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A pathway to employment: information for employers

What is the Settlement Language Pathways to Employment and Training (SLPET) subprogram?

SLPET is part of the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) and provides up to 200 hours of employment specific tuition to AMEP clients, to assist them with their transition into the Australian workforce. It consists of:

- 120–160 hours of employment-focussed English language classroom tuition, and
- 40–80 hours of work experience with a local employer to help clients familiarise themselves with Australian workplace culture and values.

SLPET tuition focuses on preparing clients for the workforce through workplace communication/language skills; health and safety rules; industry-specific language and training; and Vocational Education and Training (VET) accredited training.

While SLPET is the official name, AMEP service providers sometimes use different names in marketing SLPET.

Employer participation

AMEP service providers work with employers and industries to determine local labour needs, develop relevant course content, and source meaningful work placements for AMEP clients. In this way, the AMEP can provide a source of job ready work experience participants for a range of employers across different industries.

Work experience placements must:

- Provide a safe learning environment for clients
- Be suitable for the client's English proficiency level
- Be in line with the client's goals and their SLPET course learning outcomes.

If you are interested in participating in SLPET as a prospective employer, please contact your local AMEP service provider. Provider contact details are located at:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/settling-in-australia/amep/find-a-class/providers-and-locations>

Benefits of SLPET client participation

- Clients are highly motivated to obtain work as soon as possible.
- Clients have a background with much life experience and resilience. They may have previous work experience and/or higher education qualifications.
- Clients are enthusiastic about learning and adapting to Australian workplace culture.
- Clients are keen to optimise workplace opportunities they are given.

Client eligibility for SLPET

To be eligible for SLPET clients must already be enrolled in and attending AMEP classes and have sufficient communication skills to participate in the workplace.

Free childcare is available for clients with children under school age while attending face-to-face SLPET tuition and work experience placements.

Other AMEP employment-related initiatives

In addition to SLPET, AMEP service providers provide opportunities for AMEP clients to learn about various industries, especially those with skills shortages.

These opportunities may include:

- Industry/employer guest speakers
- Employment-related short courses or micro-credentials e.g. White Card, Food Safety
- Visits to potential employers/work sites
- Targeted pre-SLPET English language courses to provide an initial introduction to the field e.g. English for baristas, English for childcare.

About the AMEP

The AMEP is a free service funded by the Australian Government to help eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants with low English levels to improve their English language skills and settle in Australia.

It is delivered by 13 service providers at around 300 locations across Australia in major cities, as well as regional and remote areas. The AMEP provides structured English language tuition with a focus on settlement skills to assist migrants to successfully and confidently participate socially and economically in Australian society.

Eligibility criteria apply for the program.

Changes to the AMEP in 2021 mean more people can now learn English for longer and until they reach a higher level of proficiency.

For more information on the AMEP including AMEP Fact Sheets in 49 languages, go to <http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/amep>