



Australian Government



## Green Army participants

### What is the Green Army?

The Green Army is a voluntary programme for 17-24 year olds interested in protecting their local environment. The Green Army provides young people with skills, training and experience to improve their future career prospects while participating in projects that generate real and lasting benefits for the environment.

### How can I get involved?

You can apply if you are aged between 17-24 years and an Australian citizen or permanent resident. You may be a school leaver, gap year student, graduate, Indigenous person, an unemployed job seeker and/or a person with a disability. Eligibility requirements relating to age may be extended beyond those listed above in future years.

### How do I apply?

Participants are recruited by Green Army Service Providers. To apply you will need to contact a Service Provider operating in your state or territory. Service Providers details are available at [www.environment.gov.au/green-army](http://www.environment.gov.au/green-army)

### What's in it for me?

- Being part of a Green Army team will provide you with valuable skills, training and experience that will support you in future career prospects.
- You will have the opportunity to undertake accredited training such as work readiness, conservation and land management, heritage conservation, project and human resource management and heritage trade skills.
- You will be trained in First Aid and Work Health and Safety before starting a project.
- You will be supported to obtain Certificate I or II qualifications or nationally endorsed skills set to help you prepare for the workforce or improve your career opportunities.
- You will receive an allowance during your placement in the Green Army. The Green Army allowance ranges from \$10.14 to \$16.45 per hour.
- You will be contributing to a nationwide effort to clean up Australia's environment and help your local community.
- You will be a part of Australia's largest-ever team of young Australians supporting environmental action in our history.

## What will I be doing?

As a Green Army participant you will be involved in a project for up to 30 hours a week for a period of 20-26 weeks and undertake a range of activities which may include:

- propagating and planting native seedlings
- weed control
- re-vegetation and regeneration of local parks
- habitat protection and restoration
- improving water quality by cleaning up waterways
- re-vegetation of sand dunes and mangroves
- creek bank regeneration
- foreshore and beach restoration
- construction of boardwalks and walking tracks to protect local wildlife; and
- cultural heritage restoration.

Green Army projects will be carried out across urban, regional and remote Australia. The Service Providers will ensure you are provided with transport to and from a nominated pick up point and get you to and from training activities.

You will be provided with appropriate clothing and safety gear during your time on the project including, boots, trousers, hat, gloves, shirts and where necessary wet weather gear and jumpers or jackets for cold climates.

## Am I covered for work health and safety?

All participants will be afforded the relevant protections under existing state and territory legislation, any applicable Commonwealth laws and Australian anti-discrimination laws. All parties will hold relevant insurances. The Australian Government has also procured personal accident, public and products liability insurance on behalf of all participants to ensure you receive uniform minimum coverage.


## I already get income support. Can I still join?

If you receive an income support payment, participating in the Green Army may affect your payment. If you join the Green Army full-time, your income support payment will be put on hold while you receive a Green Army allowance. For those who have agreements for participating part-time you can elect a pro-rata allowance or retain your income support arrangements.

For more information, visit [www.humanservices.gov.au/greenarmy](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/greenarmy)

## Want to know more?

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