

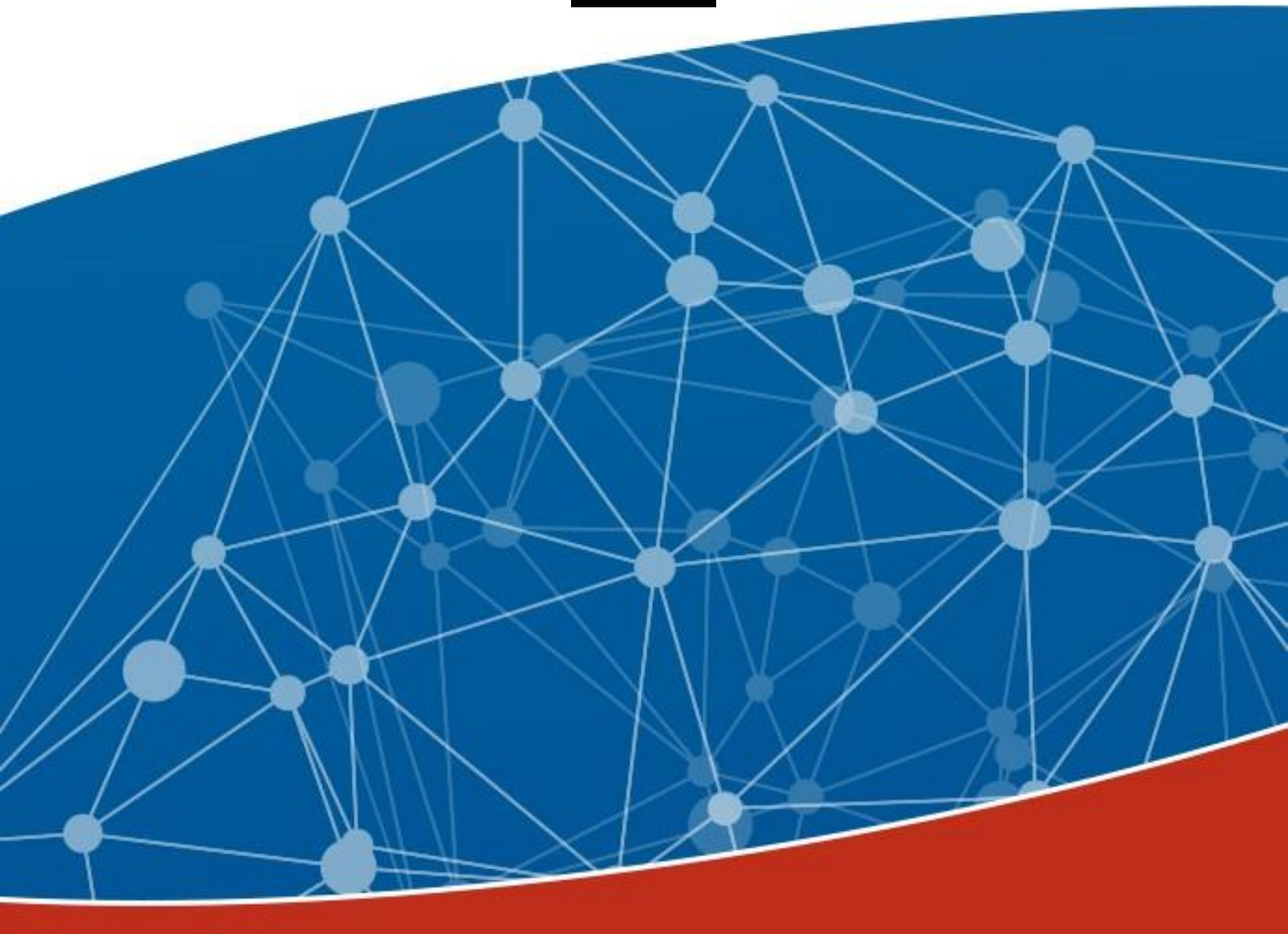


National Disability Coordination Officer Programme
AN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

