

Backing good jobs

Outback and Far North

- \$676 million Big Build investment creating 2,300 jobs
- CopperString 2032
- Queensland's North West Minerals Province
- Abundant natural resources
- Diversifying agriculture industry
- Mount Isa Transition Fund

More than
43,900
employed
by 2025-26

Jobs Queensland (2023), *Anticipating Future Skills (AFS) Series 4.*



BACK TO WORK* **1,078** job seekers
419 local businesses
supported by \$10.39 million

SKILLING QUEENSLANDERS FOR WORK*

928
employed

\$22.93 million
in community programs

Big Build figures: *Outback Regional Action Plan, Queensland Budget 2023-24.*

*As at 30 April 2024

Top 5 largest employing industries



10,801 employed

Mining

Drillers, miners and shot firers, metal fitters and machinists, other building and engineering technicians, electricians



5,497 employed

Public administration and safety

General clerks, police, contract, program and project administrators, inspectors and regulatory officers, information officers



5,209 employed

Health care and social assistance

Registered nurses, aged and disability carers, child carers, general practitioners and resident medical officers



3,748 employed

Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Livestock farmers, mixed crop and livestock farmers, livestock farmer workers, crop farmers



2,965 employed

Education and training

Primary school teachers, secondary school teachers, education aides, child carers

Outback South and North plus Far North projected workforce sizes by 2025-26. Source: Jobs Queensland (2023), *Anticipating Future Skills (AFS) Series 4.*

Good Jobs, Great Training

Queensland Skills Strategy 2024 – 2028 delivering for

Outback and Far North

1,450

Free TAFE students and apprentices

Commencements from 2023 (as at 30 April 2024)

Popular free courses Outback and Far North	Aligned jobs	Average salaries seek.com.au
Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade	Metal fitters and machinists	\$70,000 - \$90,000
Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	Electricians	\$90,000 - \$110,000
Certificate III in Carpentry	Carpenters	\$75,000 - \$90,000
Certificate III in Individual Support	Aged and disability carers	\$60,000 - \$70,000
Certificate III in Engineering - Fixed and Mobile Plant Mechanic (Diesel Fitter/Mechanic)	Diesel mechanic	\$80,000 - \$100,000



More Free TAFE upskilling Queenslanders while driving costs down



More local training delivering for local communities



More TAFE Trade Tasters plus skills for school students aligned to good, local jobs



Apprentices and trainees supported across traditional and emerging industries, plus more pre-apprenticeships and Work Skills Traineeships



Skills employers need expanded industry input on workforce needs and priorities



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Sophie Thomson, Mount Isa | Apprentice mechanic

Free training sets Sophie up for success

Sophie Thomson has her sights set firmly on becoming a qualified mechanic, thanks to financial relief in the form of free training.

Sophie is completing a Certificate III in Engineering – Fixed and Mobile Plant Mechanic with TAFE Queensland, fully funded by the Queensland Government.

“My journey began with a work experience stint, followed by a school-based traineeship in mechanics,” Sophie said.

“I was drawn to this field because of the dynamic nature of the work, which led me to pursue a full-time apprenticeship.”

Sophie has had to overcome challenges throughout her apprenticeship – from scheduling and paperwork challenges to having to make ends meet on apprentice wages.

“In the initial years, the need to acquire numerous tools, combined with high living costs, posed financial challenges,” she said.

“Fortunately, Free TAFE has allowed me to allocate the money I saved towards tooling loans with suppliers, ensuring I have the resources needed to successfully complete my apprenticeship.”



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