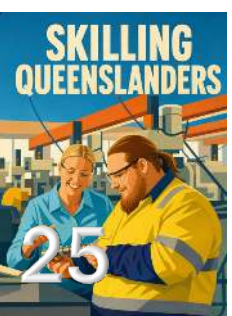
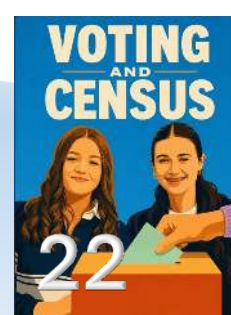
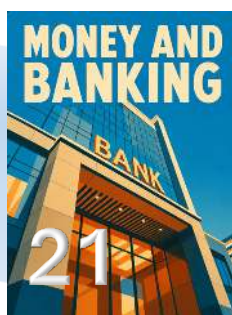
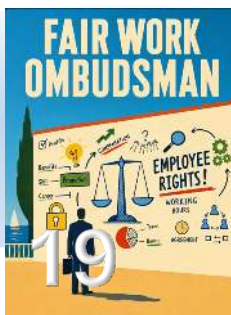
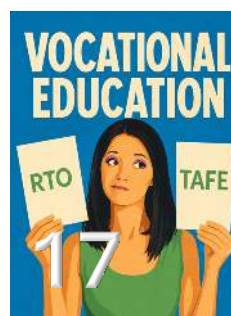
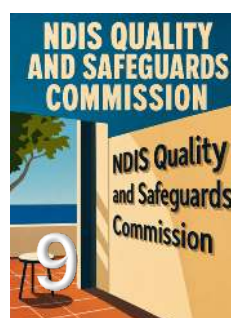
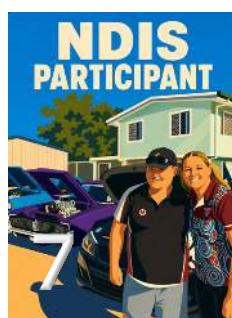
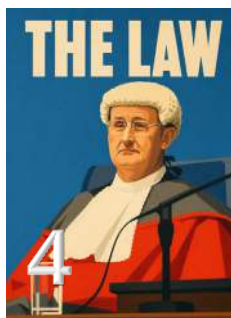


NOW YOU'RE 18

September 2026



**A guide for young
people with disability**





Guide number 2 prepares school leavers with the knowledge, skills and confidence to participate successfully in the community and the economy is essential to securing young people's future and the future of Queensland.

Careful planning and preparation helps ensure a smooth transition into employment, further education, vocational training and life in the community.

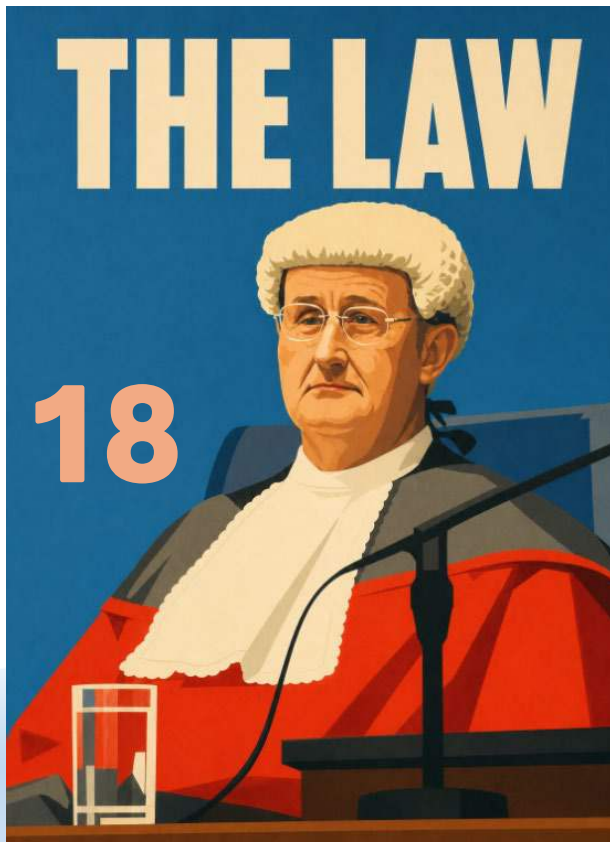
This guide is designed to give young people an overview of the supports available through government agencies and the community. As a live document it contains links to websites, Facebook, Twitter and other online pages.

More than ever, there is a need to empower young men and women living with a disability.

Ensuring that they are informed and prepared will help them seize opportunities at high school and ultimately prepare them for life beyond school in the broader community.

The Guide is well researched and connects students with a range of services and resources that will make a difference to their lives.

Every student should have the opportunity to work towards their heart-felt desires and aspirations – and this Guide is an important step to helping them get there.



At 18 you are now in control of your life. The law says you are an adult and you don't need your parents' permission to do anything.

- you can buy alcohol and go to a public bar
- you can buy cigarettes
- you can be held responsible for any agreement you make (e.g. borrow money, sign any contract)
- you can get married without anyone's permission
- you can get a tattoo
- you can make a valid will
- You can buy a can of spray paint

- you can change your name without anyone's permission
- you can have your genitalia including the nipples pierced
- you can apply for an Australian passport without your parent's consent

Public Places

It is an offence to be drunk, use obscene or insulting language or behaving violently, disorderly or indecently in a public place. It is also an offence to be drunk or disorderly in a licensed place. If you are acting drunk, creating a disturbance or enter without being allowed then the club may ask you to leave. They can use force that is reasonable and necessary if you fail to leave when asked.

Drug Offences

You can be charged with a drug offence if you:

- have possession of a dangerous drug on you, in your pocket or room, in a locker where you have the only key, in a bag that you give to a friend
- have possession of property which police believe is to be used to commit a drug offence.
- supply a dangerous drug
- produce a dangerous drug
- are trafficking a dangerous drug

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT





The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is Australia's national regulatory and funding framework designed to support individuals with permanent and significant disabilities.

Established under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013, the scheme represents a fundamental economic and social reform, shifting disability support from a historical grant-based welfare system to a market-driven, consumer-directed funding model.

In Now you're 16

Core Supports

Designed to assist participants with everyday functional activities

- Assistance with Daily Life
- Consumables
- Assistance with Social, Economic, and Community Participation
- Transport

Capital Supports

Fixed-purpose funding earmarked for equipment, technology, and physical structural modifications.

- Assistive Technology
- Home Modifications
- Vehicle Modifications

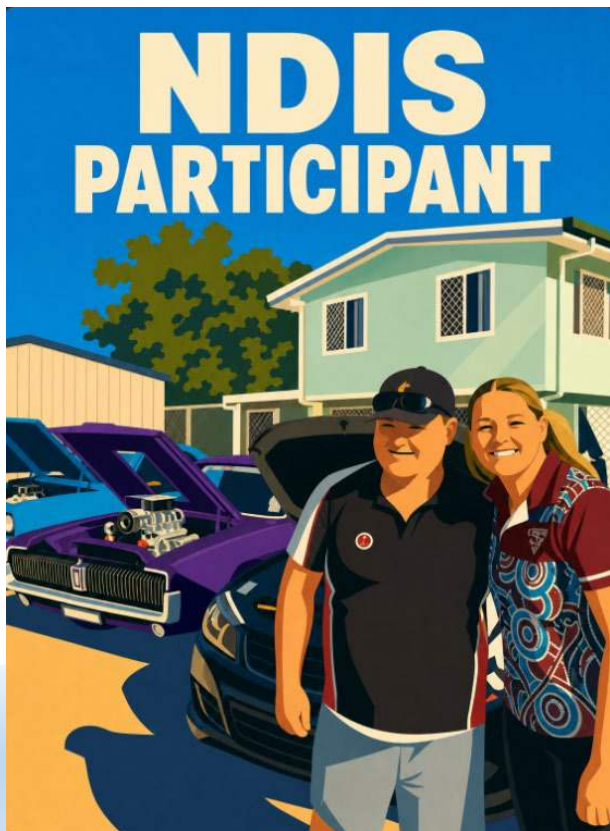
Capacity Building

Includes Improved Daily Living; Improved Living Arrangements; Increased Social and Community Participation; Finding and keeping a job; Improved Relationships and Support Coordination and Plan Management.

