



Australian Government

Remote Australia Employment Service

What this means
for job seekers

As a job seeker in remote Australia, you might have heard the Government is replacing the Community Development Program (CDP) with the Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES – pronounced RAYS).

This service will work with you to help you get ready to move into a job. It will also offer opportunities for you to be engaged in local projects in your community if you are unable to work or you're on the pathway to finding a job.

The service will begin on 1 November 2025 and there will be a smooth transition for job seekers who are on CDP.

What are the benefits of this new service?

It will be more flexible, culturally safe and give you more support. It will:

- ✓ Give you training to build your skills to get you ready for work.
- ✓ Connect you with local projects that contribute to your community.
- ✓ Find jobs that you might want and be ready to move into.
- ✓ Give you the opportunity to meet with your provider no matter whether you live in town or further out (e.g. homelands or outstations).
- ✓ Give you access to mentoring and other support if required to help improve your well-being.



What will happen when the new service starts?

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All job seekers will be transitioned to the new service. You may have the same provider or a new one. The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations will let you know via an SMS.

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Your provider will contact you to set up an initial appointment.

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You will meet with the provider, and they will ask you some questions to help develop a new job plan.

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You will keep meeting with your provider every month, undertake job searches (if appropriate), accept paid work and not leave suitable paid work.

For more information

Visit niaa.gov.au/remote-jobs/jobseekers

Subscribe for email updates on remote employment via the website

View a map of where RAES will operate at niaa.gov.au/raes-regions

View a visual map on the website outlining the employment pathways available for job seekers

