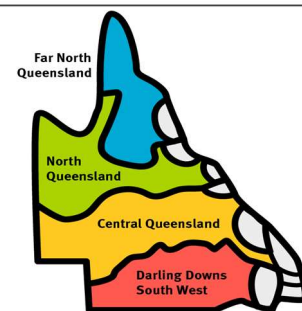


Beyond the Range Professional Experience Grant

Fact Sheet - Semester 1, 2023



The grant

The Beyond the Range Professional Experience Grant (grant) provides financial support for eligible preservice teachers (candidates) to teach, live and explore a **rural or remote community** while completing a professional experience placement (placement) in an eligible **Queensland (QLD) state school** (school) in semester 1, 2023.

Who can apply?

Applications are encouraged from candidates who:

- are currently enrolled at an Australian university (university) and in their:
 - 3rd or 4th year of an undergraduate [initial teacher education](#) (ITE) program, or
 - 1st or 2nd year of a postgraduate ITE program, and
- hold a valid [QLD Working with Children Blue Card](#) with currency during the placement (interstate candidates will need to apply for a blue card).

Eligible locations/schools

The (minimum consecutive) 15-day placement must be undertaken in a school that has a **transfer rating (TR) of TR4-TR7** and is located:

- at least [2 hours travel](#) (each way) from the candidate's current residence and the school for the placement, and
- within a [priority region](#) - Central QLD, Darling Downs-South West, Far North or North QLD.

Refer to the [Choose your teaching adventure booklet](#) (booklet) for the eligible schools¹ or the regional maps provided on the [Smart Jobs website](#) (under 'documents'). The eligible schools will be highlighted green.

Applications may be prioritised from TR7 to TR4.

Step 1 - Organise the placement

- Research the [priority regions](#) to determine the school for the placement.
- Ensure the school is listed in the [booklet](#) or is highlighted green in the regional maps (provided on the [Smart Jobs website](#) under 'documents').

If the school isn't listed in the booklet or highlighted in the regional maps, the [Regional Professional Experience Grant](#) (RPE grant)² should be considered.

- The placement should be at least 2 hours (each way) from the current residence using the [RACQ trip planner](#).
- Liaise with the placement office/officer at the university to organise the placement.

Step 2 - Apply for the grant

1. When the placement is confirmed in writing (i.e., Sonia Online or InPlace) apply for the grant on the [Smart Jobs website](#).
2. Log into Smart Jobs (create an account if needed) and:
 - in the 'upload resume' section, upload the documents requested in the BTRG Doc Checklist (provided on the [Smart Jobs website](#) under 'documents'), and
 - respond to all the questions in the online questionnaire.

Incomplete applications or applications submitted less than 6 weeks before the placement start date may result in a delayed payment including receiving the grant whilst on placement.

Experiencing trouble uploading the documents? Email them to scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au

The grants for semester 1, 2023³ will close on the 2 June 2023 or when the semester's allocation is depleted.

The grants for semester 2, 2023³ will open in mid-term 2, 2023. [Register here](#) to receive an email when the grants open.

Step 3 - Grant offers

Candidates will receive an email within 3 weeks⁴ of applying for the grant to either: (a) seek further information or (b) to provide an offer letter, Conditions of Payment (CoP), and a personal details advice form to complete and return (which will initiate payment of the grant - this can take up to 3 weeks).

Conditions of payment

Payment of the grant is based on the placement details provided in the online application. A CoP is to notify the department of any changes to the approved placement particulars (including a re-scheduled, cancelled or terminated placement) which may affect the grant amount paid or repaid⁵.

Step 4 - Payment of the grant

The one-off grant⁶ is to assist with placement-related travel, expenses⁵. The grant is provided on the duration of the placement not the TR of the school:

Duration of the placement / Grant amount			
15 days	20 days	25-35 days	40 days+
\$3,375	\$4,500	\$4,700	\$5,000

Questions?

Contact the Scholarships and Grants team, People Branch, Department of Education by phone at (07) 3055 2969 or by email at scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au

The fine print: ¹Agnes Water, Lowmead and Wartburg state schools are exempt. | ²The RPE grant is for placements in TR2-TR3 state schools in priority regions. | ³The offering of the grant and its particulars can be subject to change at any time at the department's discretion. | ⁴Candidates should regularly check their email's bin/junk/SPAM/ trash folders as emails from the scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au address can be sent there. | ⁵It's recommended that receipts for placement related expenses be retained until after the placement is completed. The ATO defines travel expenses as transport, accommodation, meals and incidental | ⁶The grant - paid via EFT - may affect the annual income and/or benefits received. It's recommended that financial advice is sought from an advisor, the Australian Taxation Office and/or Centrelink. | November 2022