Further Information

 1800 800 110

www.ndis.gov.au



The NDIS is Australia's first national scheme for people with disability. It provides funding directly to individuals called participants.

An NDIS participant receives individualised, flexible funding and community connections to buy services, equipment, and items that are deemed "reasonable and necessary" to manage their disability, build independence, and achieve their goals.

This funding is divided into 4 main budget types, which cover 37 specific support categories.

What the NDIS Cannot Provide

NDIS funds must explicitly align with the participant's disability needs. It explicitly excludes:

- General, day-to-day living costs that everyone faces e.g. groceries
- The basic cost of activities (e.g., standard gym memberships, concert tickets).
- Supports better funded by other public systems, like Medicare, public hospitals, or the school system.



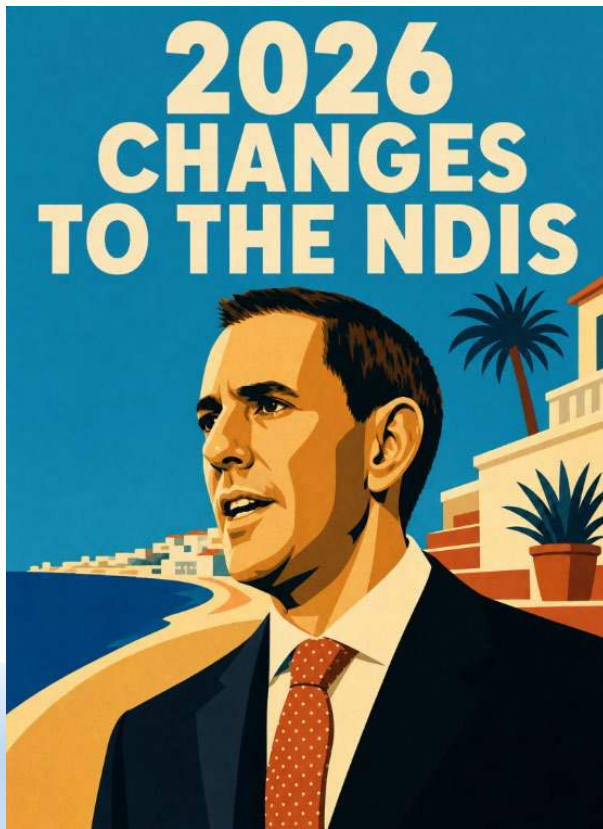
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- NDIS Worker Screening
- Support Coordination
- Plan Management

Further Information

☎ 1800 183 690

www.workerscreening.qld.gov.au



The focus of this Budget is slowing the growth of the NDIS by making major cuts to spending and bringing down the number of participants by 160,000 people.

With more than 1 in 2 (52%) participants aged under 18, this may significantly impact how and where children and young people access supports.

Reducing funding for the NDIS will happen by limiting who is eligible for the Scheme and unscheduled plan reviews, reducing social and community participation funding, and targeting fraud.

The NDIA will deliver a new payment system, a Fraud Fusion Taskforce, New Framework Planning, and mandatory registration of high-risk NDIS providers. It includes funding to support NDIS reform consultation and implementation, and for the NDIS Appeals program.

Community Participation

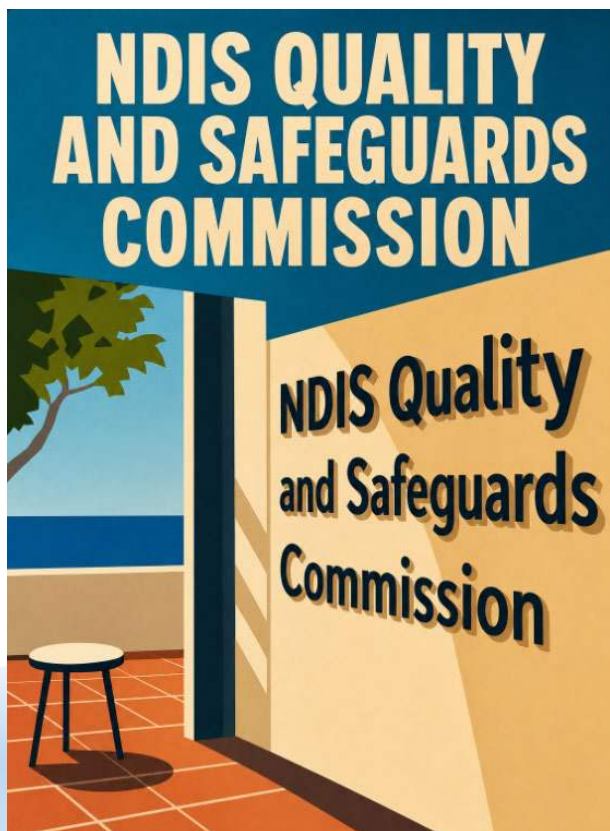
A new Inclusive Communities Fund to support community organisations to deliver group-based social and community participation activities and individual capacity building support for NDIS participants. However, overall, funding for social and community participation is decreasing in this Budget.

Thriving Kids

The program is meant to be an alternative to the NDIS for some children with developmental delay and autism under nine. States and territories will begin to roll out these supports from October 2026 and includes a Medicare-funded three-year-old health assessment.

Safety

Funding the National Office for Child Safety (NOCS), to strengthen responses to child sexual abuse.



The NDIS Commission works with NDIS participants, NDIS providers and the community to uphold the rights of people with disability and build the capacity of providers to deliver safe and quality services and supports.

The NDIS Commission operates a nationally consistent system to safeguard the rights of NDIS participants and will achieve this by working with people with disability, providers and the community.

It's OK to complain – speaking up can help to improve services for you and other people.

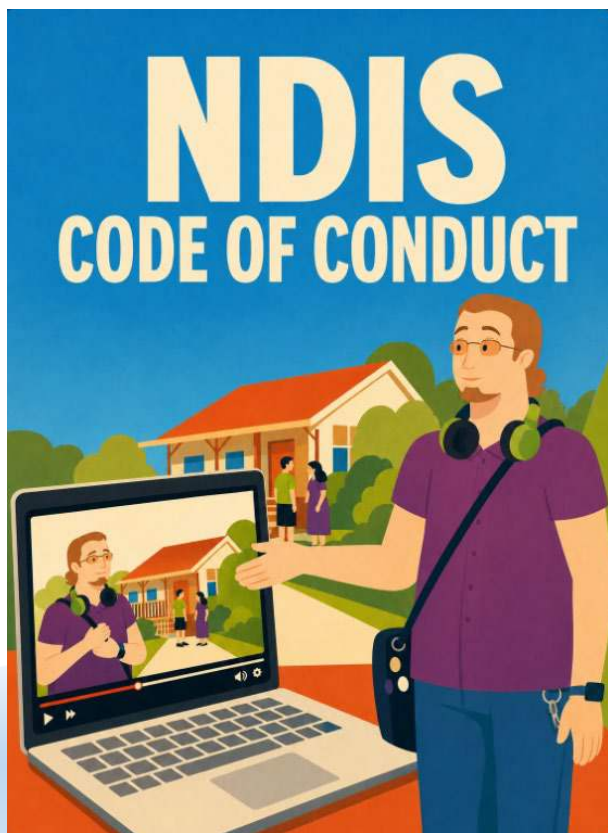
NDIS Commission is responsible for:

- registration and regulation of NDIS providers, including through the new NDIS Practice Standards and an NDIS Code of Conduct
- Compliance monitoring, investigation and enforcement action
- Responding to concerns, complaints and reportable incidents, including abuse and neglect of a person with disability
- National oversight of behaviour support, including monitoring the use of restrictive practices within the NDIS with the aim of reducing and eliminating such practices
- Leading the work with states and territories to design and implement nationally consistent NDIS worker screening
- Facilitating information sharing arrangements with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), State and Territory and other Commonwealth regulatory bodies.

