

Regional Professional Experience Grant

Fact Sheet - Semester 1 2024



The grant

The Regional Professional Experience Grant (grant) provides financial support for eligible preservice teachers (candidates) to teach, live, and explore a **regional community** while completing a professional experience placement (placement) in an eligible Queensland (QLD) state school in Semester 1 2024.

bit.ly/QLDStateSchools

Who can apply?

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

- ☐ are in their 3rd or 4th year of an undergraduate OR 1st or 2nd year of a postgraduate initial teacher education program bit.ly/AUAccreditedITEPrograms
- ☐ hold a QLD Working with Children Blue Card with currency during the placement bit.ly/QLDBlueCard. Interstate candidates will need to apply for a blue card 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 **TR2-TR3** 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/RACOTripPlanner, and
- ☐ within a **priority location** - [Central QLD](#), [Darling Downs-South West](#), [Far North](#), [North QLD](#) and the [North Coast](#) (select schools). Eligible state schools are highlighted in blue on the maps provided on the Smart Jobs website. Select state schools in the North Coast and [Metropolitan South](#) are also eligible – these schools are highlighted orange on the maps provided on the Smart Jobs website. bit.ly/RPEG2024-S1

If the state school isn't highlighted on the maps, the Beyond the Range Professional Experience Grant (TR4-TR7 state schools) could be considered. bit.ly/BTRG2024-S1

Private and independent schools are not eligible for the grant.

Applications close 7 June 2024

Apply via the QR code 



Smart Jobs
website

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

The grant offering, eligibility, particulars, and conditions is provided 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 ^[1] (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 RPEG 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.

^[1] 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. 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

Step 3 - Grant offers

Candidates will receive an email ^[2] 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.

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

Conditions of 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 via EFT) is based on the duration of the placement and 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 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+
\$2,250	\$3,000	\$3,200	\$3,400

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 or by phone at (07) 3055 2969.



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