

MEDIA RELEASE



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PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WORKERS REGIONAL TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT SCHEME

As part of the *Work and Wander out Yonder* campaign, the State Government has announced a \$3 million **Primary Industries Workers Regional Travel and Accommodation Support Scheme** to attract young people to work in the regions to satisfy demand for short-term agricultural jobs, created by the loss of the backpacker workforce due to COVID-19.

The scheme will provide financial assistance for people to relocate to take up work in agriculture, fisheries and food processing businesses in regional areas experiencing labour shortages as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

Starting from Monday, **21 September**, eligible workers will receive up to \$40 per night to help cover accommodation costs for up to 12 weeks and travel allowances if relocating more than 100 kilometres away from their usual place of residence.

In some areas, accommodation may be a limiting factor in attracting workers, particularly as domestic tourist numbers have increased.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.dpird.wa.gov.au/regional-workers-scheme>

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