

The \$50 million Agriculture Workforce Plan supports Victorians, including those who have lost their jobs as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19), to find paid work, while helping to ensure the state's vital agriculture sector has the workforce it needs to continue operating.

The \$500 million Working for Victoria initiative is part of the Victorian Government's \$1.7 billion Economic Survival Package. It is designed to connect workers with new opportunities that will help our community and contribute to Victoria's ability to respond to the pandemic. This includes matching workers with employers in the agriculture sector who need additional workforce support – providing practical backing for the state's food industries.

The Agriculture Workforce Plan will support the agriculture and food production sectors to meet their labour and operational needs. Support will be provided to relocate and accommodate new workers if required. Assistance with training will also be available to ensure new workers can upskill quickly if required.

What roles are supported through the Plan?

The Agriculture Workforce Plan will match displaced workers to vital industries such as horticulture, dairy, meat and food production and manufacturing, as well as transport and logistics services.

Working for Victoria positions are to be paid at the award rate, or the site rate, whichever is higher.

Where will I be able to source workers from?

The Agriculture Workforce Plan aims to match local people to local jobs where possible through the Working for Victoria platform. In instances where that is not possible, we will provide support including assistance with travel and accommodation expenses.

Is there a limit to the number of workers my business can source through Working for Victoria?

There is no limit on the number of workers businesses can source through the Working for Victoria portal.

If your business struggles to find workers that match your requirements, dedicated specialists can assist with additional support for training, travel and accommodation.

Labour hire firms will also have access to the portal.

How do I register my business to take part?

- 1. Sign up:** If you have existing positions or the capacity to create new roles for displaced workers, sign up at www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria.
- 2. Confirm:** Working for Victoria will be in contact to discuss the opportunities available, determine how you would like to participate and help set up your account.
- 3. Advertise:** Your jobs will be advertised to the Working for Victoria labour pool.
- 4. Connect:** We will connect you with candidates that have the relevant skills and experience.

Who do I contact for targeted support?

If you have urgent business needs or would like to talk to someone about targeted support for your business, email agricultureworkforceplan@ecodev.vic.gov.au and a case manager will contact you directly.