Pathways and Connections

Port Macquarie, Hastings and Kempsey

A transition resource for people with disability



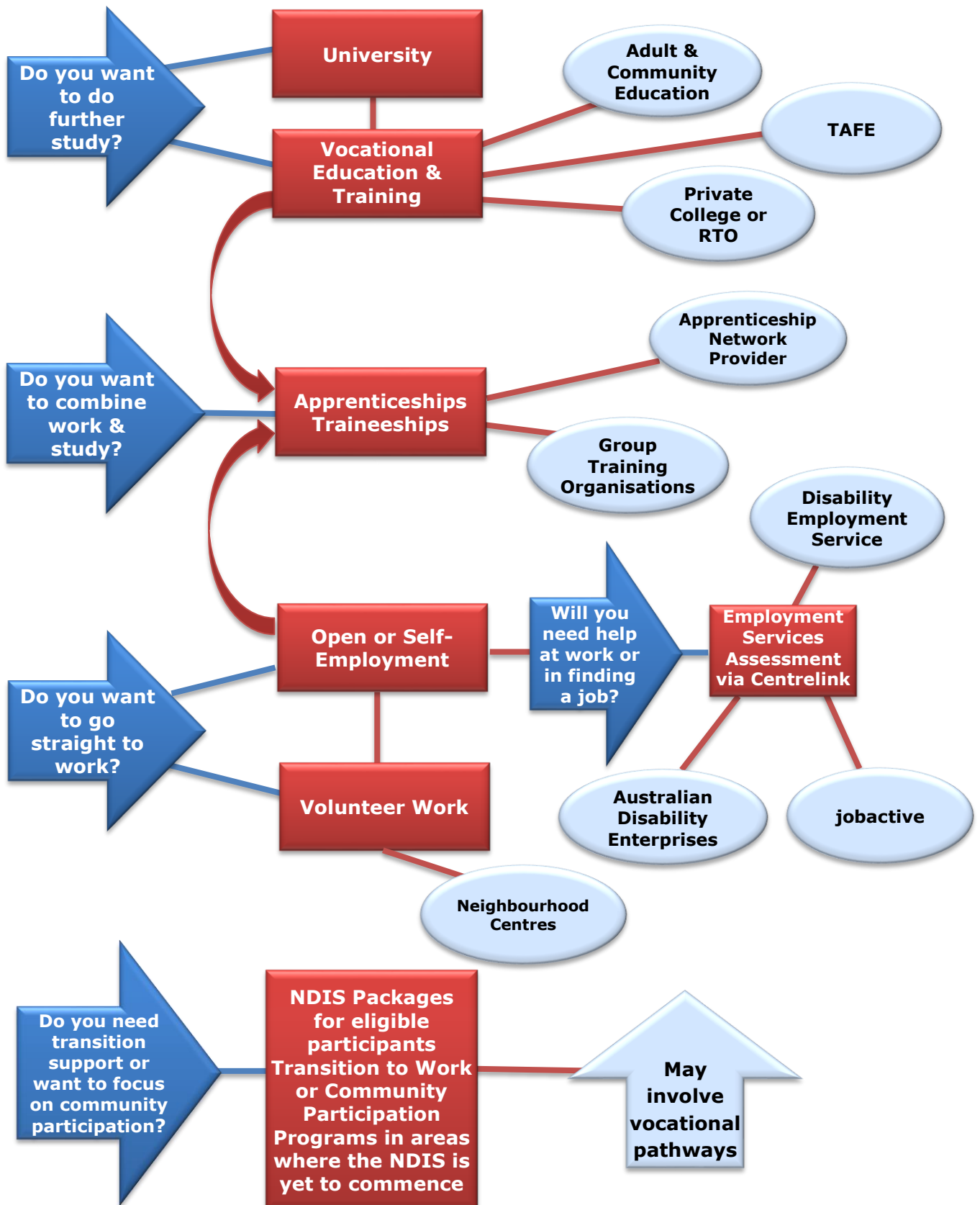
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The Pathways – Life after School

There are a number of pathways that students with disability can consider when planning the pathways are similar apart from day programs for Year 12 school leavers in areas where the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is yet to rollout. For those eligible for the NDIS, following the full roll out, there may be additional assistance when transitioning.



Department of Human Services, Centrelink

Centrelink delivers a range of services to the Australian community and is the gateway for people seeking access to Australian Government income support. Payments and services may be provided to help you if you have an illness, injury or a disability that means you cannot work, or can only do a limited amount of work.

Centrelink is also responsible for the registration and referral of job seekers to employment and related services. Centrelink has trained Senior Customer Service Advisers that can help individuals with a disability find the service that best suits their needs.

