



Welfare to Work - Employment Preparation

What funding is the government committing to the delivery of Employment Preparation?

- ▶ The Howard Government will provide funding of \$47.7 million over four years for Employment Preparation.

What is Employment Preparation?

- ▶ Employment Preparation is a new employment service especially designed to assist parents, carers, and people aged over 50, to return to the workforce.
- ▶ This service will be available through Job Network from 1 July 2006, replacing the Transition to Work programme.

What services will Employment Preparation provide?

- ▶ Assistance will be based on a job seeker's individual needs and may include the following:
 - skills assessments;
 - access to courses to upgrade skills; and
 - courses/training to improve self-esteem, confidence or IT skills.
- ▶ Job Network members will be credited with \$300 per eligible job seeker in the Job Seeker Account to be spent on goods or services (such as training).

Who is eligible for Employment Preparation?

- ▶ All parents, carers and mature aged people on income support will have access to Employment Preparation.
- ▶ 5 000 additional Employment Preparation places will be available each year for parents and mature people who are not on income support and have been out of the workforce for at least two years.

When will a job seeker get Employment Preparation?

- ▶ Eligible job seekers with no recent workforce experience (two years or more) will receive Employment Preparation services as soon as they start participating in Job Network.
- ▶ People with recent workforce experience will receive Employment Preparation after they have been participating in Job Network for three months without finding employment.