

# JOBS VICTORIA EMPLOYMENT NETWORK

## FACT SHEET

The Jobs Victoria Employment Network is a key initiative of the newly established Jobs Victoria that will consolidate all Victorian employment services into one system.

### How will the Jobs Victoria Employment Network help jobseekers?

The Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN) will provide funding for specialist employment services that will assist unemployed Victorians gain on-going employment. JVEN will:

- focus on Victorian jobseekers who are disadvantaged in the labour market and require assistance to gain employment
- actively engage with employers to identify job opportunities and assist in meeting industry workforce needs
- offer flexible services that are tailored to the particular needs of disadvantaged jobseekers and responsive to the particular local/regional needs
- link to community support services to ensure that the needs of disadvantaged jobseekers are met and employment outcomes are maximised
- provide services that address gaps in and complement existing services, including Commonwealth services.

### Which jobseekers are eligible for JVEN assistance?

- Unemployed people who face labour market disadvantage and need assistance to gain employment but are ineligible for full Commonwealth employment services (i.e. people who are only able to access jobactive services as a volunteer). This will generally be people who are unemployed but not in receipt of income support payments
- Disadvantaged jobseekers who are eligible for full Commonwealth job services but have complex barriers to employment. These jobseekers will either be people who are referred by other State Government services, like youth justice clients or young people in out-of-home care, or they may be jobseekers who are part of a designated priority target group.

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## Which priority jobseekers will be assisted by JVEN?

The profile of jobseekers assisted will vary from location to location, depending on population and on existing services, but may include:

- Long term unemployed people from culturally diverse communities including refugees and asylum seekers
- Aboriginal jobseekers
- Mature age jobseekers
- Youth justice clients
- Young people in out-of-home care
- Workers retrenched from the automotive manufacturing and supply chain industry
- Other retrenched workers
- Disengaged young people (aged 15-24 and not engaged in education, training or employment)
- Single parents
- Jobseekers with a disability
- Jobseekers with a mental illness
- Socialhousing tenants
- Ex-offenders
- Veterans and their families.

## Who can apply for JVEN funding?

- Applications are sought from organisations with appropriate experience in supporting unemployed Victorians into work.
- Organisations with contracts to deliver employment assistance under the Commonwealth's jobactive program will only be considered for funding in areas outside the Employment Regions for which they have a jobactive contract.
- To be eligible for funding under JVEN organisations must be incorporated, with an Australian Business Number (ABN).

## Where can I get more information about JVEN?

For more information go to [www.jobs.vic.gov.au](http://www.jobs.vic.gov.au)

Detailed program guidelines, eligibility and assessment criteria, and how to apply are available at [www.business.vic.gov.au/jobsvictoria](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/jobsvictoria)