For more information  www.humanservices.gov.au/

Education & Training

Schools

There are differences between the Government, Catholic and Independent school sectors but there are teachers in each sector assigned to assist students with disability and their transition planning post school. Students with disability will generally be linked in with this service in Years 10, 11 and 12.

Denise Cobourn, Support Teacher Transition

NSW Department of Education

Hastings Secondary College Westport Campus, Port Macquarie ☎ 6583 6400

 www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport

Catholic Sector - For more information contact NSW Catholic Education Office

 www.cecnsw.catholic.edu.au or ☎ 02 9287 1555

Independent School Sector – For more information contact your local school or go to

 www.aisnsw.edu.au or ☎ 02 9299 2845

Smart and Skilled

State Training Services - Vocational Education and Training

Vocational Education and Training (VET) is that part of tertiary education and training which provides accredited training in job related and technical skills. It covers a large number of careers and industries like trades and office work, retail, hospitality and technology.

Qualifications range from certificate II to certificate IV, and diploma and advanced diploma.

Individuals can be trained in part qualifications or 'skills sets'.

For more information  www.training.nsw.gov.au

TAFE

Under the new '[Smart and Skilled](https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/)' changes, the NSW Government is targeting funding towards the skills that are needed for jobs and economic growth <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/>

TAFE Disability Teacher Consultants

Teacher/Consultants provide a range of services to assist students. These include pre-course counselling and assistance with the enrolment process, as well as determining the most appropriate classroom support and assessment modifications. A range of strategies can be employed and may involve tutorial support, the use of adaptive technology, a sign language interpreter, note-taker or disability assistant.

Before enrolling in a course be sure to contact a Teacher Consultant who will be able to guide you through the process, discuss what exemptions you are entitled to and put appropriate supports in place www.northcoasttafe.edu.au/student-support/student-services.aspx

TAFE Head teacher consultants can be contacted at the following campuses:

<p>Vision Kingscliff Campus Anita Raftery ☎ 02 6674 7234 ☎ 0419 882 226 ✉ anita.raftery@tafensw.edu.au</p>	<p>Hearing Lismore Campus Bronwyn Watson ☎ 02 6623 0216 (voice) tty: 6623 0389 f: 6623 0396 ☎ 0438 882 949 ✉ bronwyn.watson@tafensw.edu.au</p>
<p>Intellectual Taree Campus Rhonda Ebeling ☎ 02 6591 3645 ☎ 0447 882 056 ✉ rhonda.ebeling@tafensw.edu.au</p>	<p>Physical/Acquired Brain Injury Port Macquarie Campus David Bowles ☎ 02 6581 6275 ☎ 0447799464 ✉ David.Bowles4@tafensw.edu.au</p>

Community Colleges and Registered Training Organisations

Community Colleges are providers of quality education and training. General and vocational courses reflect the needs of local individuals, community groups and businesses. Community involvement often extends to specialist programs, such as youth programs and literacy, and the provision of a meeting place for a cross section of local groups.

To find a Community College near you www.cca.edu.au

University

Prepare early, base your decisions on good information and plan ahead so that you can link in with as many disability supports as you may need.

Most universities have a Disability Liaison Officer (DLO) or Disability Advisor (DA) to assist intending and current university students with disability. Most universities require you to make an appointment with the Disability Advisor before you commence so that the necessary adjustments and support can be arranged. Documentation will normally be required regarding your disability before reasonable adjustments can be arranged.

Educational Access Schemes (EAS)

Educational Access Schemes help students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage gain admission to tertiary study.

To be eligible for EAS consideration of your educational performance must have been seriously affected, normally for a period of at least six months during Year 11 and/or 12 or equivalent, due to circumstances beyond your control and choosing.

For more information www.uac.edu.au/eas/

You are strongly urged to contact the university you are interested in attending and enquire about the disability support available BEFORE you enrol in a course.

