Australian Government

New Business Assistance with NEIS

Exploring Being My Own Boss Workshops

Exploring Being My Own Boss Workshops give people a taste of self-employment.

There are 1,000 places available nationally each year, delivered by a network of Workshop providers.

What will I get out of participating in a workshop?

You may benefit from these workshops if you:

- want to become your own boss, but don't know where to start
- have a business idea.

Workshops will give you:

- a better understanding of what self-employment involves
- access to practical information you need to start your own business
- an opportunity to discuss your ideas or interests with other people.

How are workshops delivered?

Workshops are delivered by a network of workshop providers around Australia. They cover 10 topics that take place over 50 hours during a two to four-week period.

Exploring Being My Own Boss Workshops are currently being delivered both online and face-to-face.

Am I eligible to join a workshop?

To participate in a workshop, you must:

- be available to participate in the full workshop program
- have the right to work in Australia
- not be studying or working for more than 25 hours per week

Early access for veterans

Serving members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) with a transition date, and eligible family members of serving ADF personnel may participate in a workshop regardless of how many hours they are working or studying.

Where can I get more support?

New Business Assistance with NEIS helps people to turn their viable business ideas into successful businesses. NEIS Participants get help to develop a business plan and access business mentoring. More information about NEIS is available at dese.gov.au/neis.

You do not need to participate in a workshop to be eligible for NEIS.

Want more information?

- Visit dese.gov.au/ebmob-workshops
- Find your local Workshop provider on jobsearch.gov.au/workshops
- Talk to your jobactive, ParentsNext or Disability Employment Services provider or call the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260

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 the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260^.

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, you can use the National Relay Service. For more information, visit www.relayservice.com.au.

^Note that call charges apply for calls to '13' numbers from mobile phone

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