

# 2022 Regional, Rural and Remote Generalist Graduate and STEM Graduate Teacher Scholarship

## Fact sheet

With more than 600 state schools located in regional, rural, and remote Queensland (QLD), there are many opportunities for a fulfilling career (including career progression and permanent employment) while meeting family, personal and lifestyle needs. There are many plenty of adventures to be had and the chance to be a valued member of the community.

### The scholarship

The department is offering up to 72 regional, rural, and remote scholarships (scholarships) to beginning/preservice teachers who have/or expect to complete an undergraduate or postgraduate initial teacher education (ITE) program at an Australian higher education institution in 2021.

Recipients will be provided with:

- a one-off payment of \$15,000 (<sup>1</sup>before tax), designed to assist with expenses such as HECS debt; association or union fees; or teaching resources
- an offer of permanent <sup>2</sup>employment (subject to meeting the scholarship conditions) as a teacher in a priority region in a QLD state school with a transfer rating (TR) of 2–7.

<sup>1</sup>Please contact the ATO and Centrelink for any implications this may have on current and future earnings/taxable income/benefits received.

<sup>2</sup>Those who have already received an offer of employment can apply.

**Apply now – applications close 24 October 2021**

<https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-C0387578-21>

### Employment opportunity

The distribution of the 2021 scholarships includes:

- 40 – general scholarships – **any teaching area**
- 32 – STEM scholarships – for those with a **specialisation in STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths).

### Priority regions

Candidates can specify their first and second preference for employment as a teacher in a priority region (refer to links):

- [Central QLD](#)
- [Darling Downs - South West](#)
- [Far North QLD](#)
- [North QLD](#).

TR2-3 schools predominantly include coastal/country towns (inner regional) and surrounding areas; TR4-6 schools are rural, and TR7 schools are remote.

You can view the schools within these regions on the [regional maps](#) or use the [schools' directory](#) (enter the school name in the 'state schools' section → 'search' → 'more details') for detailed information about the school and the transfer rating.

### Additional benefits of teaching regional, rural, or remote

Permanent teachers may be eligible for subsidised housing (<sup>3</sup>locations and availability may vary) and moving costs.

[Additional benefits](#) such as financial allowances, leave entitlements, and professional development, may be available for those who teach in QLD state school with a TR4-7.

<sup>3</sup>If department housing is important, candidates should check with [regional recruiters](#) to discuss options in the geographic area/s in which employment is being considered before applying for the scholarship.

### Eligibility criteria

Applications are invited from preservice teachers who:

- have completed (mid-year graduates) or expect to complete (end-of-year graduates) an [undergraduate or postgraduate ITE program](#) in 2021 in
  - **any teaching area** (for the general scholarships) OR
  - a **specialisation in** one of the **STEM** teaching areas (for the STEM scholarships)
- commit to commence teaching in a QLD state school in a priority region in semester 1, 2022
- are Australian citizens or have permanent residency status in Australia.

### Application and selection process

Candidates will apply through the [Smart Jobs website](#). The application will be assessed on the information provided in the online questionnaire including:

- the supporting statement – suitability to teach in a regional, rural, or remote community; transition to living within a regional, rural, or remote community; and suitability to teach STEM (STEM candidates only)
- supporting documentation – academic transcripts, resume, and **all** final professional experience reports
- location preferences and region match/vacancy
- merit against other applicants.

Scholarships will be offered on a merit selection basis and offers cannot be deferred.

### Scholarship offer and conditions

Successful candidates will receive a conditional offer until:

- evidence of working through the department's application for [teacher employment](#) requirements has been provided
- [teacher registration](#) with the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) has been completed.

When these conditions have been met, a formal letter of offer and a legally binding scholarship agreement (to sign) will be provided to the recipient, which highlights the scholarship conditions including:

- maintaining permanent employment as a teacher in a priority region in a QLD state school for a <sup>4</sup>minimum of 2 or 3 years
- Advising the department immediately of any changes to employment or personal circumstances.

Failure to meet these conditions may result in re-payment of some or all of the scholarship funds.

<sup>4</sup>Minimum service commitment – TR2-TR6 – 3 years; TR7 – 2 years.

### More information

Contact the Scholarships and Grants team, Human Resources by email at [scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au) or phone 07 3055 2969.