<p style="text-align: center;">University of Newcastle (UoN) ✉ student-disability@newcastle.edu.au ☎ 02 4921 5766</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Charles Sturt University (CSU) ✉ disability@csu.edu.au ☎ 02 6933 2987 or ☎ 02 6338 4531</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Southern Cross University (SCU) ✉ disability@scu.edu.au ☎ 02 6620 3943</p>

Stepping Into..... Internship

Stepping Into is a paid internship program designed specific for university students with disability, who want to gain some paid hands-on work experience in their chosen field of study. The Australian Network on Disability (AND), work with their members to identify and provide opportunities for university students with disability to "step into" the workplace to gain exposure to their potential career field and get involved in projects and work alongside experienced professionals. For more information www.and.org.au or ☎ 02 8270 9200

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

There are many ways to learn more about Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships and how to find a job. You can contact an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network in your region, search advertised job vacancies, contact employers in industries where you would like to work, contact your local Group Training Organisation, Centrelink office or Job Services Australia provider, or discuss Australian Apprenticeships with your careers adviser.

Funding under Smart and Skilled

Government funding is available for the formal training component of apprenticeships and most traineeships. Under Smart and Skilled, all apprenticeship and most traineeship qualifications are subsidised. Training for existing-worker trainees is not subsidised.

Under Smart and Skilled, NSW apprentices and new-entrant trainees or their employers pay a fee for the qualification rather than paying early or by semester. They may still pay in instalments over a number of years, but the fee is an amount for the qualification, fixed at the time the apprentice or trainee commences.

School Based Traineeships / Apprenticeships

School based traineeships / apprenticeships provide students with the opportunity to attain a nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification as well as their Higher School Certificate (HSC) and gain valuable work skills and experience through paid employment.

School based traineeships / apprenticeships can commence in Year 10. While studying for their HSC, school-based trainees / apprentices work part-time and undertake their formal (off-the-job) training as part of their HSC.

For more information

📄 www.sbatinnsw.info/traineeships.php or <http://northernsw.startmytrade.com.au/home>

Useful apprenticeship resources

Australian Apprenticeships Job Pathways 📄 www.aajobpathways.com.au

Australian Apprenticeships Training Information Service 📄 www.aatinfo.com.au

Support for Australian Apprentices with Disability

Australian Apprentices with disability and their employers may be eligible to receive additional assistance under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.

A range of assistance is available to support Australian Apprentices with disability, including Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support which is paid to employers, and assistance for tutorial, interpreter and mentor services for apprentices.

Assistance is also available through the Employment Assistance Fund which helps people with disability and mental health condition by providing assistance to purchase a range of work related modifications and services. Employers can access the scheme via JobAccess or through Disability Employment Services or Job Services Australia.

This assistance is intended to help the Australian Apprentice with disability, either directly or indirectly through their employer, to reach their full potential as a skilled worker and to ensure that they are not excluded from participation in the Program.

For more information;

📄 www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/australian-apprenticeship-support-network

📄 www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/programmes/support-australian-apprentices-disability

Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Providers

Apprenticeship Support Australia 📄 www.apprenticeshipsupport.com.au ☎ 1300 363 831	VERTO Ltd 📄 www.verto.org.au/apprentices ☎ 1300 483 786
Sarina Russo Apprenticeships 📄 home.sarinarusso.com ☎ 1300 178 776	MEGT 📄 www.megt.com.au ☎ 13 63 48

Group Training Organisation

A Group Training Organisation (GTO) is an organisation established predominately to provide training and employment opportunities. Group training organisations employ apprentices and trainees and are responsible for ensuring that those employees receive suitable training and experience. For more information 📄 www.grouptraining.com.au

Employment jobactive

jobactive is the Australian Government's new employment services, designed to better meet the needs of job seekers and employers and improve job outcomes.

📄 <https://employment.gov.au/jobactive>

JobAccess

JobAccess is an Australian Government initiative to support the employment of people with disability. It is a one-stop information shop providing a free, confidential, national online and telephone service.

The JobAccess website has step-by-step guides and checklists on recruitment, job searching, adjusting a workplace, employer incentives, understanding rights and responsibilities at work and much more. The website also contains case studies, success stories and information on the full range of services and incentives available for people with disability and employers.

Job Access Advisers are also available to answer questions about employment. They are a team of professionals who provide free, confidential and expert advice.

For more information 📄 www.jobaccess.gov.au/ or ☎ 1800 464 800

Disability Employment Services (DES)

There are two separate programs within Disability Employment Services:

Disability Management Service (DMS) is for job seekers with disability, injury or health condition who require the assistance of a Disability Employment Service but are not expected to need long-term support in the workplace.

Employment Support Service (ESS) is for job seekers with permanent disability and with an assessed need for more long-term, regular support in the workplace.

