2016 Qualification and Price List for the most current information. Examples: Driving, Warehousing, Furniture Removal and Maritime. 	<p>http://www.training.qld.gov.au/training-careers/subsidised-training-incentives/user-choice.html</p> <p>User Choice Qualification and price list - http://www.training.qld.gov.au/training-organisations/funded-programs/user-choice/funded-pricing/index.html</p>

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VET Student Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assists applicants/existing workers studying diploma level and above with tuition fees Subject to the passage of legislation, VET Student Loans will commence on 1 January 2017, replacing the current VET FEE-HELP scheme, which will cease on 31 December 2016. 	<p>http://www.education.gov.au/vet-student-loans</p> <p>For more information email VETStudentLoans@education.gov.au or contact the HELP Student Enquiry line on 1800 020 108.</p>

Queensland Government funding to assist Business Growth

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Advance Queensland Business Development Fund Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment with the private sector for businesses that are commercialising research, an innovative idea or an innovative product or service and require seed, early stage or follow-on investment will create opportunities for new, high value and skilled employment and have a realistic prospect of becoming commercially successful. Application process at any time 	<p>http://advance.qld.gov.au/industry/business-development-fund.aspx</p>
Advance Queensland Innovation Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program supports end-users (industry, small to medium size enterprises, public sector and non-government organisations) to undertake collaborative research projects with research organisations that address an industry or end-user issue. Investment in targeted areas to develop Queensland as a global innovation hub and open gateway markets Areas could include: Sustainability of our physical and digital infrastructure or digitally enabled technologies including robotics 	<p>http://advance.qld.gov.au/industry/innovation-partnerships.aspx</p>

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Industry Skills Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets businesses preparing for growth opportunities that improve productivity and competitiveness or assist industry to adopt new or emerging technologies. • Types of training include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ literacy, numeracy and mentoring for small to medium businesses ○ nationally recognised training, accredited training, tailored training (both accredited and non-accredited), skill sets and full qualifications ○ innovative or tailored training that may not be part of a training package or accredited course ○ training to navigate export barriers and/or access foreign markets. • Industry required to co-contribute to training costs. This is on a sliding scale based on the number of full time equivalent employees. 	http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/Industry-Skills-Fund/Pages/default.aspx
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science Entrepreneurs' Programme Business Growth Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to engage external expertise to help your businesses implement improvements through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ business evaluation ○ supply chain facilitation ○ growth service ○ tourism partnership service. • Reimburses businesses for up to half of the cost of engaging a service provider, to a maximum of \$20,000 (excluding GST). This funding supports business improvement projects that improve the abilities and skills of your business. • Eligibility and criteria for the project applies. 	https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/business-growth-grants

Queensland Government employer subsidies for employing participants in your workforce

Name of provider	Summary	Links
Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) WorkStart Incentive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs to provide people who are under-utilised or under-employed in the labour market and build skills. • Eligible private sector employers with a one-off \$10,000 payment, after a qualifying period, if they employ a participant who has participated in an eligible program and employ them as an apprentice or trainee. • Any participant employed in 2015-16 are eligible for \$2,000. • Employers through a community based organisation can support and participate in local training projects. 	<p>http://www.training.qld.gov.au/employers/funding-incentives/sqw.html</p> <p>List of SQW programs (you will need to click into each program individually)</p> <p>https://training.qld.gov.au/community-orgs/funded/sqw</p> <p>Telephone: Skilling Queenslanders for Work 1300 369 935</p>

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Jobactive National Work Experience Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement of job seekers in real life work experience by helping participants to gain experience and confidence, while demonstrating skills to potential employers. • Employer eligibility and wage subsidy applies for ongoing employment of participant • Employers host job seekers in unpaid work experience placements of up to 25 hours a week over a maximum 4 week period. 	<p>http://www.employment.gov.au/national-work-experience-programme</p> <p>Search for Jobactive provider: https://jobactive.gov.au/</p> <p>Telephone: Employment Services Information on 13 62 68</p>
Jobactive Transition to Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program for young people aged 15-21 years on a pre-employment program. • Providers work with employers to ensure young people meet their needs and are supported by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ pre-employment skills for participants that is directly relevant to the needs of local employers and the local labour market ○ work experience placement for participants to assess suitability for work ○ wage subsidies of up to \$6500 over 12 months to help with work and training costs 	<p>https://jobsearch.gov.au/serviceproviders/search</p> <p>Search for a Transition to Work provider:</p> <p>https://jobsearch.gov.au/serviceproviders/search</p> <p>Telephone: Employer Hotline on 13 17 15</p>

Jobactive Restart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restart is to help employ a person who is 50 years of age or older, been on income support for six months or more, registered with a jobactive or Disability Employment Services or Community Development Programme. • The Restart wage subsidy is a payment of up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) if you employ eligible mature age job seekers for 12 months or more. • \$6,500 (GST inclusive) is payable if the employment is for at least 30 hours per week over 12 months. You can receive a pro-rata wage subsidy starting from \$3,250 (GST inclusive) if you employ an eligible mature age worker for 15–29 hours per week. • Employer and participant eligibility applies. 	<p>http://www.employment.gov.au/restart-help-employ-mature-workers-0</p> <p>Telephone: Employer Hotline on 13 17 15</p> <p>Email: restart@employment.gov.au</p>
Jobactive Other subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Term Unemployed (LTU) subsidy • Youth Wage subsidy • Parents Wage Subsidy • Indigenous Wage Subsidy • Employing people with a disability 	<p>Department of Employment</p> <p>Telephone: 1300 488 064</p> <p>Web: https://www.employment.gov.au/</p>

Please Note: All programs have eligibility and incentive criteria requirements, please contact the relevant agencies to discuss your specific business needs.

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