

LET'S TAKE ON THE BIG VICTORIAN HARVEST

Seasonal Harvest Sign-on Bonus

Join the Big Victorian Harvest and you could receive a bonus of up to \$2,430 for eight week's work on a farm – on top of your wage.

The Victorian Government's Seasonal Harvest Sign-on Bonus is an extra payment for those who take up a harvest job on a Victorian farm this season.

With the horticulture industry's usual backpacker and international workforce reduced because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, farmers need your help to pick, pack and process Victoria's fruit and vegetables.

Two bonus payments over eight weeks

The Victorian Government is giving eligible workers \$2,430 for eight weeks of seasonal harvest work on a Victorian horticulture farm.

You will get the bonus in two instalments:

- Bonus 1: \$810, after doing 10 days of work within a 30-day period
- Bonus 2: \$1,620, after an additional 30 days of work within a 90-day period.

Eligibility requirements

In addition to the work requirements, to be eligible for the Seasonal Harvest Sign-on Bonus, you must also:

- start your harvest job on or after 17 February 2021
- have work rights in Australia
- not be employed under the Pacific Labour Scheme or Seasonal Worker Programme.

This bonus is designed to attract more workers to Victorian farms to help meet harvest needs. If you've worked on-farm in Victoria's agriculture sectors (dairy, livestock, grains and horticulture) in the three months prior to starting your horticulture job, you won't be eligible for the bonus.

Make sure you read the [program guidelines](#) for eligible industries, roles and other criteria.

Flexible arrangements

You can move between Victorian harvest jobs and still be eligible for the bonus.

Easy online application process

You can apply for the initial bonus through our [online portal](#) after completing the first 10 days of work.

You will need to provide [evidence](#) of your employment and that you've met the work requirements, through:

- Payslips
- Evidence that confirms the separate days you worked, for example:
 - Employer-approved timesheets
 - Records from the Fair Work Ombudsman's [Record my Hours](#) app
- The addresses of the farm sites you worked at.

Get extra benefits for relocating

You may also be eligible to claim the Commonwealth Government's \$6,000 Relocation Assistance to Take up a Job if you move to a regional area for harvest work.

Give harvest work a try and get your first bonus after just two weeks

Find your farm job today

Head to agriculture.vic.gov.au/bigharvest to find out about harvest jobs, where to find work and more details about the Seasonal Harvest Sign-on Bonus.

Further support

Call the Jobs Victoria hotline on 1300 208 575 for assistance finding work, including how to join the jobs-matching platform, Jobs Victoria Online Hub.

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