Eligible School Leaver Guidelines

Eligible School Leaver policy applies to both ESS and DMS. There is an expectation that most students will be serviced in ESS, as most will have high ongoing support needs.

Students might approach a provider seeking to Directly Register or might become aware of DES services because a provider has approached their school. DES providers who are Directly Registering Eligible School Leavers must consider all of the students' circumstances and determine whether DMS or ESS services would better meet the students' needs. Students must be provided with information about the various providers and services that are available and given the opportunity to choose a preferred provider. In some cases, if students want to continue with tertiary or other study after they finish school they may not need DES services.

Documentary Evidence to support Eligible School Leaver Eligibility

When directly registering a job seeker as an Eligible School Leaver, DES providers must obtain appropriate documentary evidence to support the job seeker's eligibility. Students must be in their final year of secondary school and receiving the Disability Support Pension or enrolled in a support class/special school or attracting additional funding under Integration Funding Support.

Information about the additional educational funding must be obtained from the school principal or his/her representative at the school.

Once students leave school it is in their best interest to go to Centrelink who can explain the range of options open to them, including options around further study or training. Centrelink can also discuss eligibility for income support while studying or looking for work.

Disability Management Service (DMS) Provider

Port Macquarie

Interact People Solutions	17 Hollingworth Street, Port Macquarie ☎ 02 6583 4844 ✉ Kellie.mann@interactgroup.com.au	All Client Types
Enterprise & Training Company Ltd (ETC)	Suite 4, 133-137 Gordon Street, Port Macquarie ☎ 02 6589 7300 ✉ rodney.croker@etcltd.com.au	All Client Types
Ostara Australia Limited	176 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie ☎ 02 8315 1434 ✉ amanda.thompson@ostara.org.au	Mental Health

Kempsey

Advanced Personnel Management	Suite 1, 41 Belgrave Street Port Macquarie NSW 2440 ☎ 02 6562 8600 ✉ kempsey.es@apm.net.au	All Client Types
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Wauchope

Enterprise & Training Company Ltd (ETC)	☎ 02 6589 7300 ✉ rodney.croker@etcltd.com.au	All Client Types
Interact People Solutions	☎ 02 6583 4844 ✉ Kellie.mann@interactgroup.com.au	All Client Types

Laurieton

Interact People Solutions	☎ 02 6583 4844 ✉ Kellie.mann@interactgroup.com.au	All Client Types
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Employment Support Service (ESS) Providers

Port Macquarie

OCTEC	Suite 2/79 Lord Street, Port Macquarie ☎ 02 6584 5040 ✉ portmacquarie@octec.org.au	All Client Types
Job Centre Australia	Suite 2/68 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie ☎ 02 6583 7582 ✉ jcaportmacquarie@jobcentreaustralia.com.au	All Client Types

Kempsey

Key Employment	14 – 18 Tozer Street, Kempsey ☎ 02 6563 1455 ✉ stacy@keyemployment.com.au	All Client Types
OCTEC	Shop 1 37 Forth Street, Kempsey ☎ 02 6562 1575 ✉ kempsey@octec.org.au	All Client Types

Wauchope - Laurieton

OCTEC	Shop 2/83 Bold Street, Laurieton ☎ 02 6559 5172 ✉ laurieton@octec.org.au	All Client Types
Job Centre Australia	Suite 2/68 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie ☎ 0499 302 538 ✉ jcaportmacquarie@jobcentreaustralia.com.au	All Client Types

Australian Government Transition to Work Service

Transition to Work is a service to support young people aged 15–21 on their journey to employment.

The Transition to Work service has a strong focus on practical intervention and work experience to build a young person's skills, confidence and readiness to engage in employment.

Young people will receive intensive, pre-employment support to improve their work readiness and to help them into work or education including apprenticeships or traineeships.

Employers will receive help from Transition to Work providers to recruit young employees who meet their business needs.

Transition to Work providers have experience working with disengaged and disadvantaged young people, and have strong links with employers, community services and schools within their local community. Transition to Work operates as a separate service from jobactive, Disability Employment Services and the Community Development Programme.