Further Information

 1800 035 554

www.ndiscommission.gov.au



The NDIS Code of Conduct is a mandatory national standard under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Rules that applies to all registered and unregistered providers and workers to ensure safe, ethical service delivery and protect participant rights.

The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission investigates breaches and can enforce penalties including banning orders, civil financial penalties, or referrals to police and the Federal Court.

The Code of Conduct requires workers and providers who deliver NDIS supports to:

- Act with respect for individual rights to freedom of expression, self-determination and decision-making in accordance with applicable laws and conventions
- Respect the privacy of people with disability
- Provide supports and services in a safe and competent manner, with care and skill
- Act with integrity, honesty and transparency
- Promptly take steps to raise and act on concerns about matters that may impact the quality and safety of supports and services provided to people with disability
- Take all reasonable steps to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against, and exploitation, neglect and abuse of, people with disability
- Take all reasonable steps to prevent and respond to sexual misconduct

Further Information

 1800 800 110

www.ndis.gov.au



- You must not allow someone else to sign-in or use your myID account.
- You must keep your myID password, myID PIN and your selected secret questions and answers safe. Do not share these details with anyone else.
- You can choose to receive myID Inbox message notifications via myID app from the Apple Store or Google Play, SMS or by email.

You must have an email address that is not shared by another person to open a myID account.

myID is a secure way to access government services online with one login and one password.

myID Inbox will keep your letters, statements and messages safe, secure and in the one place.

- You can update your address and contact details in your myID account and your changes will also be made with your linked member services.
- You are responsible for your myID account and making sure only you can access it.

Your information
is **controlled by you**
and **protected** by the
Australian Government

In Now You're 16

- myID Digital App
- myGov

Further Information

 13 23 07 Helpdesk

 1300 169 468

www.myid.gov.au



Centrelink is a Australian Government master program delivered by Services Australia. It provides financial social security payments and services to Australians experiencing various life transitions, economic hardships, or specific circumstances.

Essentially, Centrelink acts as the main gateway for government welfare and support payments.

Centrelink will give you a Customer Reference Number (CRN) when you get payments and services from them.

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- Express Plus App
- Disability Support Pension
- Medical Rules
- Non-medical Rules
- Youth Disability Supplement
- Program of Support
- Disability Employment Services
- Youth Allowance
- Mobility Allowance
- Centrepay
- Financial Information Service
- Crisis Payment
- Sickness Allowance
- Special Disability Trusts
- Payment and Service Finder

Disability Gateway

The Disability Gateway has information and services to help people with disability, their family, friends and carers, to find the support they need in Australia.

Further Information

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/disability-support-pension>

Other Services

Core Support Categories

Students and Job Seekers

Financial help while looking for work, studying, or undertaking an apprenticeship (e.g., Youth Allowance, JobSeeker Payment, Austudy).

Families and Parents

Assistance with the costs of raising children, childcare, and parental leave (e.g. Family Tax Benefit, Child Care Subsidy, Parental Leave).

Older Australians

Income support and concession cards for retirees (e.g., Age Pension, Seniors Health Card).

People with Disability

Financial support for individuals with a permanent physical, intellectual, or psychiatric condition, as well as those who care for them.

Crisis and Special Circumstances

One-off or short-term emergency payments for those affected by natural disasters, severe financial hardship, domestic violence, or a major life crisis.

Rent Assistance

Rent Assistance is a non-taxable income supplement payable to eligible people who rent in the private rental market or community housing.

Rent Deduction Scheme

This lets you pay your public housing rent straight from your Centrelink payments. You can arrange this with your state or territory housing authority. It's a free service.

Utilities Allowance

A quarterly payment to help with household bills if you get a DSP and are under 21 years of age with no dependent children.

Telephone Allowance

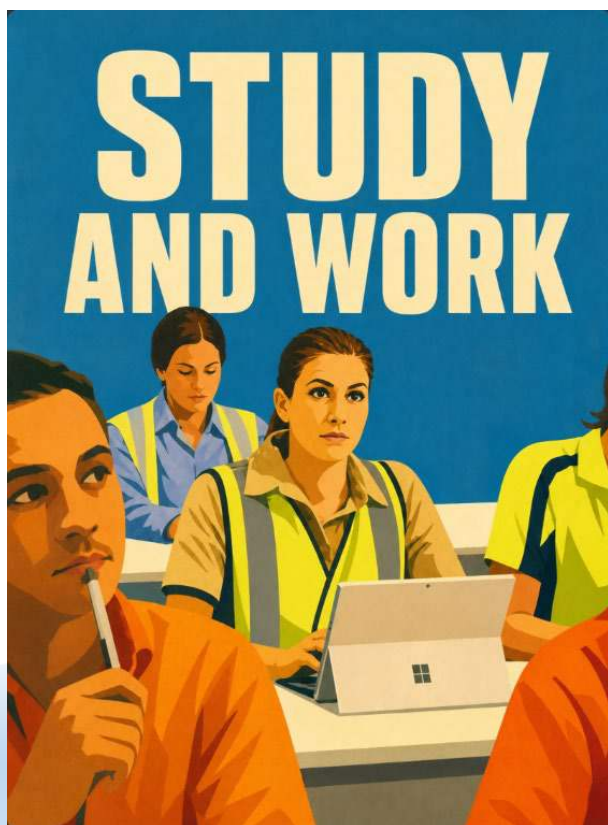
A quarterly payment to help with phone and internet costs

Concession Cards

Like the Health Care Card that give eligible Australians cheaper healthcare, medicine, and public transport.

Further Information

www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink



Youth Allowance for Students

Financial help if you're 18 to 24 and a student studying full time or an Australian Apprentice.

Austudy

For full-time students and Australian Apprentices aged 25 or older.

The amount of Austudy you get depends on how much you earn and how much your assets are worth.

Abstudy

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders who are studying or undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship.

Fares Allowance

Helps with travel costs between your permanent home and your place of tertiary study in Australia.

Student Start-up Loan

A voluntary loan you can get up to twice a year if you're an eligible higher education student.

Youth Allowance for Job Seekers

Financial help if you're 21 or younger and looking for work, or temporarily unable to work.

Employment Services Assessment

An assessment of the impact of your disability, illness, injury or other barriers to work.

- any barriers to work you may have, including any medical conditions
- any recent help or rehabilitation you've had, and
- services to help you find and keep a job, if needed

Job Capacity Assessment

If you still meet the DSP medical rules.

Further Information

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www.my.gov.au



Looking for a Job

Thousands of jobs are advertised on the Workforce Australia website every day.

One of them could be yours. Create Your account and start applying for jobs today.

With Your account, you can:

- create your profile
- upload and share your resume with employers
- set up job alerts
- search and apply for jobs through the Workforce Australia website.

Finding your Career

Whether you're starting out or looking for a change, Your Career is a digital platform that can help you with your career needs and goals.

- Get career ideas.
- Learn skills and train.
- Career advice and support.

Find an Employment Service Provider

Employment services providers can help you look for work and develop your skills to get job-ready.

