



## Where to find us?

Our Disability Employment Services operate across NSW at 18 sites including:

- Auburn
- Bankstown
- Blacktown
- Bexley
- Campsie
- Cambelltown
- Cabramatta
- Fairfield
- Helensburgh
- Liverpool
- Merrylands
- Mount Druitt
- Narellan
- Parramatta
- Rockdale
- Sutherland
- Shellharbour
- Wollongong

## Register with us today, we would love to support you on your employment journey!

Contact us to find out how to register with SSI's Disability Employment Services.

If you are not eligible but still need support, please contact us and see if you are suitable for one of our other programs and services to help people into work.

**Call us on 02 8713 9200**

Email our team at [desemployment@ssi.org.au](mailto:desemployment@ssi.org.au) or jump on our website [www.ssi.org.au](http://www.ssi.org.au)

# Disability Employment Services

*With you every step of the way to find meaningful opportunities into work.*



## What is DES?

Disability Employment Services or DES is the Australian Government's employment service that helps people with a disability, injury or health condition to find work and keep a job.

## Am I eligible for DES services?

**You may be eligible for our services if you:**

- have a diagnosed injury, illness or disability
- are aged between 14 to 65 years
- are able to work at least eight hours per week (with support when required)
- are an Australian resident
- are not studying full time (unless you're an eligible school leaver)
- are not working at or above your assessed employment capacity



## Let us help you

We understand that every person and their disability is different. That's why our support is tailor-made to each individual person. We work alongside you to find your passion, develop your skills, create a plan and take the steps towards finding the right job for you.

## Our unique services

At SSI we are truly local and work with our delivery partners to offer a range of services to meet you at any stage of your employment journey. We do things differently. Our unique services include:

### Social enterprises

that gives you a hands on work experience in a safe and supportive environment to build confidence and skills. We offer opportunities in:

- A supermarket, to gain skills in warehousing, packing, marketing and retail
- A scented candle enterprise, to gain skills in a commercial production and retail environment
- A food truck for practical training in food, commercial cookery, hospitality and retail.

### The Experience Centre

is a real-life office environment to build administration skills, gain experience in working in a call centre and to connect with industry mentors and so much more!

### Specialised pre-employment and training programs

in a range of areas, to help you one on one or in group workshops to develop all the skills you need to be ready for work.

**EmployAbility**, is just one of our specialised programs that provides employment assistance to people with disabilities, their carers and family members. This program started in mid-2016 and works through a strengths based approach to build the capacity and confidence of families. With a focus on skills, attitude to work and long-term employment goal setting for their future. The EmployAbility program was recognised as a National Finalist in 2017 National Employment Services Awards for Innovation in Disability Employment.

### Small Business Support

our IgniteAbility Small Business Start-Ups is an initiative focusing on walking you through starting your own business. From testing a product or service to getting advice from experts in finance, marketing, legal and many more areas – our trained and accredited Ignite Facilitators have worked with people with disabilities start, grow and achieve their small business dream.

SSI consistently receives a Five Star jobactive provider rating with existing relationships and partnerships with employers, job-ready programs, social enterprises and workshops.

### Work Experience with real employers

we have worked with a wide range of employers who can provide work experience placements to help you gain skills and experience to build your resume and gain direct exposure with employers.

### Bilingual staff

that can speak 98 languages!

### Diversity experts

our staff are experts in working with diverse groups of people and have a proven track record working closely with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) jobseekers.