To search for a Transition to Work provider in your area or to learn more about the service visit www.employment.gov.au/youth

Enterprise & Training Company Ltd (ETC)	Suite 4, 133-137 Gordon Street, Port Macquarie ☎ 02 6589 7300 ✉ renae.heddles@etcltd.com.au
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NSW Government School Leaver Support Program

Mid Coast Connect offers individual case management, support and group activities for school leavers through the Regional VET Pathways initiative which is funded by the NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development.

The program is designed to support young people who are not currently studying or working to help

them to enter education, training and employment.

The School Leaver Support program is a career planning and work readiness program for young people who are:

- 15 - 19 years old
- Residents of the mid north coast region (Nambucca to Great Lakes)
- Not enrolled at school or in post school education or training or employment
- Not an active participant in any Commonwealth or other NSW program supporting youth transitions to work

The Program provides:

- Career assessments and transition plans
- Individual mentoring, advice and assistance
- Support to engage with education, training and employment pathways
- Access to training
- Job search assistance
- Information on traineeships, apprenticeship and work experience
- Referral to other support agencies as needed

Mid Coast Connect	Port Macquarie ☎ 02 6583 5910 Mob. 0434 702 488 ✉ chris.franey@midcoastconnect.com.au Kempsey ☎ 02 6562 5314 Mob. 0413 911 288 ✉ samantha.palise@midcoastconnect.com.au
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Australian Disability Enterprises

Australian Disability Enterprises are places of employment that provide support to employees to complete a choice of meaningful work and career paths in a safe work environment. Supported workplaces seek to remove barriers to integration thus enabling people with disabilities to participate fully in their local community through employment.

Australian Disability Enterprises provide a range of employment options to:

- People for whom competitive employment at an award wage in the open labour market is unlikely
- People who, because of their disability, need substantial ongoing support to obtain or retain paid employment.

There are a variety of Australian Disability Enterprises operating across NSW, providing a variety of tasks and learning opportunities for their employees in a wide range of commercial and industrial operations.

Willing and Able Foundation Ltd 39 Jindalee Road Port Macquarie NSW 2444 ☎ 02 6581 0939 💻 www.willingandable.org.au/	Macleay Options Incorporated 30 Harry Boyes Avenue South Kempsey NSW 2440 ☎ 02 6563 1271 ✉ moinc@bigpond.net.au
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Voluntary work/work experience

Voluntary work and work experience can be a good way to help you:

- Find out what type of work or course suits you
- Gain experience while you study, are seeking paid employment or exploring a career change
- Gain experience working for causes that you are interested in
- Assist in creating change in areas that are important to you.

Voluntary work can assist you to build new skills, meet new people and add variety to your work experience. Furthermore it provides you with an opportunity to understand what supports and accommodations may be required to support you in an employment setting.

To find a Neighbourhood Centre near you www.lcsansw.org.au or ☎ 1800 646 545

Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre	2-4 Dodds Street, Port Macquarie ☎ 02 6583 8044 ✉ portmac@midcoast.com.au
Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre	5 Kemp Street, Kempsey ☎ 02 6562 8300

NSW ADHC Post School Programs

After school many young people with a disability will go directly to employment, vocational education and training, or higher education. In addition, NSW Department of Family & Community Services, Ageing Disability & Homecare (ADHC) provides two Post School Programs for **eligible** young people with a disability: Transition to Work and Community Participation. These Programs assist young people with moderate to high support needs to develop the skills they need to work towards their short and long term goals, increase their independence, and participate as valued and active members of the community. The Programs are person centred, flexible, specifically designed for young people with varying disabilities and support needs, and have a focus on outcomes.

There are also specialist services for young Aboriginal people and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Detailed Program Guidelines are available www.adhc.nsw.gov.au

Transition to Work Program (TTW)

Transition to Work (TTW) is a two year program with the aim of achieving employment for young people with a disability. The program develops the skills and/or qualifications needed by young people to successfully secure and sustain employment. This program provides 18 hours of support per week for each young person.

Community Participation Program (CP)

The Community Participation (CP) program assists young people with a disability to develop the skills they need to work towards their goals, increase their independence and participate as valued and active members in their communities.

Community Participation is for young people with a disability with moderate to very high support needs who require an alternative to paid employment or further education in the medium or longer term.

