

DAIRY INDUSTRY WORKERS AND THE BACK TO WORK SCHEME

FACTSHEET



The Victorian Government has allocated up to \$5 million exclusively for employers of dairy industry workers under the extended Back to Work Scheme

Background

On 26 May 2016, the Victorian Government announced additional support for the dairy industry by extending the Back to Work Scheme to make both retrenched dairy industry workers and members of a dairy farm household categories of eligible employee.

What's on offer?

Payments of \$5000 are available to employers who hire an eligible employee in an ongoing full-time, Victorian job. Employers hiring an ongoing part-time employee can claim \$3750. The payment is made in two instalments; claims for the second instalment can be lodged nine months from the first instalment, provided the eligible employee is still employed. An additional reimbursement of up to \$4000 is available to eligible employers who provide accredited training to an eligible employee.

Who is eligible?

All employers who hire an eligible employee into an ongoing full-time or part-time Victorian job are eligible, except for:

- An employer with a poor workplace safety record,
- A recent employer of the eligible employee, and
- Municipal councils and other public, local or government bodies.

How do I apply?

The Back to Work Scheme is administered by the State Revenue Office of Victoria. Go to sro.vic.gov.au/backtowork for more details.

How long do I have?

Claims will remain open until the capped \$5 million fund is fully subscribed or 30 June 2018 (whichever occurs first).

To access support or for more information contact a Rural Skills Connect program manager

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