

## **Take Up a Job Program**

The Federal Government has committed \$17.4 million over two years for relocation assistance. The Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job (RATTUAJ) is an Australian Government program that assists eligible participants to relocate to take up an offer of employment. Relocation assistance helps participants accept work outside of their area by removing the financial barriers that can prevent people relocating

From 1 December 2020, all job seekers participating in employment service programs will be immediately eligible for the Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job program.

From 1 November 2020, relocation assistance will be available to people who relocate to harvest and regional areas to take up short-term agricultural work, including Australians who are not receiving income support and those with the right to work in Australia.

There is \$6,000 available if a worker relocates to a regional area and potentially an extra \$3,000 if a worker relocates with a dependent. In addition, there is potentially \$2,000 for eligible visa holders with the right to work in Australia

Participants should apply for assistance before they move and start a job or risk not being approved for assistance. A participant must be registered with an employment services provider, have been in receipt of an eligible income support payment and have mutual obligation requirements at the time of obtaining the job. The new location must:

- be within Australia
- be at least 90 minutes away from where the participant currently lives, based on your normal mode of transport
- not be within the same capital city.

Workers can get relocation assistance if they move to take up any ongoing work including an apprenticeship, or if they move to a harvest or regional area to take up short-term agricultural work. If the new job is in the agricultural sector, it must be at least six weeks (and at least 120 hours). Otherwise, the new job must be for more than 30 hours a week and ongoing for six months. The money will be spent providing one-off relocation rebates of up to \$6,000 for those workers prepared to go regional for at least six weeks.

Farmers who employ young, out-of-work Australians could also benefit from a new Government wage subsidy.

JobMaker will provide employers with \$200 a week for each new job created for 16 to 29-year-olds, and \$100 a week for any new job created for 30 to 35-year-olds.

To be eligible, the employee must have received JobSeeker, Youth Allowance or Parenting Payment for at least one of three months prior to employment.

For more information follow these links:

[https://docs.employment.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/relocation\\_information\\_sheet.pdf](https://docs.employment.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/relocation_information_sheet.pdf)

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