



Questions and answers

Creating Queensland jobs and enhancing our environment

What is Queensland's Green Army?

Queensland's Green Army is a \$57 million election commitment to create 3,000 jobs for Queenslanders over the next three years.

These jobs will be available on Green Traineeships or Green Work Placements that will enhance our natural assets, strengthen our tourism industry and promote increased environmental awareness.

The Green Army is all about local people improving their local communities.

Grants will be awarded to community organisations and government bodies throughout Queensland to run projects that meet the strategic environmental priorities of the Government. Private sector employers may be eligible for subsidies to employ Green Trainees.

Why Queensland's Green Army?

Queensland's Green Army is one of the Government's responses to an expected increase in unemployment as a result of the global financial crisis.

By investing in our human and natural resources now we can ensure Queensland is ready to move forward with strength when the international economy stabilises.

Who will Queensland's Green Army help?

The priority assistance groups are:

- - disadvantaged long-term unemployed people or unemployed individuals at risk of long-term unemployment;
- - young people;
- - recently retrenched workers;
- - out of trade apprentices.

When will the projects start?

Projects will start from July 1 on a rolling basis with many starting in July and August. As projects are approved they will be posted on: www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au.

What sort of jobs will be available?

There will be 2,300 Green Work Placement positions and 700 Green Traineeships available throughout the state.

All Green Work Placement projects will have an environmental focus and lasting community benefit. Particular locations and work focuses are being identified and may include activities as diverse as:

- - restoring national parks;
- - revegetation and regeneration;
- - weed clearing;
- - restoring degraded beaches, riverbanks and foreshores;
- - building and repairing board walks;
- - refurbishing parks;
- - landscaping using native plants;
- - improving public spaces;
- - constructing bikeways and footpaths;
- - working in visitor information centres; and
- - working in recycling and waste management.

Green Traineeships offered by state and local government and community organisations will focus on areas such as conservation, land management, horticulture and waste and water treatment.

Private sector employers may be awarded subsidies for Green Trainees who will help industry to deliver renewable energy specialties.

Who is coordinating Queensland's Green Army?

Queensland's Green Army is led by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation but also draws on the green expertise of the Department of Environment and Resource Management and the Local Government Association of Queensland.

Queensland's Green Army



Applying to join Queensland's Green Army

Where will Green Work Placements and Traineeships be located?

Projects will be developed throughout Queensland with a focus on both areas of need and Government environmental priorities.

Where can jobseekers find out about current Queensland's Green Army projects?

As projects are approved, they will be listed on www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au.

How much do Queensland's Green Army jobs pay?

To maximise the number of people that will be able to benefit from Queensland's Green Army jobs participants will be paid a training wage of between \$240 a week to over \$500 a week depending on age and skill levels.

What benefits are there to joining Queensland's Green Army?

Aside from guaranteed employment for up to six months (Green Work Placements) or 12 months (Green Traineeships), participants will also receive training and personalised employment assistance to help them turn their experiences into sustainable work.

Are there any requirements to join Queensland's Green Army?

Green Army workers must be Queensland residents.

How are Green Work Placement participants chosen?

Prospective participants can register their interest by calling Queensland's Green Army Hotline on 1800 249 215. Web registration is available at www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au. Organisations with Green Army vacancies will use this register as their primary source to recruit in their local area.

How are Green Trainees chosen?

Green Traineeships are primarily for young people aged 15-24 years who need a nationally accredited qualification to get their first start in the workforce.

Green Traineeships will provide regional coverage and target locations of high unemployment, including urban fringe communities, and ensure all equity groups have the opportunity to participate.

How can jobseekers register their interest?

Participants can register their interest in Green Traineeships or Work Placements by calling 1800 249 215 or visiting www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au.

Applying to run Green Army projects

Who is eligible to apply for Queensland's Green Army funding?

Grants will be awarded to community organisations, local government bodies and state government agencies to run Green Work Placement projects.

Green Traineeships offered by state and local government and community organisations will focus on areas such as conservation, land management, horticulture and waste and water treatment.

Private sector employers may be eligible to apply for subsidies to employ a Green Trainee to increase the capacity of industry to deliver renewable energy specialties.

What is the process for applying for funding?

Organisations interested in applying to run a Green Work Placement project or take on a Green Trainee, including employers, should contact their regional office of the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI). Please refer to the attached list of regional offices.

Each funding round will have specific local priorities which need to be addressed. Projects will be developed in conjunction with DEEDI regional officers to ensure they meet these needs.

How are funding submissions evaluated?

All submissions will be assessed against Government priorities. Work placement funding applications will be evaluated by one of the 13 Community Jobs Priorities Committees around the state. Preference will be given to organisations working in partnership to deliver one or more Government priorities.

When do funding rounds open and close?

Project applications will be approved on a rolling basis for projects starting from July 1, 2009.

Further information

Further information is available at www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au or by calling Queensland's Green Army Hotline on **1800 249 215**.