

Budget October 2022-23

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Workforce Australia - micro-policy amendments and onboarding complementary programs onto the Workforce Australia digital platform

This measure is part of a transformation of employment services by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR). It will deliver improvements to referrals to ensure all eligible job seekers are able to access <u>Workforce Australia Online</u>.

DEWR will also onboard 3 complementary programs from legacy IT systems to the Workforce Australia Digital Platform. This platform has better security, more features and is easier to use.

The 3 programs are:

- Skills for Education and Employment (SEE), which helps eligible job seekers improve their reading, writing, maths and computer skills
- <u>Self-Employment Assistance (SEA)</u>, which provides training and support to create and run a small business
- Harvest Trail, which provides horticulture job placement and information services.

Moving these programs to the platform will:

- deliver improvements to the referral processes
- provide a more accurate transfer of information for job seekers, self-employment participants and providers.

Services Australia has been allocated \$2.3 million in 2022-23 and \$2.9 million over 4 years to support the implementation of this measure.

You can read more about Workforce Australia on the DEWR website.

This measure is not subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects job seekers who are eligible for Workforce Australia Online. There are no changes to the services provided to individuals through SEE, SEA and Harvest Trail.

When will this start and finish?

This will be delivered in stages and implemented by 1 January 2024.

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