Finding Local Jobs

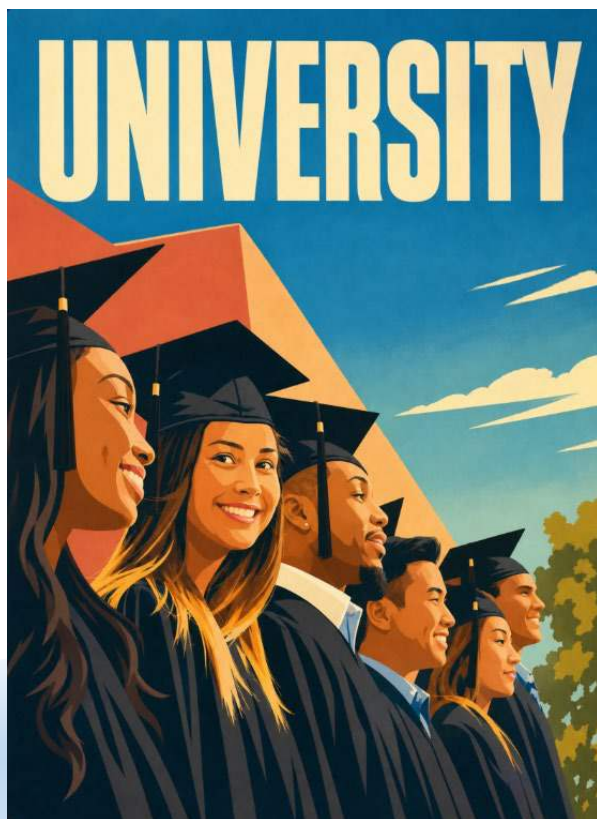
Local Jobs Program addresses employment and skills needs at the local level across 51 employment regions. And eligible individuals can participate in activities funded through the Local Recovery Fund.



Further Information

 1800 805 260 Job Seekers

<https://www.dese.gov.au/workforce-australia>



Higher education courses can be taken to earn an advanced degree and continue your studies. There are three main types of higher education which lead to Bachelor, Master and Doctoral Degrees.

It is quite common for students to enrol in a double or combined Bachelor Degree program which leads to the award of two Bachelor Degrees. This is most common in the fields of arts, commerce, law and science.

Australian institutions offer a wide range of courses – from science to management and commerce,

humanities to engineering, and law to health sciences. Australian institutions rank among the world's best by discipline, particularly in engineering and technology, medicine, environmental science, and accounting and finance.

There are 43 universities in Australia as well as many other institutions offer higher education courses.

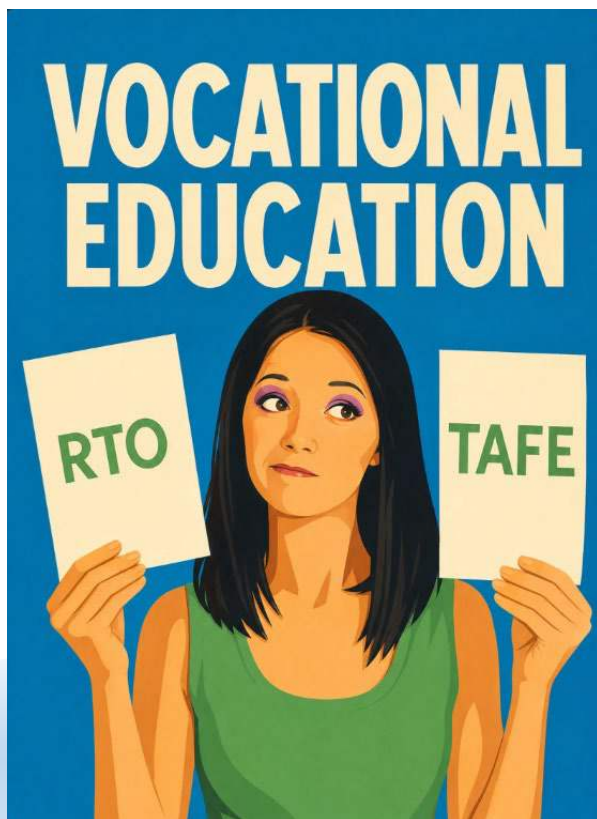
Universities are committed to providing an equitable environment for students with disability, injury, mental health or medical condition that impacts on their ability to study and achieve academic success.

Once you are registered for disability support, a Student Equity Officer will coordinate the implementation of the reasonable adjustments and services determined during your interview. These will be outlined in your Learning Support Plan (LSP).

Further information about the different types of disability or long-term medical conditions and the impacts upon the learning environments, is available on the Australian Disability Clearinghouse.

Further Information

www.adcet.edu.au



TAFE Queensland

Pathways to help you begin your career or embark on further study. You can even get started while you're still at school with the TAFE at School program or finish your high school studies at TAFE Senior College.

Tafe delivers practical, industry-relevant training across a range of industries from entry-level certificates to bachelor degrees, at more than 50 locations in Queensland.

To support Queensland's Year 12 graduates to successfully transition

to employment, TAFE is offering fee-free training in high-priority qualifications.

The training is available through a range of certificate III level vocational education and training (VET) courses as well as apprenticeships and traineeships.

Registered Training Organisations

RTOs are those training providers registered by Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) to deliver vocational education and training (VET) services.

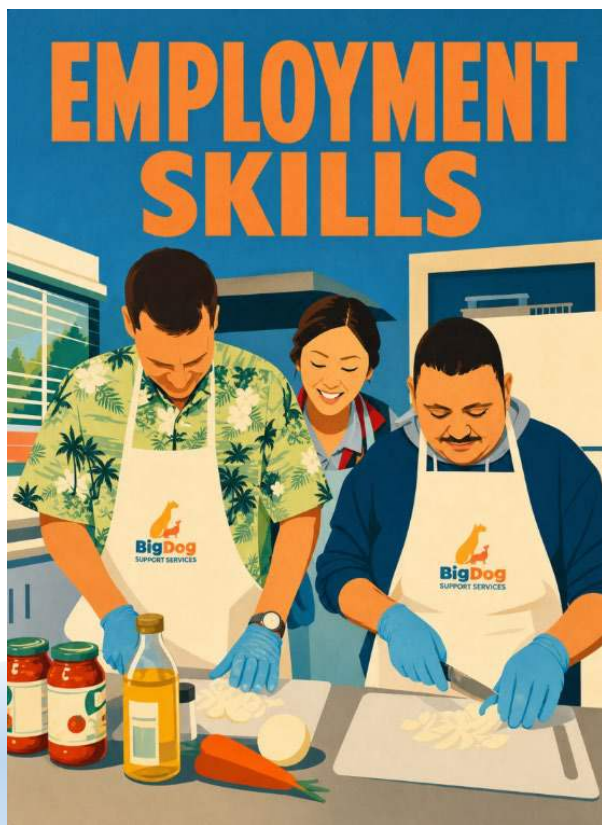
RTOs are recognised as providers of quality-assured and nationally recognised training and qualifications and offer students training and qualifications or statements of attainment that are recognised across Australia and are accepted by industry and other educational institutions.

There are currently around 5000 RTOs in Australia. A complete list of RTOs is available at training.gov.au, the national register of the VET sector in Australia.

Further Information

www.tafeqld.edu.au

<https://dtet.qld.gov.au/>



yourcareer.gov.au is the Australian Government's ultimate hub for careers information. It doesn't matter what age or stage you're at, it's never too late to plan and manage your career! You'll find information on industries, occupations, vocational education and training, and more. Discover a career that's right for you and learn about the steps to help get you there.

New Enterprise Incentive Scheme

NEIS training can help you achieve a nationally recognised small business qualification. During the training your NEIS provider will help you to develop a NEIS Business Plan

Your NEIS provider will refer you to the appropriate training taking into account your business idea. This will be either a:

- Certificate III in Entrepreneurship and New Business or
- Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship and New Business.

NEIS Training is a Services Australia approved activity for up to 13 weeks.

