

# Eligibility Criteria Fact Sheet



## Eligibility

Potential Participants in National Green Jobs Corps (NGJC) must volunteer to participate in the program. Therefore, while Participant eligibility will be determined by the referring agency (i.e. Centrelink, Job Services Australia (JSA) provider or Disability Employment Services (DES) provider) referrals should only be made if the potential participant expresses an interest in and is willing to commit to NGJC. Potential Participants cannot directly register with an NGJC provider.

NGJC is open to:

- Australian citizens or permanent residents aged 17 to 24 years who are:
  - receiving Income Support Payments - Youth Allowance (other), Newstart Allowance, or Parenting Payment - and not working 15 hours or more a week; or
  - Disability Support Pension recipients who are able and agree to participate for 15 hours per week or more; and
- Australian citizens or permanent residents aged 17 to 20 years who are not in receipt of Income Support Payments and who are not employed for more than 15 hours a week or in full time education.

Consistent with these eligibility requirements, the program will target Participants who are:

- aged under 21 years and without Year 12 or an equivalent qualification;
- disadvantaged or at risk youth (e.g. youth in the Priority Employment Areas or in areas of high youth unemployment);
- the long term unemployed;
- Indigenous Australians; or
- Humanitarian Refugees under Australia's Humanitarian Program who hold Permanent Protection Visas.

When a Project will be occurring near a site of significant Indigenous value, referring providers should make particular attempts to encourage the participation of local Indigenous young people.

Job seekers not eligible to participate in NGJC include:

- Youth Allowance (Student) recipients; and
- recipients of Income Support Payments with an assessed capacity of less than 15 hours per week.

## Further information

For further information see:

- Referring Participants to National Green Jobs Corps Advice