



Australian Government

Seasonal Work Incentives Trial



If you are looking for work and are on Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance, you may be able earn up to \$5,000 without reducing your payments.

If you take up seasonal horticultural work, such as picking and packing fruit, nuts or other crops, under the Seasonal Work Incentives Trial, you can earn as much as \$5,000 before your Newstart or Youth Allowance (other) payments are reduced.

You could also receive up to \$300 Living Away and Travel Allowance each year if you need to travel more than 120km from your home to this work.

As well as earning some extra money, taking up work under the Trial could help you get a long term job in the horticultural industry.

Am I eligible to participate in the Seasonal Work Incentives Trial?

If you have been receiving Newstart or Youth Allowance (other) for three months or more and are participating in jobactive, Transition to Work or Disability Employment Services you may be eligible to participate in the Trial.

Your employment services provider will be able to confirm your eligibility and help you get involved in the Trial. The Trial runs for two years from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019.

Do I need to report my income when participating in the Trial?

Yes. As with any income you earn when you are on income support payments, you must report it to the Department of Human Services.

When you start work under the Trial, whether full-time, part-time or casual, you must advise the Department of Human Services within 14 days (in writing or by calling this dedicated number 1800 532 011). You will need to keep your payslips and advise the Department of Human Services of your income each fortnight that you are working under the Trial, or you reach the maximum of \$5000. This will make sure the income you earn under the Trial will not impact your payments.

Where can I find out more?

For more information on the Seasonal Work Incentives Trial talk to your employment services provider.