

# Beyond the Range Professional Experience Grant

## Fact Sheet - Semester 1 2024



### 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 in Semester 1 2024. [bit.ly/QLDStateSchools](http://bit.ly/QLDStateSchools)

### Who can apply?

Applications are encouraged from candidates who are currently enrolled at an Australian university (university) and:

- are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of an undergraduate OR 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a postgraduate initial teacher education program. [bit.ly/AUAccreditedITEPrograms](http://bit.ly/AUAccreditedITEPrograms)
- hold a QLD Working with Children Blue Card with currency during the placement. [bit.ly/QLDBlueCard](http://bit.ly/QLDBlueCard) Interstate candidates will need to apply for a blue card [bit.ly/InterstateBlueCard](http://bit.ly/InterstateBlueCard), and
- are a person who resides in Australia and has permission, under a Commonwealth Law, to study in Australia.

Candidates who are on a permission-to-teach (PTT) may be eligible for the grant if undertaking an unpaid placement and meet the eligibility criteria. Contact the S&G team for eligibility.

### Eligible locations/state schools

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

- at least **2 hours of travel** (each way) from the candidate's current residence to the state school for the placement [bit.ly/RACQTripPlanner](http://bit.ly/RACQTripPlanner), and
- within a **priority location - Central QLD, Darling Downs-South West, Far North or North QLD** (eligible state schools are highlighted green on the maps provided on the Smart Jobs website). Select state schools in the North Coast are also eligible – these schools are highlighted orange on the maps provided on the Smart Jobs website.

The eligible state schools are listed in the Choose your Teaching Adventure booklet (CYTA booklet). [bit.ly/DoETR7-TR4schools](http://bit.ly/DoETR7-TR4schools) Agnes Water, Lowmead, Warburg state schools (in the North Coast) aren't eligible for the grant nor are private/independent schools.

If the state school isn't listed in the CYTA booklet or highlighted on the maps, the Regional Professional Experience Grant (TR2-TR3 state schools) could be considered. [bit.ly/QLDDoERPEG](http://bit.ly/QLDDoERPEG)

**Applications close 7 June 2024**

**Apply via the QR code** 

The grants are open across Semester 1 (18 January - 21 June 24). Register to receive an email when the Semester 2 24 grants open at [bit.ly/DoESchAlert](http://bit.ly/DoESchAlert)

The grant offering, eligibility, particulars, and conditions for this grant are at the department's discretion.

### Step 1 - Organise the placement

- Select a state school for the placement.
- Ensure the state school meets the eligibility criteria (above).
- Organise the placement with the university (online and interstate candidates can contact the S&G team if needed).

### Step 2 - Apply for the grant

When the placement is confirmed in writing <sup>[1]</sup> (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'), 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.

<sup>[1]</sup> Candidates can request a conditional offer which confirms their eligibility for the grant. Candidates should email the name of the state school/s, the dates of the placement, and their current home address while at university to [scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au). When the placement is confirmed in writing, an application for the grant is to be submitted.

Experiencing trouble uploading the documents? Email them to [scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au)

### Step 3 - Grant offers

Candidates will receive an email <sup>[2]</sup> within 3 weeks of applying for the grant to either seek further information or to provide an offer letter, Conditions for Payment (CFP), and a form to complete and return. The completed form will initiate payment of the grant which can take up to 3 weeks.

<sup>[2]</sup> Regularly check the email's bin/junk/SPAM/trash folders!

### 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 (below) 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 by EFT) is based on the duration of the placement and is 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 and/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 (S&G team), Human Resources Branch, QLD Department of Education by email at [scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:scholarships@qed.qld.gov.au) or by phone at (07) 3055 2969.



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