People in Community participation program can choose how best they access their support to best

meet their goals and support needs by:

- Accessing support directly through a service provider
- Using an intermediary service
- Receiving a direct payment

April	Education staff trained to administer assessments
May – June	Online applications submitted by education staff
July	Assessments analysed by the University of Wollongong
September	<p>ADHC writes to all applicants and their families about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their eligibility for Transition to Work or Community Participation; and • if eligible, their Community Participation funding band <p>The letter will also contain information about the appeals process. Eligible school leavers and their families will also be provided with information about choosing a Transition to Work or Community Participation service provider, including information on providers. If the young person is not eligible for an ADHC post -school program, information will be provided about programs provided by other agencies.</p>
Early new year	Post-school programs commence

Transition to Work (TTW) Providers

Port Macquarie

<p>ACES Lynne Styles ☎ 02 6581 2348 ✉ lynne@acesincorporated.org</p>	<p>Hastings District Respite Toni Hayward ☎ 6581 4544 ext107 ✉ tonih@hdrc.org.au</p>
<p>Lifestyle Solutions Jennifer Montgomery ☎ 0419 407 333 ✉ jennifer.montgomery@lifestylesolutions.org.au</p>	<p>House With No Steps Peter Jenkins ☎ 02 6584 0981 ✉ PJenkins@hwns.com.au</p>
<p>BreakThru Kristy Heath ☎ 02 6539 3500 ✉ Kristy.Heath@breakthru.org.au</p>	<p>Ability Options Samantha Blunden ☎ 0450955317 ✉ samantha.blunden@abilityoptions.org.au</p>

Centacare Tony Davies ☎ 02 6581 6800 ✉ tdavies@cc.stagnesparish.org.au	New IDAFE Debbie Dyke ☎ 02 6583 5545 ✉ debbie@newidafe.com.au
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Kempsey

Macleay Options Sue Mills ☎ 02 6562 2355 ✉ sue@macleayoptions.org.au	Centacare Tony Davies ☎ 02 6581 6800 ✉ tdavies@cc.stagnesparish.org.au
Lifestyle Solutions Jennifer Montgomery ☎ 0419 407 333 ✉ jennifer.montgomery@lifestylesolutions.org.au	House With No Steps Peter Jenkins ☎ 02 6584 0981 ✉ PJenkins@hwns.com.au
Ability Options Samantha Blunden ☎ 0450 955 317 ✉ samantha.blunden@abilityoptions.org.au	

Community Participation (CP) Providers

Port Macquarie

ACES Cody Boylan ☎ 02 6581 2348 ✉ cody@acesincorporated.org	Hastings District Respite Toni Hayward ☎ 02 6581 4544 ext107 ✉ tonih@hdrc.org.au
Lifestyle Solutions Jennifer Montgomery ☎ 0419 407 333 ✉ jennifer.montgomery@lifestylesolutions.org.au	House With No Steps Peter Jenkins ☎ 02 6584 0981 ✉ PJenkins@hwns.com.au
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New IDAFE Debbie Dyke ☎ 02 6583 5545 ✉ debbie@newidafe.com.au	

Kempsey

<p>Kempsey Workpool ☎ 02 6562 3918 ☎ 0400 077 944 Michelle Ford ✉ mford@cc.stagnesparish.org.au</p>	<p>Macleay Options Sue Mills ☎ 02 6562 2355 ✉ sue@macleayoptions.org.au</p>
<p>Lifestyle Solutions Jennifer Montgomery ☎ 0419 407 333 ✉ jennifer.montgomery@lifestylesolutions.org.au</p>	<p>House With No Steps Peter Jenkins ☎ 02 6584 0981 ✉ PJenkins@hwns.com.au</p>
<p>Ability Options Samantha Blunden ☎ 0450 955 317 ✉ samantha.blunden@abilityoptions.org.au</p>	<p>Kempsey Regional Support ☎ 02 6562 2505 ✉ info@krs.org.au</p>

Advocacy and Legal Services

People with disabilities encounter a range of physical, cultural, social and attitudinal barriers, which prevent them from accessing the same rights as non-disabled people. This includes making decisions about their lives, living independently, getting an education and employment, obtaining an adequate standard of living and healthcare, getting around and being included in society. An advocacy service can assist people with disability if they have a problem or feel they have been treated unfairly.