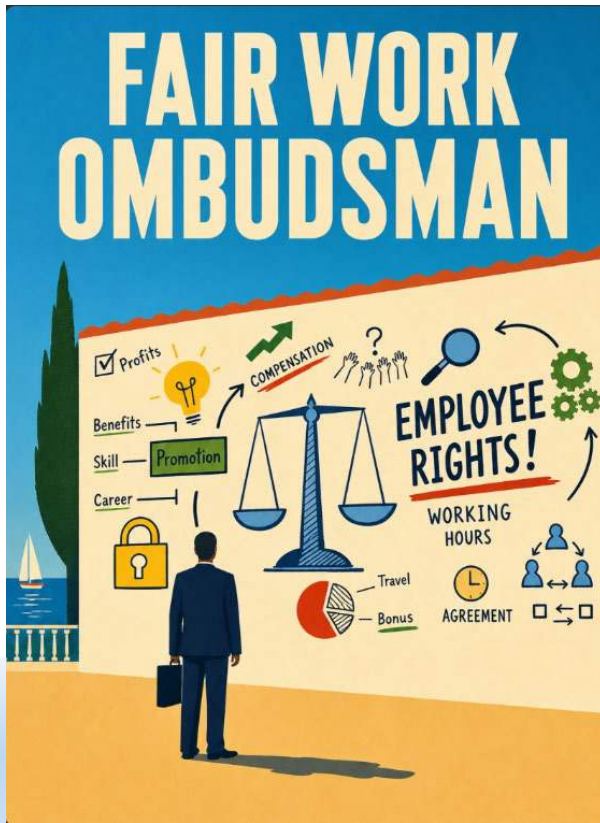
This means that people receiving certain types of income support (such as JobSeeker Payment) are not required to look for work while undertaking their small business training.

Further Information

☎ 1300 488 064

www.dewr.gov.au

<https://www.yourcareer.gov.au/>



Fair Work Ombudsman

We help employers and employees by providing information, education and advice on pay rates and workplace rights and obligations. We also enforce compliance with the Fair Work Act, related legislation, awards and registered agreements.

We educate employers and employees about employment conditions, including about:

- minimum entitlements, such as pay, leave, hours of work and breaks
- awards and registered agreements

- starting and ending employment
- workplace protections
- fixing workplace problems
- promote and monitor compliance with workplace laws
- educate about Australia's workplace relations

Fair Work Commission

The Commission is the independent national workplace relations tribunal.

The Commission also regulates registered organisations.

- maintains minimum wages and conditions
- helps with enterprise agreements
- deals with issues relating to job loss or dismissal
- makes orders and deal with disputes for regulated workers
- make orders about labour hire employees' protected rates of pay
- regulates registered organisations.

Further Information

☎ 13 13 94

<https://www.fairwork.gov.au/>



Tax Returns

If you had tax taken from any income you received during the financial year from 1st July to 30th June, you need to lodge a tax return.

If you're lodging your own tax return it is due by the 31st October.

myTax

myTax is the quick, easy, safe and secure way to lodge your tax return online. It's web-based, so you don't need to download anything and is accessed through your myGov account.

Registered Tax Agents

You can use a registered tax agent to prepare and lodge your tax return. Registered tax agents are the only people allowed to charge a fee to prepare and lodge your tax return.

Deductions

When completing your tax return, you're entitled to claim deductions for some expenses related to your work.

myDeductions

myDeductions is a record-keeping tool to make it easier and more convenient for you to keep track of your records all in one place.

You can upload your completed records to the ATO from the myDeductions tool and pre-fill your myTax return.

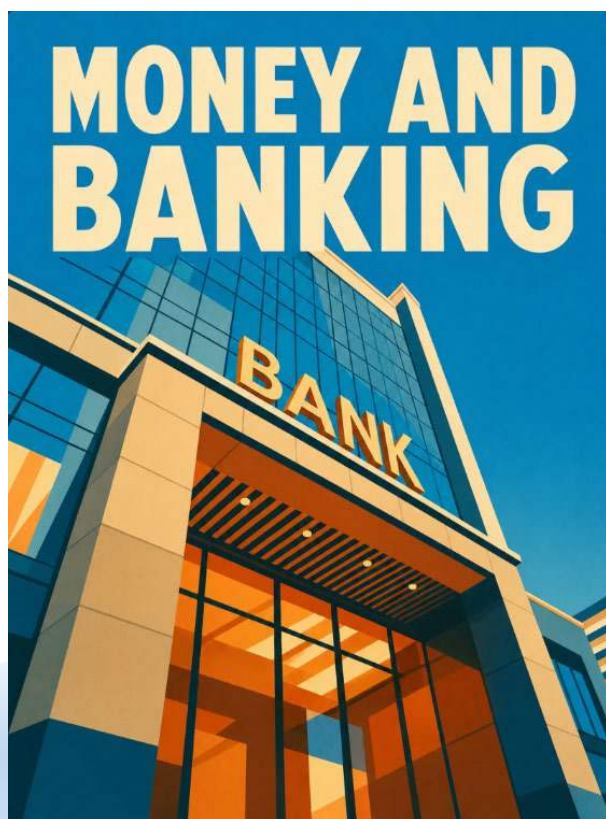
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- Tax File Number
- Tax, Super and You

Further Information

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www.ato.gov.au



Credit Cards

Credit cards let you carry less cash and buy things over the phone or online. But this convenience comes at a cost if you spend more than you can repay. Most credit cards have an annual fee.

Credit cards tend to have higher interest rates than other types of credit, and the rate can vary depending on what features the card offers. You will be charged interest on all outstanding transactions if you don't repay the amount you owe each month.

Remember to check your credit card statements carefully

Debit Cards

A debit card offers all the convenience of making payments with a card, without the pain of credit debts.

When you use a debit card, it takes money from your account to pay for purchases. If there is no money in your account, you can't make the purchase.

The most common type of debit card is an ATM (automated teller machine) or EFTPOS card. This card is used to withdraw money at ATMs and make purchases. You may have to provide a personal identification number (PIN) before you can withdraw money or make a purchase.

Debit card purchases can attract a surcharge from some retailers.

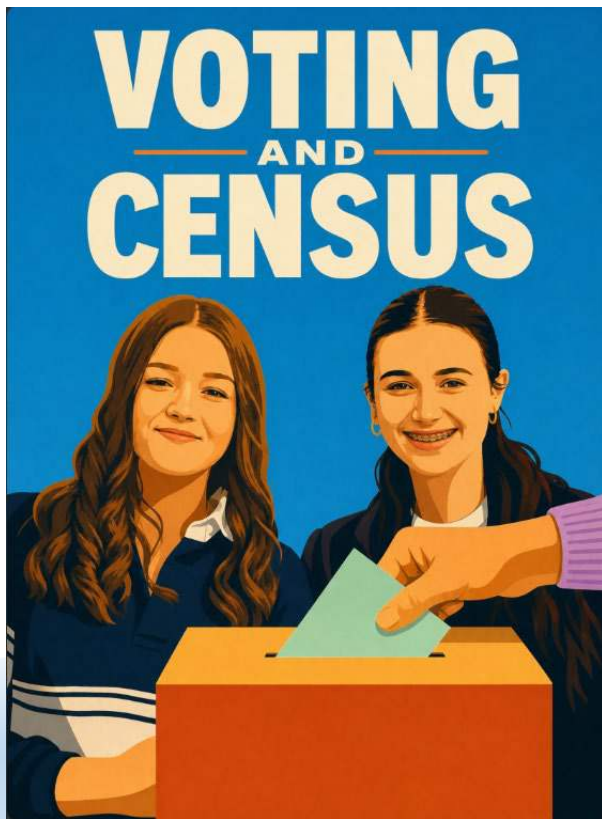
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- Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- MoneySmart

Further Information

☎ 1300 300 630

www.moneysmart.gov.au



Australian Electoral Commission

It is compulsory by law for all eligible Australian citizens to enrol and vote in federal elections, by-elections and referendums.

