

Single site funding support for COVID-19 impacted areas in Queensland

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The Australian Government is closely monitoring the situation across the country, particularly in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland.

Single site workforce arrangements and funding support for the following areas in South East Queensland:

- City of Brisbane
- Moreton Bay Region
- Redland City
- Logan City
- City of Ipswich
- Shire of Noosa
- City of Gold Coast
- Lockyer Valley Region
- Scenic Rim Region
- Somerset Region
- Sunshine Coast Region

Given the current number of COVID-19 cases in South East Queensland and following the [declaration of a COVID-19 hotspot](#) by the Australian Government Acting Chief Medical Officer, Professor Michael Kidd, to include the South East Queensland areas, workers at residential aged care facilities in impacted areas are asked to limit their work to a single facility to reduce the risk of transmission and protect workers and residents.

Australian Government grant funding is now available to support implementation of these arrangements in the above areas during an initial two-week period, from **31 July to 14 August 2021**.

Based on advice from the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer, and in line with advice from the Queensland Government, these arrangements are limited to residential aged care providers in the specified areas in South East Queensland (as defined on the [Department's website](#)). This may be expanded if required.

Providers in these areas are asked to adjust their rosters and ensure staff are only working at one residential aged care facility within this region during this time. Workers are encouraged to speak with their primary employer and look to work all shifts during this period with the residential aged care provider where they were working the most hours prior to the outbreak. To the greatest extent possible, the employer should seek to match any hours no longer being worked with a secondary employer to ensure the worker is not financially disadvantaged. It is important workers also retain the security of any secondary employment.

Residential aged care providers should transition into these arrangements as quickly as practical and maintain them until 14 August 2021, unless otherwise advised.

In addition to funding support, providers can also access guidance on practical implementation of single site arrangements, including employee relations expertise, through the [Guiding Principles Support Hub](#) website or hotline on **1800 491 793**.

Where these arrangements result in additional workforce expenses, providers are able to seek reimbursement from the Australian Government through the [Support for Aged Care Workers in COVID-19](#) (SACWIC) Grant. The SACWIC grant opportunity remains open until **31 December 2021**.

Single site funding support remains for New South Wales and Victoria areas as announced on [30 July 2021](#).