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jobactive
self employment (NEIS)

jobactive—helping you to start a new small business

jobactive is the Australian Government's way to get more Australians into work.

If you want to start and run a new small business, you may be eligible to participate in the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS), delivered as part of jobactive.

A total of 6,300 places in NEIS are available nationally each year, delivered by a network of NEIS providers.

What is NEIS?

NEIS can help you become a self-employed business owner. NEIS providers offer support to turn a good idea into a viable business through:

- accredited small business training
- income support (the NEIS Allowance—up to 39 weeks) and rental assistance (up to 26 weeks)
- business mentoring from a NEIS provider in your new business' first year.

Am I eligible for NEIS?

There are two parts to NEIS eligibility.

Firstly, you must be at least 18 years of age and:

- eligible for jobactive or taking part in Disability Employment Services in the Employment Assistance Phase, or
- taking part in jobactive as a volunteer job seeker and able to start in NEIS before the end of your period of service.

Your jobactive or Disability Employment Services provider can assess if you meet these rules and then refer you to a NEIS provider.

Secondly, the NEIS provider will assess your business idea. To be eligible, your business needs to be independent, lawful and commercially viable. You cannot already be operating your business on a commercial basis in Australia.

A full list of NEIS eligibility requirements can be found at www.employment.gov.au/NEIS.

Details of NEIS providers are available at www.jobactive.gov.au.

Participation in NEIS is competitive so not all referrals can be accepted by NEIS providers, even if you are eligible.

Want more information?

- Go to www.employment.gov.au/neis
- Call the Employment Services Information Line on 13 62 68*.

Do you need help with this fact sheet?

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450* and ask for 13 62 68*.

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