

Volunteering and Centrelink

If you are currently in receipt of a Centrelink benefit/allowance you should be aware of some guidelines in relation to volunteering.

It is important that you contact your Centrelink officer to determine your eligibility for a Centrelink program before you start volunteering.

Approved Voluntary Work

The guidelines for volunteering undertaken to meet an activity test, Mutual Obligation or participation requirement are that your voluntary work:

- ◆ must not replace a paid worker;
- ◆ is not undertaken in your own home,
- ◆ with your own family, or for your own organisation
- ◆ must not involve violence towards people or property
- ◆ must have a community focus
- ◆ must not be primarily focused on promoting particular religious or political views

Newstart Allowance (55+) and Mature Age Allowance

People aged 55-plus are able to undertake volunteering or part time work, or a combination of these for 30 hour per week.

Job Descriptions

A volunteer job description is an important document. It facilitates the expectations of the volunteer and the organisation, and it serves as protection for both parties as it provides a summary of the agreed position

rs per fortnight to fully meet activity test requirements. In fully meeting the activity test people participating in this 'full time' option may elect to withdraw from other programs such as the 'Job Network'.