



Supporting veterans' employment opportunities

This measure will provide funding to support the further implementation of the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Program.

Why is this important?

The Australian Government is committed to improving the support provided to veterans during their transition out of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) into civilian life.

Our servicemen and women have skills and capabilities that are valued in the civilian workforce. They receive significant training during their service and their skillsets, including proven leadership and problem solving skills, transfer readily to civilian employment.

Australian businesses have an opportunity to employ these skilled and capable employees when they separate from the ADF.

Under this measure, the Government will:

- continue to support the Industry Advisory Committee on Veterans' Employment, established to develop and provide advice on practical measures to embed veterans' employment strategies into the recruitment practices of Australian businesses
- fund the implementation of the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Annual Awards to recognise the achievements of companies in creating employment opportunities for veterans
- fund the creation of an Ex-service Organisation Industry Partnership Register to enable ex-service organisations to register their interest in partnering with industry on projects to promote the employment of veterans.

Who will benefit?

The Program will benefit Australian businesses, allowing employers to take advantage of the valuable skills offered by veterans and improve their competitiveness.

The Program will also support a smoother transition into civilian life for our servicemen and women, by providing them with increased employment opportunities. It will complement the support provided to veterans under the Department of Veterans' Affairs' rehabilitation program.

How much will this cost?

This measure provides funding of \$2.7 million over four years to implement the Program.