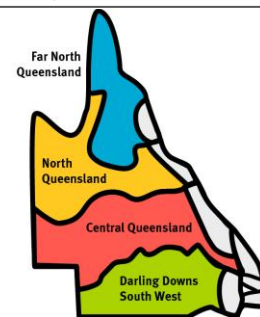


Beyond the Range Professional Experience Grant

Fact Sheet - Semester 2 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](#) (state school) in Semester 2 2023.

Who can apply?

Applications are encouraged from candidates who:

- are currently enrolled at an [Australian university](#) in their:
 - 3rd or 4th year of an undergraduate (i.e., 4-year Bachelor of Education) [initial teacher education](#) (ITE) program, or
 - 1st or 2nd year of a postgraduate (i.e., 2-year Master of Teaching) 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](#))
- are an Australian Citizen, permanent resident, or person who resides in Australia and has permission, under a Commonwealth Law, to study in Australia.

Eligible locations/state schools

The minimum consecutive 15-day placement must be undertaken in a [state school](#) that:

- has a [transfer rating](#) (TR) of TR4-TR7
- is [2 hours travel](#) (each way) to/from home to the school
- is in a [priority location](#) – Central QLD, Darling Downs, Far North or North QLD, and select schools in the North Coast¹.

The eligible state schools are listed in the [Choose your Teaching Adventure](#)¹ booklet (booklet) or highlighted green in the maps on the [Smart Jobs website](#) (under 'documents').

If the state school isn't listed in the booklet/highlighted in the maps, the [Regional Professional Experience Grant](#)² could be considered.

Apply now! Applications close 8 December 2023

Smart Jobs: bit.ly/BTRG2023-S2

[Register here](#) to receive an email when the Semester 1 2024 grants open. The criteria and particulars³ should be similar as Sem 2 2023.

Step 1 - Organise the placement

- Determine the state school for the placement. Be intentional with your research - you never know the opportunities that may arise!
- Ensure the state school meets the eligibility criteria above.
- Liaise with the placement office/officer at the university to organise the placement⁴.

Step 2 - Apply for the grant

When the placement is confirmed in writing⁵ (i.e., Sonia Online or InPlace) apply for the grant on the [Smart Jobs website](#).

Log into Smart Jobs (create an account if needed) and:

- in the 'upload files' section, upload the documents requested in the BTRG Doc Checklist (provided on the [Smart jobs website](#) under 'documents')
- 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@ged.qld.gov.au

Step 3 - Grant offers

Candidates will receive an email⁶ within 3 weeks of applying for the grant to either: (a) seek further information; or (b) to provide an offer letter, Conditions for Payment (CFP), and a form to complete and return. When received, this will initiate payment of the grant (which can take up to 3 weeks).

Conditions for payment

Payment of the grant is based on the placement details provided in the online application. A CFP is to [notify the department](#) of any changes to the approved placement particulars (i.e., a re-scheduled, cancelled or terminated placement) which may affect the grant amount paid/repaid.

Step 4 - Payment of the grant

The grant (paid via EFT) which is based on the duration of the placement, is to assist with placement-related travel expenses including transport, accommodation, meals, and incidentals.

Receipts for placement-related travel expenses should be kept until the placement is completed in case repayment is required.

It's recommended that financial advice be sought (i.e., advisor, ATO or Centrelink) regarding potential implications to income and/or benefits received.

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 (HR), QLD Department of Education by phone at (07) 3055 2969 or by email at scholarships@ged.qld.gov.au

THE FINE PRINT: ¹Schools in the North Coast are eligible for the grant if they are highlighted orange on the BTRG NCR map of eligible schools 2023-S2 on the [Smart Jobs website](#)). Agnes Water, Lowmead, Wartburg state schools are excluded from the grant | ²The RPEG is for placements in state schools with a TR2-TR3 | ³The grant offering, eligibility, particulars, and conditions are subject to change at any time at the department's discretion | ⁴Online and interstate candidates should follow the steps above (contacting schools directly if needed) and provide a list of the schools to the placement office/officer at the university to organise the placement | ⁵While waiting for the placement confirmation, a conditional offer may be provided which confirms eligibility for the grant. Candidates should email the name of the state school/s and dates of the placement and current home address for the placement to scholarships@ged.qld.gov.au | ⁶Candidates should regularly check their email's bin/junk/SPAM/trash folders | July 2023