<p>Incorporated Advocacy Service ☎1800 657 961 🌐 www.abilityincorporated.org.au</p>
<p>Family Advocacy ☎1800 620 588 🌐 www.family-advocacy.com</p>
<p>Disability Advocacy ☎ 1300 365 085 Port Macquarie ☎ 6580 2100 ✉ portmacquarie@da.org.au Kempsey ☎ 6651 1159 ✉ coffsharbour@da.org.au</p>
<p>Mid North Coast Community Legal Centre Port Macquarie and Kempsey ☎ 02 6580 2111 🌐 www.mncclc.org.au</p>

Information and Referral Services

Ability Links

Ability Links NSW (ALNSW) is a new way to support people with disability, their families and carers as a part of the ongoing reforms of the disability services system in NSW. It provides people with a locally based first point of contact to support people to access supports and services in their local communities.

<p>Mid Coast Communities Ability Links</p>	<p>Level 1, 10-12 Short Street, Port Macquarie ☎ 6516 1920 2/24 Clyde Street, Kempsey ☎ 6516 1925 ✉ midnorthcoastt@abilitylinks.net.au</p>
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DAISI
Disability and Aged Information service

Northern NSW
☎ 1800 800 340
💻 www.daisi.asn.au

Agency for Clinical Innovation Transition Care Network

NSW Health Transition Care Coordinators assist young people with chronic medical conditions and their carers as they move from children's health services to adult health services because of age. The service offers assistance and support to find, link and navigate adult health services. This is a state wide service.

Contact: Northern NSW Angie Myles, Transition Care Coordinator

✉ Angela.Myles@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au ☎ 02 4936 6678 ☎ 0434 361 202

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing individualised support for eligible people with permanent and significant disability, their families and carers. **It will roll out to the Mid North Coast District from July 2017.**

Many participants will move to the NDIS with the support of their current disability service when it's their turn to transition, but if you need help or you're new to support, staff at the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) can assist with enquiries.

You can test your eligibility on <http://ndis.nsw.gov.au/ready-for-ndis/checklist>.

You need to gather your own supporting and medical documentation.

The NDIA holds regular community and provider forums which are listed on the *NSW Events Page*

💻 www.ndis.nsw.gov.au/events

☎ 1800 800 110

💻 www.ndis.gov.au 💻 NSW NDIS website <http://ndis.nsw.gov.au>

National Disability Coordination Officer Programme

The Australian Government's National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Programme works strategically to assist people with disability access and participate in tertiary education and subsequent employment, through a national network of regionally based NDCOs.

NDCOs work with stakeholders at the local level to reduce systemic barriers, facilitate smooth transitions, build links and coordinate services between the education, training and employment sectors. The NDCO Program adopts the Disability Discrimination Act, 1992 definition of disability.

The objectives of the NDCO Program are to:

- improve linkages between schools, tertiary education providers, employment service providers and providers of disability programs and assistance at all government levels;
- improve transitions for people with disability between school / community and tertiary education, and then to subsequent employment; and
- improve participation by people with disability in tertiary education and subsequent employment.

Contact the North Coast NDCO at ✉ Cynthia.fitzpatrick@newcastle.edu.au

☎ 0428 394 125 💻 <http://education.gov.au/ndcoprogramme>

Acronyms

AASN – Australian Apprenticeship Support Network
ADE – Australian Disability Enterprise
ADHC – Ageing, Disability & Home Care is part of Department of Human Services NSW
AIS – Association for Independent Schools (NSW)
ASPECT – Autism Spectrum Australia
CEC – Catholic Education Commission
CP – ADHC Community Participation Program
DAAWS – Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support
DDA – Disability Discrimination Act (1992)
DoE – Department of Education - Australian Government
DES – Disability Employment Service
DEC – NSW Department of Education and Communities (formerly DET)
DLO (or DA) – University Disability Liaison Officer or Disability Advisor
DMS – Disability Management Services (one part of the DES program)
DSP – Disability Support Pension
DSS – Disability Service Standards
DSS – Department of Social Services
ESS – Employment Support Service (one part of the DES program)
JCA – Job Capacity Assessment
JSA – Job Services Australia
NDCO – National Disability Coordination Officer
NDIS – National Disability Insurance Scheme
PWD – People with Disability
RTO – Registered Training Organisation
SbAT – School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships
STS – State Training Services
STT – Support Teacher Transition (DEC)
SWS – Supported Wage System
TAFE – Technical and Further Education NSW
TC – TAFE Disability Teacher/Consultant
TTW – ADHC Transition to Work Program
VET – Vocational Education and Training

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