

Forming partnerships in veteran employment

Why are partnerships important for supporting veteran employment?

Partnerships allow organisations to learn from each other and collaborate when developing veteran employment initiatives.

Partnerships can enable you to achieve more with fewer resources.

Partnering with other organisations can contribute to the development of best practice in veteran employment.

How do I form partnerships to support veteran employment?

Collaborate with other veteran employers

A wide variety of organisations have developed expertise in establishing successful veteran employment initiatives.

You can collaborate with other employers by:

- sharing knowledge and experience relating to veteran employment
- developing joint initiatives or holding joint events.

Partner with veteran support organisations

You can partner with ex-service organisations and other veteran support organisations by:

- participating in existing initiatives or events

- developing joint initiatives or holding joint events
- supporting and participating through volunteering or pro bono work.

Practice veteran-related procurement

Purchasing goods and services from veteran-owned businesses is a practical way to support veteran employment outside of your organisation. You may develop an internal procurement policy that facilitates this commitment. You can search for veteran-owned VEC signatory organisations at www.veteranemployment.gov.au/show-your-commitment/commitment-supporters

Partner with government

You can partner with government by:

- participating in Veteran Employment Commitment seminars and other activities
- participating in government consultation with industry on veteran employment
- establishing a relationship with the Department of Veterans' Affairs to access and provide information to your employees.

Mentor other organisations

Established veteran employers are well-placed to mentor other organisations seeking to establish their own veteran employment initiatives. You can mentor others by providing guidance based on your knowledge of working with veterans.

