

RECONNECT PROGRAM

The Reconnect Program is a FREE service designed to help people turn their life around for the better and to assist them into training and employment.

Teaming up with a mentor, you are assisted with developing a plan to help you reach your goals, gain motivation and possibly enrol into study or find employment.

How does the Reconnect Program work?

The Reconnect program is driven largely by support and encouragement. Once eligibility is confirmed, participants can expect to:

- Have their learning and non-learning needs and career goals assessed, and an agreed Work and Learning Plan developed
- Refer participant to support services and identify opportunities for community participation
- Receive support to commence and stay in Vocational Education and Training (VET) at a provider that best suits their needs
- Receive ongoing support as they transition to employment or further training
- Receive some assistance towards fees for an agreed accredited course

Who can access the Reconnect Program?

To be eligible for the program participants must:

- Be aged between 17-19 years of age and not engaged in education or training for six months or more, and currently not enrolled at school
- Be aged between 20-64 years & unemployed for six months or more (working less than 8 hours per week) and not engaged in education or training for six months or more (studying less than 8 hours per week)
- Young People impacted by the Justice System: Aged 17-24 years who have been, or are currently on, Youth Justice Orders
- Asylum Seekers: A person without citizenship but holds a valid Bridging Visa Class E (BVE); Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV); or Temporary Protection Visa (TPV)

Applications are also encouraged by the following equity groups;

- Parents returning to work
- Indigenous Australians
- People with a disability
- People with low literacy & numeracy
- Highly marginalised groups such as drug and alcohol dependents or homeless

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