



Australian Government

What's Next?



Employment services when facing retrenchment

Early Access initiative



Eligibility

Workforce Australia is an Australian Government employment service. If you have been retrenched you can access support for:



up to 3 months **before your retrenchment date** and



up to 6 months **after your retrenchment date**.

Through the **Early Access** initiative, retrenched workers and their partners are eligible Participants of Workforce Australia Services, regardless of whether they are in receipt of income support payments.

You do not need to be eligible for income support (Centrelink) payments.

Retrenched workers (and their eligible partners) can access support up to 3 months prior to retrenchment for up to 6 months after by registering directly with a Workforce Australia Services Provider.



Evidence of retrenchment

Evidence of retrenchment can include:

- a termination letter
- certificate of separation
- notification of upcoming retrenchment
- other documentation, including payslips or a statutory declaration



Evidence of a relationship

Evidence of a relationship is required for partners who wish to register under the **Early Access** initiative.



Registration

To register with **Early Access**, you will need to register for Workforce Australia Online through myGov.

You will need a **myGov account** and link it to the **Workforce Australia App**. You can find assistance here: servicesaustralia.gov.au/mygov-help-create-mygov-account

Contact a **Workforce Australia Employment Services Provider** of your choice to register under the **Early Access** initiative. You can find your local provider by contacting the Digital Services Contact Centre on 1800 314 677.

When speaking with a **Workforce Australia Employment Services Provider**:

- 1 Ask the provider to register you as an **Early Access** participant.
- 2 The provider will undertake an assessment with you to determine your level of support.
- 3 Once registered you will have access to the full range of provider services.



Further information about **Early Access** can be found at: whatsnext.dewr.gov.au/where-do-i-stand/support-retrenched-workers

Provider services

A Provider can help you to find a new job in many ways, including:

-  providing advice based on your situation and plans for the future
-  providing case management so that you are ready to take up and keep a job
-  helping you with writing or updating your résumé and preparing for interviews
-  providing referrals to jobs in your local area
-  helping you to get training that is suited to the skills that new employers need
-  practical assistance to help with your job search, including access to the internet, printers and newspapers.



They can also help you with using laptops, computers and smart phones.

To find your nearest provider visit workforceaustralia.gov.au.