The AEC provides assistance for people living with disability to ensure they are not disadvantaged from participating in the electoral system.

The AEC can assist you to enrol, vote and help you find more information. It is compulsory for all eligible Australians to enrol and vote in federal elections and referendums.

Shortly after an election is announced, an official guide is made available to all Australians. It provides information on when and where to vote, assistance available at polling places and how to vote correctly.

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Every 5 years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics counts every person and household in Australia.

The Census is the most comprehensive snapshot of the country and tells the story of how we are changing. It includes around 10 million households and over 25 million people. Census data tells us about the economic, social and cultural make-up of the country.

The Census is compulsory. Everyone who is staying in your household on Census night must be included.

Do you have to enrol if you have a disability?

Yes, you are required by law to enrol and vote in federal elections and referendums.

Further Information

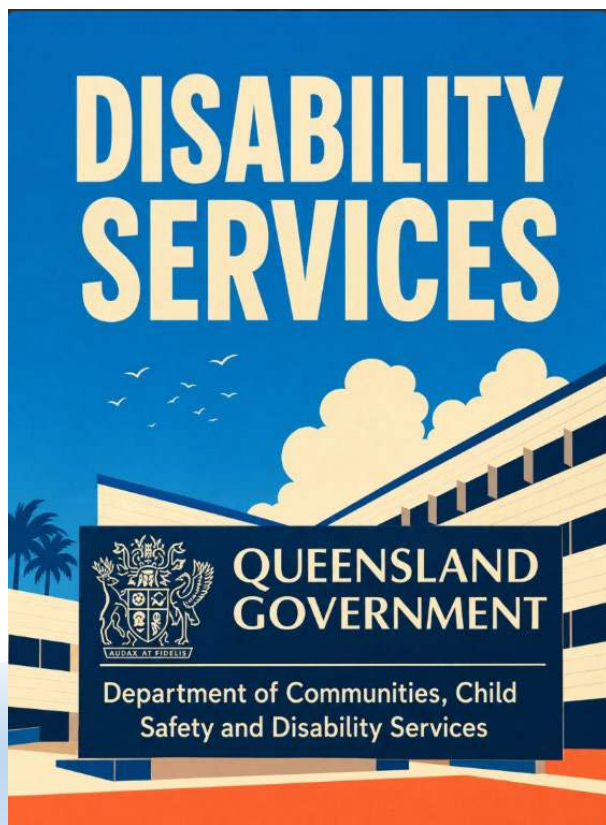
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www.aec.gov.au

www.abs.gov.au/census

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT





Queensland Government

The Queensland Government's traditional role in disability services has changed as a result of the signing of the full scheme NDIS bi-lateral agreement.

Their role has now shifted to supporting and advocating for people with disability, working in partnership with the disability sector to create an all-abilities Queensland and monitoring the NDIS to ensure it delivers the outcomes expected for people with disability.

To ensure they can provide the oversight and advocacy required, they have created Disability, Seniors and Carers (DSC) which is made up of a team of people who will deliver on the sector's strongest demand – nothing about us without us.

Through DSC, they can ensure NDIS clients are treated with respect and dignity, have control of the services they receive and have opportunities for social and economic participation.

A key strategy of DSC will be to seek and consider the lived experience and views of people with disability, their families, carers and the sector, as we all continue to build a more inclusive and accessible Queensland.

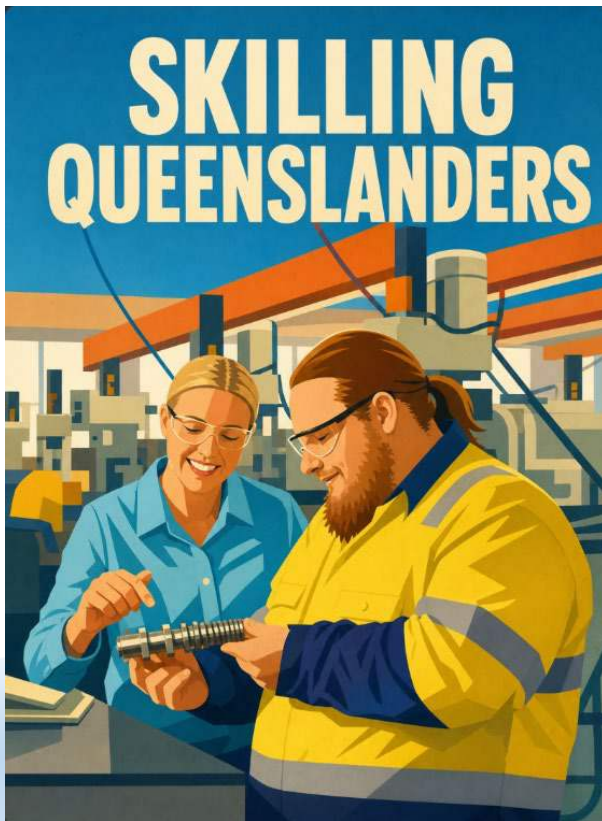
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- All Abilities Queensland
- Queensland Community Support Scheme (QCCS)
- Carer Business Discount Card
- Companion Card

Further Information

 1800 491 467

www.dsdsatsip.qld.au



Get Set for Work

This aims to provide young people aged 15-19 years with nationally recognised training, combined with integrated learning support measures and foundation skills, that will enable them to successfully transition to employment and/or further education and training.

Community Work Skills

Assists disadvantaged Queensland job seekers to gain nationally recognised skills and qualifications up to a certificate III level.

Work Skills Traineeships

Employs disadvantaged Queenslanders on community, construction or environmental projects.

Youth Skills

Provides nationally recognised training and employment support to 15-24-year-olds who are engaged with Youth Justice Services or Queensland Corrective Services.

Ready for Work

Assists young people aged 15-24 to transition into the workforce by providing courses of up to 6-8 weeks focused on job search assistance and training.

First Start

Provides wage subsidies to local councils and community-based organisations to employ additional trainees.

Work Start Incentives

An employer may qualify if they employ a past participant.

Further Information

 1300 369 935

<https://dtet.qld.gov.au/>



Free Apprenticeships for under 25s

To be eligible, you must:

- be currently employed as a Queensland apprentice or trainee (under a training contract) in a high-priority apprenticeship and traineeship qualification
- have commenced (or were already undertaking) your apprenticeship or traineeship between 1 January 2021 and 30 June 2027
- be aged under 25.

It's all part of the strategy to deliver Queensland's next generation of skilled workers across 139 priority qualifications.

Apprenticeships

Available to anyone of working age and offers opportunities to learn new skills and be paid in over 500 different jobs.

The Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (Apprenticeship Network) is your first point of contact for all queries about apprenticeships.

The Australian Government contracts eleven Apprenticeship Network providers deliver support services from around 400 locations nationally.

You cannot start an Australian Apprenticeship without an Apprenticeship Network provider.

