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Young Novocastrians get career kick start as part of new ATO recruitment program

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is launching a new recruitment program designed to give Newcastle area school leavers an opportunity to get their foot in the door and gain valuable skills.

The ATO's 'Career Kickstart' program provides an opportunity for high school graduates who have successfully completed their year 12 studies within the last year to get a job at the ATO office in King Street.

ATO Assistant Commissioner Alison Stott said the program is all about opening up career pathways for young people who want to learn new skills in a professional and supportive environment, earn a good income, gain valuable work experience, build professional capabilities and work practices.

"This new program really rounds out our suite of [entry-level employment programs](#), along with our award-winning Graduate program, our Evergreen Indigenous program, our University Partnership Employment program and our Opening Doors program," Ms Stott said.

Formal training and professional development will be provided by the ATO as part of the program, and successful candidates will earn a competitive starting salary.

"As we know, uni is not for everyone. And some school leavers who are keen for tertiary study like to take a break in-between school and uni, so we think our program will appeal to both of these groups who are looking to get a foot in the door."

Ms Stott noted the ATO is a large, diverse, and dispersed organisation with many different potential career pathways.

"There are around 19,000 employees at the ATO, with more than 480 working out of our Newcastle office alone. Some people may be surprised to know we're not all accountants! We also have opportunities in everything from IT to human resources, through to marketing and communication, and customer service."

Applications for the 2021 Career Kickstart program open **18 May** and close on **2 June 2021**.

Successful applicants will work full-time, on a non-ongoing basis for 12 months, commencing in August 2021 in an administration-type role.

More information, including eligibility requirements and how to apply for the program is available on the ATO website ato.gov.au/careerkickstart

Notes to journalists

- > A high-resolution headshot of Assistant Commissioner Alison Stott is available for download from the [ATO Media centre](#).
- > Audio grabs of Assistant Commissioner Alison Stott discussing the ATO's Career Kickstart program are available for download from the [ATO media centre](#).
- > ATO file footage is available for download and use in news bulletins from the [ATO Media centre](#).