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# International Seasonal Workers Eligibility



Tasmanian agricultural businesses who are Approved Employers under the Australian Government's Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS) and Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP) can request permission from the Australian Government to source experienced seasonal workers from overseas locations to supplement the local workforce in critical harvest roles.

If approved by the Australian Government, approval from Tasmania's Deputy State Controller is also required. These recruited workers may arrive in Australia from overseas and transit directly via an interstate airport to Hobart to complete 14 days in government-designated accommodation.

The number of workers able to enter will be subject to Tasmania's government quarantine capacity.

## Is my business eligible?

To participate in this initiative, Tasmanian agricultural businesses must be 'Approved Employers' under the Australian Government's [Pacific Labour Scheme](#) and [Seasonal Worker Programme](#).

Businesses interested in becoming an Approved Employer should complete an application form on the Australian Government's [Seasonal Worker Programme website](#).

If you are not an Approved Employer, you may consider approaching a labour hire company which is an Approved Employer.

## I'm an Approved Employer in Tasmania, how do I apply to recruit overseas workers?

Application and approval processes for the PLS and SWP are managed by the Australian Government. As part of the Australian Government recruitment process, businesses must demonstrate that they have already attempted to recruit locally and have a critical need for more workers.

Businesses must also prove evidence of eligibility (ABN, license, or Approved Employer status) and provide detailed information about COVID-19 management plans and procedures.

Quarantine arrangements apply to any PLS/SWP workers entering Australia to protect the current labour force and residents. The number of workers able to enter will be subject to Tasmania's government quarantine capacity.

To apply for an overseas workforce to assist with agricultural labour shortages, approved employers must:

1. Seek Australian Government approval to access workers.
2. Read the [Tasmanian quarantine guidelines](#) for government-designated accommodation. Any approved employer considering government-designated quarantine for overseas workers should contact [FarmPoint](#) on **1300 292 292** to discuss their proposal.
3. Complete the Australian Government PLS/SWP restart application forms and submit it with a recruitment proposal and relevant plans, ensuring it includes the items outlined in the Employer Application Checklist.

## Where will the workers be required to quarantine?

Approved workers will transit directly to Hobart via an interstate airport, to complete 14 days in government-designated accommodation.

The workers will need to return a negative COVID-19 test on or after day 10 of their quarantine period.

## Will there be quarantine costs incurred?

Yes. The employer (not the worker) will need to meet the costs of quarantine for each individual worker. Approved Employers can then apply for a grant for reimbursement of costs based on actual arrival and quarantine numbers.

For more information visit  
[www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au)



## Where can I go for more information?

For more information about International Seasonal Workers recruitment visit the [DPIPWE website](#), email [farmpoint@dpiuwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:farmpoint@dpiuwe.tas.gov.au) or call the FarmPoint Hotline on **1300 292 292**.

## To submit your application

SWP Recruitments: SWP Approved Employers submit the completed form via the messaging system in SWP Online. The message should be titled Restart Proposal Form and sent to SWP Restart Group.

PLS Recruitments: PLS Approved Employers must submit the completed form via email to [recruitmentplans@pacificlabourfacility.com.au](mailto:recruitmentplans@pacificlabourfacility.com.au)