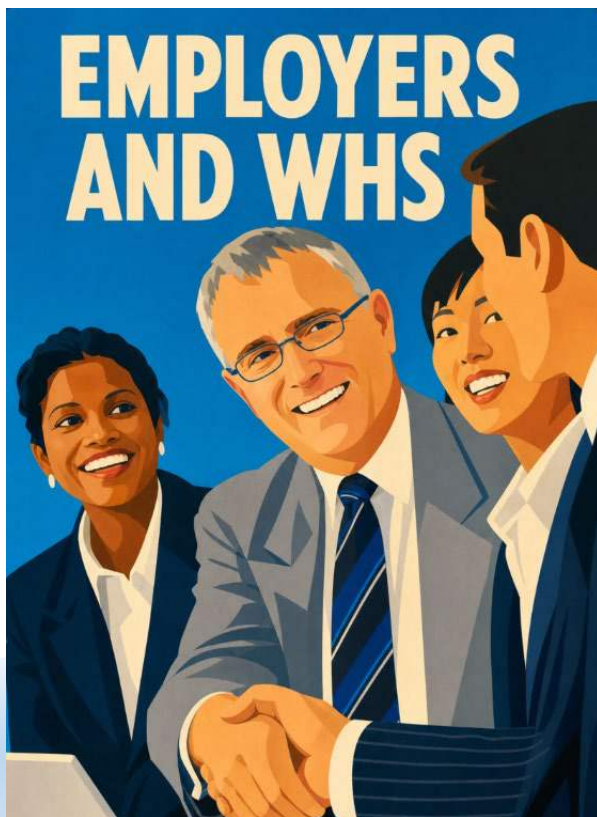
Apprenticeship Network providers give personalised advice and support services from pre-commencement to completion.

Further Information

 1300 369 935

<https://dtet.qld.gov.au/>

www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/apprentices



Employers responsible for

- making reasonable adjustments to enable you to access their workplace
- employment specific aids and equipment such as computers and modified desks
- reasonable adjustments to buildings, such as installing ramps
- transportation for work activities, such as attending a meeting

Employers will continue to be responsible for making their work-

places accessible and providing you with all the employment-specific tools and equipment you, the employee requires.

If an employer is responsible for a support, the NDIS cannot fund that support, even if the employer does not provide it.

Group Training

Some organisations hire apprentices and trainees and place them with host employers. Group Training Organisations (GTOs) operate across Australia with some specialising in particular industries, while others cover many employer duties.

Workplace Health and Safety

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) monitors work health and safety in Queensland businesses.

WHSQ enforces work health and safety laws and conducts inspections and investigations to ensure employers and others are meeting their obligations.

Further Information

 1300 362 128

<https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/>



Link and Launch

Research tells us that every year, a number of young people who complete Year 12 are not engaged in education, employment or training in the year after they leave school. The Queensland Department of Education has rolled out Link and Launch services on school sites to support young people who have completed Year 12 but are not in education, employment or training to navigate their options and choose a pathway that will equip them to successfully transition to study, training or work. The service is now operating in 35 sites.

This is A free Queensland Government program co-located at select state high schools. It provides dedicated, one-on-one transition coordinators who help 16-year-old school leavers find their footing if they are not yet transitioning into university, TAFE, or work.

Link and Launch officers work from participating high schools to offer one-on-one support.

Officers help participants explore goals, build skills, and find jobs, apprenticeships, or further education.

Support covers Fee-Free TAFE, free apprenticeships for under-25s, alternative university entry, and local work programs.

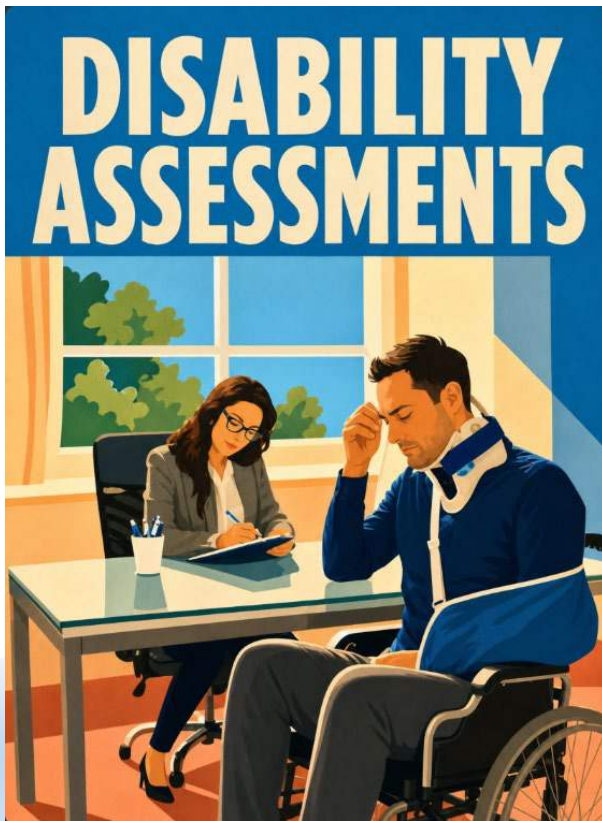
Operating across more than 35 school locations throughout Queensland, including regional and metro areas.

You can check individual participating school websites or view the Department of Education Link and Launch portal for details

Further Information

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<https://education.qld.gov.au/students/student-engagement/link-and-launch>



Comprehensive Health Assessment Program (CHAP)

An evidence-based tool used in Australia to guide annual health assessments for people with intellectual disabilities.

Developed by the Queensland Centre for Intellectual and Developmental Disability (QCIDD) at the University of Queensland, the program aims to detect unmet health needs, discover poorly managed conditions, and improve preventative care.

Legal Capacity

Adults with a mental illness or an intellectual disability may lack legal capacity if they can't make decisions about property, money management, medical treatment or lifestyle decisions. An adult may lack legal capacity to make decisions in one area of life but not in others.

Assessing capacity is a complex matter and you should get legal advice.

You must have legal capacity to:

- make a contract
- get married
- make a will

If it's proven that you didn't have legal capacity when you signed a contract, made a will or got married, then the contract, will or marriage may be invalid.



Further Information

 1800 805 260 Job Seekers

<https://www.dese.gov.au/workforce-australia>



The OPG is an independent statutory office established to protect the rights, interests and wellbeing of adults with impaired decision-making capacity, and children and young people in the child protection system. This includes those in out-of-home care, such as a foster home, the home of a kinship carer, a residential care facility, a youth detention or adult correctional centre, disability service or mental health facility.

The Public Guardian Act 2014 sets out the OPG's legislative functions, obligations and powers.

The Powers of Attorney Act 1998 regulates the authority for adults to appoint substitute decision-makers under an Advanced Health Directive or an Enduring Power of Attorney.

The Public Trustee

The PT is a self-funding statutory authority that reports through the State's Attorney-General.

It delivers a range of services including enduring powers of attorney; free Will making and financial administration for people with decision making impairment.

Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal

QCAT is an independent, accessible tribunal that efficiently resolves disputes on a range of matters.

The tribunal's purpose is to provide a quick, inexpensive avenue to resolve disputes between parties and make decisions.

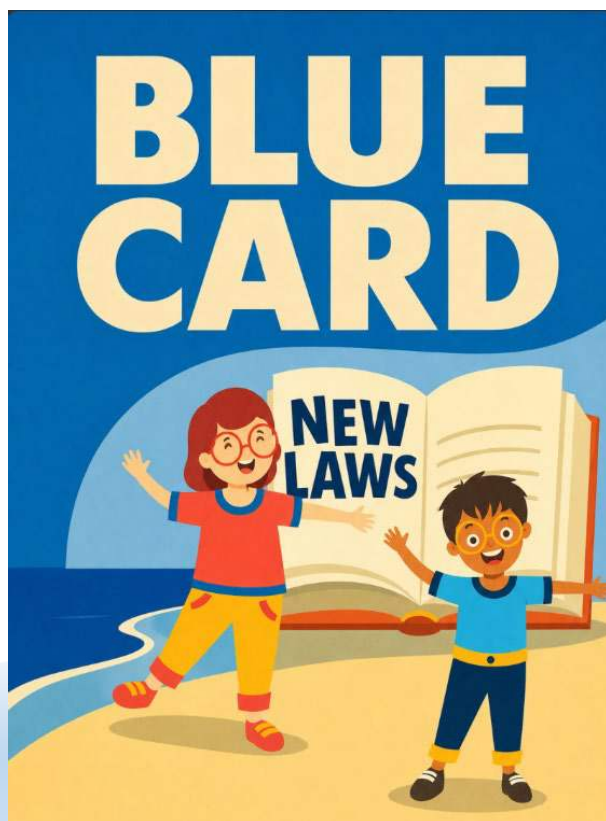
Further Information

 1300 653 187

www.publicguardian.qld.gov.au

 1300 651 591

www.pt.qld.gov.au



Working with Children

Blue Card Services administers the blue card system - Queensland's Working with Children Check.

