

Refugee Employment

Support Program

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About the Refugee Employment Support Program

A four-year \$22 million initiative by the NSW Government, managed by the NSW Department of Industry, the Refugee Employment Support Program (RESP) addresses the challenges that are experienced by refugees and asylum seekers in finding long-term skilled employment opportunities.

The RESP will assist up to 6,000 refugees and 1,000 asylum seekers across Western Sydney and Illawarra, the areas where the majority of refugees settle in NSW.

The RESP is supported by the AMP Foundation.





What services does the RESP offer?

Outcomes-focused and innovative in its delivery models, the RESP helps participants to develop career plans, and links them to employers, education and training as required. RESP will support participants to:



Gain sustainable and skilled employment



Access mentoring



Improve English language skills



Benefit from work experience placements



Benefit from relevant education and training courses



Become work ready



Gain recognition of overseas skills and qualifications



Develop business knowledge and skills



Overcome transport barriers



How to access the RESP

The RESP is being delivered by Settlement Services International on behalf of the NSW Government. Participants can self-refer or be referred by any organisation or service.

Website

www.ssi.org.au/services/refugee-employment-support-program

E-mail

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02 8713 9366

Who is eligible?

Region	Illawarra	Western Sydney
Refugees	✓	✓
Asylum seekers	✗	✓
Age	18–55	
Entered Australia	From 1 December 2011	
Enrolled in Career Pathways Pilot	✗	✗

Individuals can only be registered in the RESP where their visa provides work and/or study rights and their participation in the RESP will fully comply with their visa conditions.

For further information on visa eligibility visit training.nsw.gov.au/resp

Supporting initiatives

The RESP forms part of a range of NSW Government initiatives to support refugees and asylum seekers in accessing training and achieving long term skilled employment:

- **Fee-free training** is available under Smart and Skilled (smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au) for full and part qualification courses up to Certificate IV level
- **Non-English language materials** will provide an introduction to the vocational education and training (VET) system in NSW and give individuals a step-by-step guide that will support them in exploring their training options and finding courses and providers of their choice.

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