

Australian Government **Department of Education**, **Skills and Employment**

Online Employment Services Trial (OEST) Evaluation

About the OEST

The OEST commenced on 1 July 2018 but was terminated as a trial in mid-April 2020 due to the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The OEST sought to assess the feasibility of online servicing and the extent to which job seekers could self-manage their requirements effectively using an online platform.





Overall evaluation findings

The OEST evaluation tracked job seekers who registered in jobactive from 1 July 2018 to 30 September 2019.

The evaluation found that OEST was efficient and effective in delivering online employment services to the most jobready job seekers. It was most suitable for job ready and young job seekers, those with more education, those in metropolitan locations, those with higher internet usage and those new to jobactive.

The majority of OEST participants were satisfied with the trial, reflecting the quality of the online platform.