

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Activity requirements 55-59 years old

Jobseekers 55-59 years old won't be able to meet their 30 hours activity by volunteering alone. What other activities will count towards the 30 hours?

Will people aged 55-59 need to participate in Work for the Dole or the National Work Experience Programme?

Answer

Job seekers aged 55 to 59 can continue to meet their Annual Activity Requirements through volunteering, including at not-for-profit organisations, but will need to do so in combination with other activities. Other activities which count towards the 30 hours a fortnight of Annual Activity Requirements include:

- Part-Time Employment
- Approved study/training in either a Certificate III or Certificate I or II course
- Accredited language, literacy and numeracy courses
- Defence Reserves
- Other government programmes, including state government programmes and 'Exploring Being My Own Boss' Workshops; or
- Non-government programmes approved for Annual Activity Requirement Purposes.

Job seekers aged 55 to 59 may elect to participate in Work for the Dole and the National Work Experience Programme but they are not required to do so.