



LATROBE VALLEY
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**Worker Transition **

BACK TO WORK SCHEME

FACTSHEET

The Victorian Government has expanded the Back to Work Scheme to support affected workers and businesses by providing up to \$9,000 for each worker they employ and train in the Latrobe Valley.

Background

On 4 November 2016, the Victorian Government announced the establishment of a new Economic Growth Zone in the Latrobe Valley, as part of a \$266 million package to create local jobs and grow local businesses.

An important part of this is the expanded Back to Work Scheme, which will support employers to hire and train unemployed people who live in the Latrobe Valley.

What's on offer?

From 1 January 2017, eligible employers who hire an eligible employee will be able to claim a payment of \$5,000 for a full time job, and \$3,750 if the job is part time. It will be payable in two instalments, the second instalment being paid only if the employee remains in the job for nine months.

Reimbursements of up to \$4,000 for costs incurred for accredited training for the employee are also available.

Who is eligible?

- Any business is eligible to take part in the Back to Work Scheme.
- People who are unemployed and live in the Latrobe Valley, including Latrobe City and the Shires of Baw Baw and Wellington are eligible to take part in the Back to Work Scheme.
- Retrenched workers from the Hazelwood Power Station who live outside of the Latrobe Valley will also be eligible employees under the Back to Work Scheme.

How do you 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.

To access support, or for more information, contact the Latrobe Valley Authority.

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