



Australian Government



Work Experience: Green Corps

Green Corps can help you undertake activities that benefit Australia's natural environment and cultural heritage. Green Corps helps to conserve, preserve and restore the Australian environment while providing you with opportunities to enhance your skills.

Green Corps Activities are hosted by not-for-profit organisations or local, State, Territory, or Australian Government organisations and agencies.

Green Corps has been expanded under Job Services Australia and is now available to job seekers of all ages.

A Green Corps placement might be with a team on a group activity with other job seekers, or an individual placement with a host organisation (such as a community group or charity).

Green Corps Activities vary, but as a job seeker you may take part in a range of tasks including:

- land, water and wildlife survey and data collection to contribute to environmental research and monitoring
- gardening and landscaping, learning about plants and participating in revegetation activities
- learning about natural resource management and sustainable use of resources
- contributing to local environmental strategies, cultural heritage restoration and the planning of Green Corps Activity tasks
- access control, bush regeneration, habitat protection and restoration, environmental weed control and walking track construction and restoration
- contributing to community education and raising awareness
- responding to the impacts of climate change.

Green Corps Activities may also work in partnership with programs under the Australian Government's *Caring for our Country* initiative.

The range of activities available will be different for each Job Services Australia provider and may include more options in addition to those listed above.

Job Services Australia providers must make sure that Green Corps Activities:

- spend at least 80 per cent of the total activity time on environmental tasks
- offer structured training to participating job seekers where appropriate and available
- provide relevant first aid or occupational health and safety training.

Who can participate?

If you are a job seeker registered with a Job Services Australia provider, you can volunteer to participate in Green Corps at any time, if you and your Job Services Australia provider agree it will benefit you.

In addition, if you are a job seeker who has a Work Experience Activity Requirement, you can meet this requirement by participating in Green Corps.

If you are a job seeker required to complete an Intensive Activity, you can do this through participating in Green Corps. Your Job Services Australia provider will advise you if you are required to undertake an Intensive Activity.

If you are a job seeker who receives income support and participate in Green Corps, you will be entitled to a supplement of \$20.80 per fortnight to assist with the costs of participation.

How to apply

If you are a job seeker interested in participating in Green Corps you should discuss this with your Job Services Australia provider.

Your obligations

If you receive Newstart, Youth Allowance or Parenting Payment with participation requirements, you will need to look for work and take part in activities that will help you get a job.

Your Job Services Australia provider will consider your personal circumstances and negotiate suitable activities to include in your Employment Pathway Plan.

If you are unable to take part in activities you should discuss this with your provider. If you fail to undertake your agreed activities this may affect your income support payments.

Your right to privacy

Your personal information is protected by the *Privacy Act 1988* and information about you may also be protected by the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* (for example, if you are receiving income support). Your information may be shared between Job Services Australia providers, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), Centrelink and other Australian Government departments and agencies, which enables the organisations to provide you with the most appropriate services to meet your needs.

For more information about your privacy, ask your Job Services Australia provider, DEEWR or visit privacy.gov.au.

Our guarantee of service to you

Service Guarantee

You will receive ongoing personalised employment services provided by your Job Services Australia provider. These services will be sensitive to your circumstances and background. To view all Service Guarantees visit deewr.gov.au/jobsservicesaustralia.

Code of Practice

Job Services Australia providers are contracted to deliver Australian Government funded employment services and have agreed and are committed to observe the Employment Services Code of Practice. To view the Code of Practice visit deewr.gov.au/jobsservicesaustralia.

For more information

Call 13 17 64 or visit deewr.gov.au/jobsservicesaustralia.