The blue card system regulates activities that are essential to children's lives.

These include childcare, education, sport, cultural activities and foster care.

Blue Card checks and monitors people who work in these industries and help organisations to create safe environments for children.

Work in disability services

If you need both a paid blue card and disability worker screening clearance, you must follow a different application process.

Before you start child-related work, you must be linked to your new organisation.

If you move from volunteer work to paid child-related work, you must transfer your volunteer card to a paid card before you start paid work.

You can start paid work after you submit your application and pay the fee. You do not need to wait for your blue card to arrive.



Apply for or renew a blue card

Further Information

☎ 13 74 68

www.bluecard.qld.gov.au

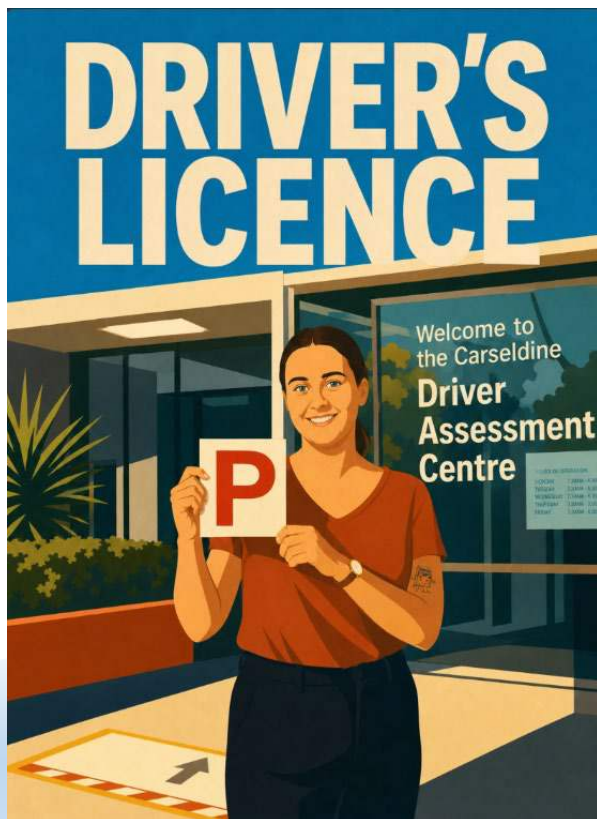


Photo Identification Card

Is a form of photo identification for people who are not old enough to get a driver licence or don't hold a driver licence or passport.

It replaces the adult proof of age card which replaced the previous 18+ card.

Provisional Driver's Licence

There are 2 types of provisional licences - P1 and P2.

You need to hold your P1 licence for at least 1 year to be eligible to upgrade your licence to a P2 or open licence.

You must be at least 20 years old to be eligible for an open driver licence.

Digital Licence App

Store and share your driver licence on your mobile devices.

In Now You're 16

- Accessible Public Transport Standards
- Learner Licence
- Motorised Wheelchair
- Taxi Subsidy Scheme
- Disability Parking Permit

Further Information

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<https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/>

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Queensland
**Human Rights
Commission**

Human Rights Commission

The Commission is an independent statutory body established under the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.

They were formerly the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland and were renamed the Queensland Human Rights Commission in 2019.

The Commission handles complaints and training on discrimination, vilification, victimisation and sexual harassment, and supports businesses, state and local government, the community sector and people throughout the state.

Further Information

 1300 130 670

<https://www.qhrc.qld.gov.au/>



**Youth Law
Australia**

Youth Law Australia

A community legal service that is dedicated to helping young people and their supporters to find a legal solution to their problems.

Previously named the National Children's and Youth Law Centre and known as Lawstuff, they are a technology-based community legal service dedicated to addressing the human rights abuses of young people in Australia.

They believe in equality and justice for all young people, and they work to achieve this by connecting and empowering young Australians with free legal information and knowledge.

Further Information

 (02) 9385 9588

<https://lya.org.au/>

Advocacy and Information



Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS)

Queensland's peak body for the social service sector.

Their vision is to achieve equality, opportunity and wellbeing for every person, in every community.

QCOSS is a conduit for change. They bring people together to help solve the big social issues, building strength in numbers to amplify our voice.

They create positive social change through our work in advocacy, policy development, engaging and empowering our members, the social service sector and communities.

Further Information

 (07) 3004 6900

<https://www.qcoss.org.au/>



Queenslanders with Disability

“Nothing about us without us.”

Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN) is a statewide organisation for people with disability connecting for collective and affirmative action.

Promote and maintain strong vibrant networks throughout Queensland, facilitate the exchange of accessible information and lived experiences, influence governments and others to bring about full and equal participation and citizenship and grow an effective, sustainable, accountable organisation that reflects their values.

Further Information

 1300 363 783

<https://qdn.org.au/>

Advocacy and Information



Every Australian Counts

Every Australian Counts is the grassroots campaign that fought for the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and won.

EAC is made up of hundreds of thousands of people with disability, families, carers, and those who work to support them who have come together to fight for a fair go for people with disability in Australia.

Every Australian Counts didn't end with the introduction of the NDIS. The campaign continues to fight to make sure the NDIS delivers on its promise to people with disability.

Further Information

www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au



Parent 2 Parent Queensland

For over 20 years P2P have been at the forefront of making change for people with disabilities and their families in Queensland. P2P offer intermediary services under the NDIS and are members of Disability Intermediaries Australia, the peak body for improvements and quality service.

Future planning with P.A.T.H is for people who want to set goals and identify steps to reach those goals. It is perfect for people who are wanting to plan major life transitions, have difficulty communicating verbally or expressing themselves, or NDIS review planning.

Further Information

 1800 777 723

www.p2pqld.org.au

Apprenticeship Information



The National Register on Vocational Education and Training (VET). Training.gov.au is the authoritative source of:

- Nationally Recognised Training (NRT) which consists of Training Packages, qualifications, units of competency, accredited courses and skill sets
- Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) who have the approved scope to deliver Nationally Recognised Training, as required by national and jurisdictional legislation within Australia.

Managed by the Department of Education and Training

ApprenticeshipCentral is an initiative of BUSY At Work and has been created to promote apprenticeships and traineeships as a career path. It is more than a jobs board; it's the bridge that connects both the job seeker and employer communities all over Australia.

With over 600 different apprenticeships and traineeships on offer throughout Australia, it can be hard to choose the right industry, which is why we encourage you to participate in our careers assessment to help you make your decision confidently.

Further Information

tgahelp@education.gov.au

<https://training.gov.au/Home/Tga>

Further Information

<https://apprenticeshipcentral.com.au/>

Extra Help and Support



Headspace Australia

Helping you understand and work through life's challenges. Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation.

headspace centres and services operate across Australia, in metro, regional and rural areas, supporting young Australians and their families to be mentally healthy and engaged in their communities.

Chat online, email, or speak on the phone with a qualified professional.

It's free, confidential and can be anonymous.

Beyond Blue

Promoting mental health and wellbeing so people have greater knowledge, feel safe to talk openly about their issues and are supported to ask for help when they need to.

Being a trusted source of information, advice and support so we can all better understand how to maintain our mental health and take steps to recover from mental health conditions.

Working together to prevent suicide by playing a lead role in the national effort to prevent suicide through research, information, advice and support, and advocacy.

Further Information

 (03) 9027 0100

<https://headspace.org.au/>

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 1300 22 46 36

www.beyondblue.org.au/

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