



The Harvest Trail

From grape harvesting in Berri, to mango picking in Darwin, each year thousands of people find work helping to bring in the harvests. The Harvest Trail gives people the chance to combine seasonal harvest work with travel around Australia. A Harvest Trail can take many different forms; from working in one region, to an around-the-country trip.

The Harvest Trail is the term for harvest work opportunities available around Australia. Growers and other organisations help in the operation of the Harvest Trail, which aims to supply workers to harvest areas that need a high number of out-of-area workers to harvest crops.

Two Australian Government initiatives, Harvest Labour Services (HLS) and the National Harvest Labour Information Service (NHLIS) play key roles in the Harvest Trail.

Harvest Labour Service (HLS)

HLS providers help growers find enough workers to meet harvest labour needs.

HLS providers' responsibilities include to:

- find job seekers from areas outside the harvest area to meet the labour needs of growers
- provide information about where to stay, how to get to work, wage rates and other working conditions
- promote harvest work opportunities with other employment services providers (for example, Job Network providers) and in places visited by overseas travellers, such as backpacker hostels
- support growers and their labour needs around the harvest period, and
- screen job seekers to ensure they are able to work in Australia.

HLS providers are located in 19 harvest areas around Australia and include the following nine organisations: MADEC, Sarina Russo, Griffith Skills, Chandler McLeod, Joblink Plus, CVGT, ADCO Holdings, CREAM of the Crop, and Quality Industry Training & Employment (QiTE).

To contact an HLS provider visit the Harvest Trail website: harvesttrail.gov.au.

National Harvest Labour Information Service (NHLIS)

NHLIS coordinates and distributes harvest labour information across Australia.

The work of NHLIS includes:

- promoting the National Harvest Trail throughout Australia
- producing the *National Harvest Guide*; a booklet with information about harvest work opportunities, working conditions, transport and accommodation around Australia. The guide is free, and available either online at harvesttrail.gov.au, or by calling NHLIS on **1800 062 332**
- providing a free national telephone number for information on harvest work (**1800 062 332**)
- posting harvest labour vacancies on the Harvest Trail website (harvesttrail.gov.au)
- receiving and responding to feedback and complaints
- talking with growers, growers' associations, and government departments at the local, state and national level, and
- setting up networks with HLS providers, Job Network and a range of recruitment agencies to promote harvest work opportunities.

MADEC Ltd, based in Mildura Victoria, is the current provider of NHLIS.

For more information on the Harvest Trail, HLS and NHLIS please visit the website harvesttrail.gov.au.



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