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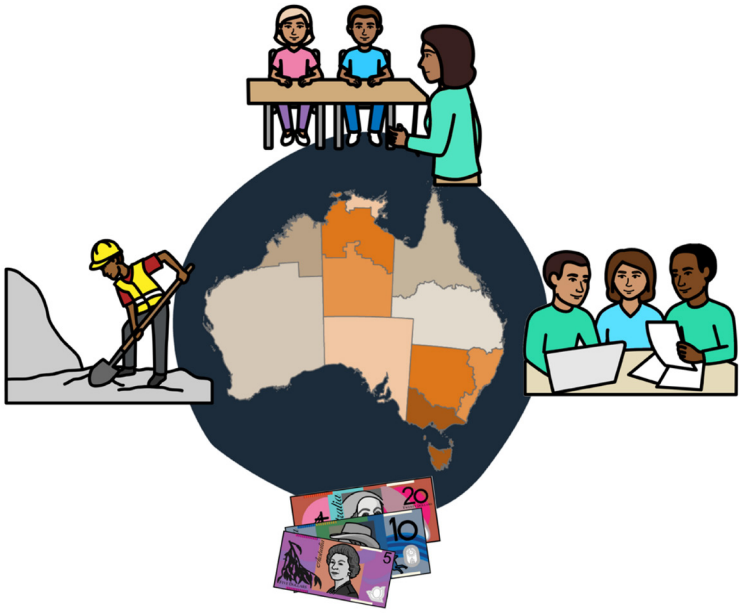
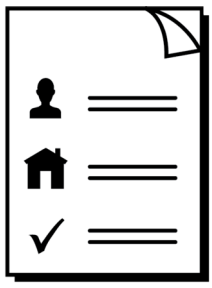


The Remote Jobs and Economic Development program



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About this booklet

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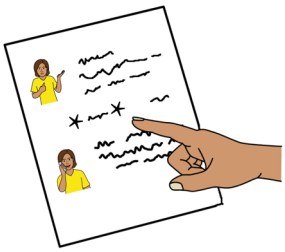
This booklet is from the
National Indigenous Australians Agency or NIAA.

We help the Australian Government to make the lives of First Nations people better.

This booklet is written in a way that is easy to understand.



We add a star before and after ***hard words***.
Then we explain what the words mean.

You can ask someone to help you read and understand this booklet.

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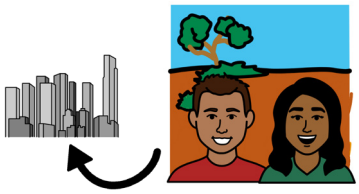
What is the Remote Jobs and Economic Development program?

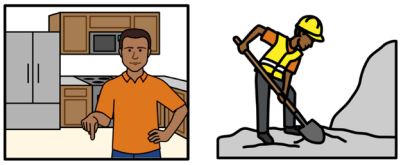
We have a ***program*** to help people living in ***remote*** parts of Australia get jobs.

A program is a plan with goals and activities.



Remote means places that are far away from cities.

We are working with First Nations people to make a good program.



The program will

- have jobs that are close to where people live

- have jobs that people want.

The program will make 3000 jobs over 3 years.

How will the program work?

Communities will help decide which jobs they need and want.

The Government will fund community organisation employers to hire local people.

They can also apply for money for equipment and resources to do these jobs.

This will help make more jobs for local people.

Every community will have different needs.

Some communities may need more time to decide what they need.

People can get help from NIAA staff if they need it.

How are we working with communities?

We are doing job ***trials*** in communities.

Trials means we are testing the program.

We have been talking to people about the program.

For example

- people who live in remote communities

- community organisations

- businesses

- people who work with First Nations people.

We have heard lots of ideas.

For example, the program should

- be led by communities

- focus on community needs

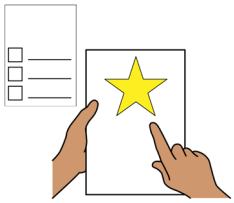
- support young people

- help people who cannot work right now

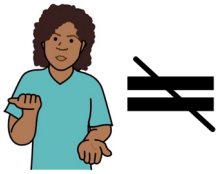
- be ***flexible***.

Flexible means the program can change to meet the needs of each community.

How is this job program different?



This program is different to past remote job programs like the Community Development Employment Projects or CDEP.



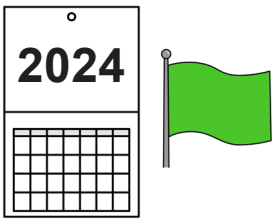
Some things were unfair about past programs.

The new program will

- make sure people are paid properly and have good conditions

- create jobs that communities want and need

- be much easier for community organisation employers to manage.



When will the program start?

The program will start in the second half of 2024.

More information

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For more information, contact the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

Website

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www.niaa.gov.au/remote-jobs

Email remote.jobs@niaa.gov.au

Contact your local NIAA regional office.

Call 1800 079 098

Website

Find your local NIAA regional office at

www.indigenous.gov.au/regional-network

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Website

www.accesshub.gov.au/about-the-nrs/nrs-helpdesk

We acknowledge and pay respect to all First Nations people across Australia, who are the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters and are the oldest continuous living cultures on Earth. We pay respect to Elders past and present.

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