



Australian Government



## Green Army fact sheet

### What is the Green Army?

The Green Army is a hands-on, practical, grassroots environmental action programme that supports local environmental and heritage conservation projects across Australia.

It's an initiative for young Australians aged 17–24 years interested in protecting their local environment. Participants will receive an allowance and gain hands-on, practical skills, training and experience in environmental and conservation fields.

Projects are guided by local community needs and must have an environment or heritage conservation focus while providing participants with valuable practical experience.

### Who is involved?

#### Service Providers

The Australian Government has engaged five Service Providers to help deliver the programme. Conservation Volunteers Australia, Manpower Services together with Landcare Australia Limited, Job Futures Limited, Workskil Australia Incorporated, and Campbell Page Limited together with Skillset Limited have been chosen to ensure conservation projects are rolled out to communities while providing training and skills to young Australians.

The Service Providers are responsible for recruiting participants, managing work health and safety, providing training, paying allowances and overseeing project management. Service Providers will also provide project specific materials such as seedlings, chemicals, fencing materials and equipment as agreed by the Department when considering project applications.

#### Project sponsors

You can bid to host a Green Army project if you are a community organisation, environment group or local council. The Department of the Environment may hold up to two assessment periods each year. Project guidelines and information for groups interested in applying for a Green Army project are available at: [www.environment.gov.au/green-army](http://www.environment.gov.au/green-army)

#### Participants

You can apply if you are aged between 17-24 years and an Australian citizen or permanent resident. You may be a school leaver, gap year student, graduate, Indigenous person, an unemployed job seeker and/or a person with a disability.

## What's in it for you?

### **Project sponsors**

- ✓ You'll receive a team of up to 9 participants and a team supervisor for 20-26 weeks to carry out activities that may involve restoring and protecting habitat, weeding, planting, cleaning up creeks and rivers and conserving cultural or national heritage places.
- ✓ Projects can take place across urban, regional and remote Australia on public land, Indigenous-held lands, or private land where there is a clear community and environmental and/or national heritage benefit.
- ✓ The Green Army Programme will cover costs associated with the team, such as participant allowances; supervisor wages; safety clothing and basic equipment such as hand tools; participant training; local transport costs; and insurances.
- ✓ Additional funding may also be available for project specific materials, such as seedlings, herbicide, mulch, matting and tree guards, in addition to the basic materials required to deliver a project.

### **Participants**


- ✓ You will be contributing to a nationwide effort to clean up Australia's environment and help your local community.
- ✓ Being part of a Green Army team will provide you with skills, training and experience that will support you in future career prospects.
- ✓ You will have the opportunity to undertake accredited training such as work readiness, conservation and land management, heritage conservation, project and human resource management and heritage trade skills.
- ✓ You will be trained in First Aid and Work Health and Safety before starting a project.
- ✓ You will be supported to obtain Certificate I or II qualifications or nationally endorsed skills set to help you prepare for the workforce or improve your career opportunities.
- ✓ You will receive an allowance during your placement in the Green Army. The Green Army allowance ranges from \$10.14 to \$16.45 per hour.
- ✓ You will be afforded the relevant protections under existing state and territory legislation, any applicable Commonwealth laws and Australian anti-discrimination laws. Service Providers will hold relevant insurances. The Australian Government has also procured personal accident, public and products liability insurance on behalf of all participants to ensure they receive uniform minimum coverage.

If you receive an income support payment, participating in the Green Army Programme may affect your payment. If you join the Green Army full-time, your income support payment will be put on hold while you receive a Green Army allowance. For those who have agreements for participating part-time you can elect a pro-rata allowance or retain your income support arrangements.

For more information, visit [www.humanservices.gov.au/greenarmy](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/greenarmy)

## Want to know more?

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