

Put the bars behind you

Finding a job can be challenging, especially if you have a criminal record. Jobs and workplaces have changed, and the economy isn't the same. Through our specialist ex-offender program, WISE Employment can help you find new pathways to employment.

Without the right support, many ex-offenders re-offend. But you don't have to be one of them. We believe that the best way to break the cycle and help you find lasting employment is to assist you to address all of your barriers.

Who is WISE?

WISE helps Australians from all walks of life and backgrounds find work. We're one of Australia's most successful not-for-profit employment services.

How do we help?

We like to get to know our clients so we start with a one-on-one meeting. We explain how we can help you find work, and what services you're eligible for. To give you a head start we can help you with:

- Preparing a résumé
- A list of local jobs that suit you
- Advice on which industries need workers
- Information on training
- Access to internet, computers and newspapers

What else can we offer?

The first thing you need to do is confirm with Centrelink that you are eligible for our specialist ex-offender program. If you are eligible, we can provide you with additional help, such as:

- Completing a Skills Assessment, to work out what skills and training might help you get work.
- Developing an *Employment Pathway Plan* with regular meetings, training or work experience.
- Matching your skills and experience to jobs in your area.
- Working with you on barriers that might be making a job difficult.
- Linking you up with services that can help you get back on track.
- Organising training and work experience.

How can you help us, help you?

To qualify for our support through the specialist ex-offender program, there are a couple of things you need to do:

- Ask to be referred to WISE when you register at Centrelink.
- Make every effort to get a job.
- Accept any suitable job.
- Do your best at interviews.
- Do everything you agreed to in your *Employment Pathway Plan*.
- Let us know if there are any changes in your life, as you may be eligible for other support.



Our Mission

Guiding and Inspiring people to realise their potential and achieve fulfilling vocational goals.

Our Vision

Enriching the Community - Empowerment through Employment



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WISE is a not-for-profit organisation that offers specialist employment services, with branches in Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and the Northern Territory. We provide free placement under the Australian Government Job Services Australia and Disability Employment Services initiatives and we are a registered training organisation. We reinvest our surplus funds into innovative projects and programs that benefit the most marginalised and under supported sections of our community.

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