



The NDIS and job opportunities for Queensland

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing support for people with disability to meet their disability needs, link with their community and work towards their goals. Under the NDIS, participants will have choice and control over how their supports are provided and from whom they purchase their supports.

With the introduction of the NDIS, more than 90,000 Queenslanders are expected to be provided with disability supports. To meet this demand, it is estimated that between 15,900 and 19,400 additional jobs will be created in Queensland by full implementation of the scheme in 30 June 2019.

Jobs growth is expected to include a range of roles such as support workers, specialist practitioners (like physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, social workers, psychologists), case managers, managers and office-based roles like finance and administration, customer service and community engagement.

It is an exciting time to be working in the disability sector, where you can have a rewarding career in roles that help you meet your goals while helping others to achieve theirs.

WorkAbility Qld

A Queensland NDIS Workforce Strategy – WorkAbility Qld – has been developed by the disability and community services sector to ensure Queensland has a diverse and skilled workforce ready to meet the demand of Queensland's NDIS participants.

WorkAbility Qld will provide coordinators on the ground in each of the NDIS rollout locations to identify and provide information to jobseekers about:

- local employment opportunities
- local training opportunities
- local employers
- available support.

For more information visit the WorkAbility Qld website www.workabilityqld.org.au

Rollout schedule

Queenslanders will progressively enter the scheme as follows:

Between July 2016 to June 2017:

- Townsville, Hinchinbrook, Burdekin, west to Mount Isa, and up to the gulf
- Mackay, Isaac and Whitsundays
- Toowoomba and west to the borders

Between July 2017 to June 2018:

- Ipswich, Lockyer, Scenic Rim and Somerset
- Bundaberg
- Rockhampton, Gladstone and west to the borders

Between July 2018 to June 2019:

- Logan and Redlands
- Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Tablelands, Croydon, Etheridge, Cape York and Torres Strait
- Brisbane suburbs north of Brisbane River
- Brisbane suburbs south of Brisbane River
- Fraser Coast, North Burnett, South Burnett and Cherbourg
- Gold Coast and Hinterland
- Moreton Bay including Strathpine and Caboolture
- Sunshine Coast, Noosa and Gympie

Additional jobs in Queensland

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) estimate the following additional jobs will be required across Queensland by full implementation of the NDIS in July 2019.

NDIS Rollout Area	Additional Jobs (estimate)
Year one roll out 2016-17	
Townsville, Hinchinbrook, Burdekin, west to Mount Isa, and up to the gulf	Between 800 - 950
Mackay, Isaac and Whitsundays	Between 550 - 650
Toowoomba and west to the borders	Between 900 - 1100
Year two roll out 2017-18	
Ipswich, Lockyer, Scenic Rim and Somerset	Between 1450 - 1750
Bundaberg	Between 650 – 800
Rockhampton, Gladstone and west to the borders	Between 850 – 1000
Year three roll out 2018-19	
Logan and Redlands	Between 2100 – 2550
Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Tablelands, Croydon, Etheridge, Cape York and Torres Strait	Between 950 – 1150
Brisbane suburbs	Between 1700 – 2100
Fraser Coast, North Burnett, South Burnett and Cherbourg	Between 1200 – 1400
Gold Coast and Hinterland	Between 1700 – 2050
Moreton Bay including Strathpine and Caboolture	Between 1650 – 2100
Sunshine Coast, Noosa and Gympie	Between 1400 - 1800

Queensland training opportunities

Not all jobs require you to have a qualification to start work – job entry level requirements vary and some organisations offer training on the job. However, there are a range of training opportunities to start you on your career pathway or broaden your existing skills.

A range of institutions and TAFE Queensland offer training qualifications including the Certificate III in Individual Support, a Certificate IV in Disability and the Diploma of Disability.

The Queensland Skills Gateway available at www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au allows you to search and browse training information. This includes available courses, training providers, government funding and career pathways. The gateway also includes a tool to help you check if you are eligible for government subsidised training in Queensland.

carecareers in Queensland

Information about how you can start in the Queensland disability care sector is available at www.carecareers.com.au. On these pages you'll find information on what and where the jobs are, who is employing and what they are looking for, as well as how to go about finding a role that suits you. It also includes an insightful career quiz to help you find out where your skills might best fit and checks you might need such as a blue or yellow card.

For more information

- www.ndis.gov.au for further information on the NDIS, or call the **NDIS Hotline 1800 800 110**
- www.communities.qld.gov.au/ndis for information on Queensland's NDIS transition and Queensland NDIS events calendar
- www.qld.gov.au/disability for information about current services for Queenslanders with disability or call **13 QGOV (13 74 68)**
- follow us on **Twitter @NDIS** and **@disabilityQLD**
- for people with hearing or speech loss **TTY 1800 555 677**
- speak and listen **1800 555 727**
- for people who need help with English **TIS 131 450**

