



The Harvest Trail

The Harvest Trail initiative can help you find work as a harvest labourer in rural and regional areas across Australia.

Harvest work is available throughout the year when there are insufficient local workers to harvest fruit and vegetable crops.

No matter what your background, age, or work history, harvest work gives you the opportunity to:

- combine work with travel around Australia
- meet people from around the world
- carry out a range of different work activities
- work for the majority of the year.

You can also choose to base yourself in a particular region.

National Harvest Labour Information Service (NHLIS)

The NHLIS provides comprehensive, up-to-date information about harvest work vacancies and opportunities through the Harvest Trail website at harvesttrail.gov.au.

The NHLIS also produces and distributes the **National Harvest Guide**—a booklet with information about harvest work opportunities, working conditions, transport and accommodation around Australia. The guide is **free of charge** and available online on the Harvest Trail website. The guide is updated at least once a month, and contains detailed harvest information for each harvest area and it is distributed through:

- Job Services Australia providers
- Harvest Area industry groups
- Centrelink
- relevant educational institutions
- caravan parks
- backpacker hostels
- local government information centres
- tourist bureaus
- other relevant bodies.

The NHLIS links with Harvest Labour Service providers, other Job Services Australia providers, growers, grower associations, and a range of recruitment agencies. It also works with State and Territory governments to promote harvest work opportunities to job seekers and employers.

Harvest Labour Service

Harvest Labour Service providers:

- help with ongoing advice and information about seasonal harvest work in regions across the country
- provide information about where to stay, how to get to work, wages and other working conditions as well as information about terms and conditions of harvest employment
- promote harvest work opportunities with other employment services providers and in places visited by overseas travellers, such as backpacker hostels
- support growers and their labour needs around the harvest period
- screen job seekers to ensure they are able to work in Australia and are suitable for employers
- put you in touch with employers
- provide employers' grower associations with immediate help when there are insufficient local workers.

Who can participate?

Everyone who is legally entitled to work in Australia is eligible, whether or not they receive income support payments. This includes people visiting Australia who hold the appropriate work visas.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for harvest positions:

- call the National Harvest Labour Information Service on **1800 062 332** to be put in touch with a provider in the area you are interested in
- visit the Harvest Trail website at harvesttrail.gov.au, or
- call or meet with your closest Harvest Labour Service provider.

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 Employment, 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, the department or visit www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/privacy-complaints.

For more information

Call the National Harvest Labour Information Service on 1800 062 332 or visit harvesttrail.gov.au.