



# Disability Support Pension Employment Incentive Pilot

## *A Guide for DSP Recipients*

### **What are the benefits of work?**

The Australian Government believes that people with disability can and do want to work.

You have the potential to bring a variety of skills, talents and abilities to the workplace and there are many benefits to participating in work. Benefits of work include:

- increasing your income, self confidence and self esteem
- using your skills, talents and abilities to live a more independent life
- increasing your skills and abilities through training
- having the opportunity to make new friends and socialise
- improving your standard of living
- creating better linkages within your community.

### **Interested in finding work?**

Your Disability Employment Service can help you to get ready to look for a job, find a job and keep a job.

If you are interested in working and are receiving the Disability Support Pension (DSP), the Disability Support Pension Employment Incentive Pilot (DSP Pilot) may help you to obtain work.

The DSP Pilot provides you with opportunities to demonstrate your skills through employment placements of at least eight hours per week for 26 weeks.

Selected Disability Employment Services, in selected regions, began implementing the DSP Pilot on 1 March 2010.

Your Disability Employment Service will be able to tell you if you are eligible to participate in the DSP Pilot and answer any other questions you may have.

You can browse the JobAccess website: [www.jobaccess.gov.au](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au) or contact a JobAccess Adviser free call on **1800 464 800**. The JobAccess Adviser can tell you which Disability Employment Services are participating in the DSP Pilot.

JobAccess is a free service providing help and workplace solutions for the employment of people with disability.

If you get a job you may still be eligible to receive your pension. Normal income taper rates will apply.

Centrelink can provide you with more information about working while you receive DSP. Contact the Centrelink Disability, Sickness and Carers hotline on **13 2717**.