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Harvest Trail

Relocation assistance to take up short term agricultural work – information for people looking for work

What is relocation assistance?

Relocation Assistance for **short-term Agricultural Work** helps eligible people to relocate to take up agricultural work, including harvest work.

If you need to move away from home to take up **short-term agricultural work** for at least 6 weeks and at least 120 hours of work, you may be able to get financial assistance to help cover the costs of your move.

Am I eligible for relocation assistance?

From 1 November 2020, relocation assistance will be available to people who are at least 18 years of age and who relocate to a regional, remote, or Harvest Trail Services area to take up **short-term agricultural work**.

This includes Australian job seekers; Australians who are not receiving income support such as students and 'grey nomads'; and those with the right to work in Australia such as working holiday makers and international students. This excludes seasonal workers who are in Australia under the Seasonal Worker Programme or Pacific Labour Scheme.

How much assistance can I receive?

Eligible participants could be reimbursed up to:

- \$6,000 if you are an Australian worker
- \$2,000 if you are a visa holder with the right to work in Australia.

Where can I move to?

When you relocate to take up **short-term agricultural work**, your new location in Australia must:

- be at least 90 minutes away from where you currently live, based on your normal mode of transport
- be in one of the 16 Harvest Trail Service areas, or a regional or remote area
- not be within the same capital city or in a metropolitan area.

Who do I contact to access relocation assistance?

- If you receive jobactive, ParentsNext, Disability Employment Services, or NEST enhanced services, please contact your provider.
- People looking for work who are not on income support and are interested in Harvest work can find job opportunities at <https://jobsearch.gov.au/harvest/search>.
- Each job with a Harvest Trail Services logo has a link to the relevant [Harvest Trail Services provider](#) who will be able to help you apply for relocation assistance.
- People looking for non-harvest jobs in agriculture (such as work with livestock or on dairy farms) or for harvest jobs outside of Harvest Areas can call **Harvest Trail Information Service** on **1800 062 332** for assistance.

What can I use the assistance for?

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

- Accommodation costs such as rent, motel, caravan or campsite fees
- Travel costs such as fares, petrol, car hire
- Some employment-related expenses such as safety clothing, uniforms and boots.

A Harvest Trail Services provider or Harvest Trail Information Service provider will help decide if you can receive assistance as a reimbursement, payment

directly to the supplier or where financial hardship is assessed, an upfront payment to cover basic items.

What jobs can I do?

You can get relocation assistance if you relocate to take up **short-term agricultural work**, including:

Harvest Work

- Production of harvest crops, including picking and pollinating
- Planting and preparation for planting of harvest crops
- Propagation of harvest crops, including growing new plants from seeds
- Processing and packing operations for harvest crops and packing shed operations
- Local storage and transportation of harvest crops

Livestock and Dairy Work

- Manufacturing dairy produce from raw material
- Immediate processing of animal products, including shearing, butchery, packing and tanning
- Livestock laboring: feeding, breeding and raising livestock

Where can I find a harvest job?

You can check the Harvest Trail Jobs Board to see available jobs in the horticulture industry in harvest areas across Australia at

<https://jobsearch.gov.au/harvest/search>.

You can contact your local [Harvest Trail Services provider](#) or the Harvest Trail Information Service on 1800 062 332*.

How do I find Harvest Trail Services areas?

Visit www.jobsearch.gov.au/harvest to find out more about Harvest Trail Service areas.

What are my responsibilities?

You must have received and accepted an offer of employment for agricultural work, including harvest work, (with a confirmed job start date and pay and conditions) and entered into an Agreement with your provider before you move to take up the job.

To receive relocation assistance, you will be required to give the following to your provider:

- invoices, receipts or other evidence of valid relocation costs to be reimbursed to you or directly to a supplier
- any other additional evidence, including quotes
- if you are not placed into a job by the provider, a copy of the offer of employment.

How will I receive relocation assistance?

You will have to pay for your relocation costs and will be reimbursed by your provider after completing at least 6 weeks and 120 hours of work.

However, if you are in financial hardship, and not receiving assistance would stop you from being able to relocate, your provider may be able to pay your relocation costs upfront.

Want more information?

- Go to www.jobsearch.gov.au/harvest/workers/relocation-assistance
- Call the Harvest Trail Information Service on 1800 062 332*
- 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 have a hearing or speech impairment, you can use the National Relay Service. For more information, visit www.relayservice.gov.au.

** Note that call charges apply for calls to '13' and '1800' numbers from mobile phones.*