

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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I feel the onboarding and training that has to be done can be over the top this may be due to the insurance and risk assessments that need to be done. For example, you may only volunteer for 2-3 hours per week but have to do 8 hours of online training. I feel that if you are a full time worker and want to be a volunteer especially in an emergency services role for eg SES or a rural fire brigade when there is a major event some businesses only factor in 2 days for volunteering or the person have to give up their holiday pay, also need to think of small business or self-employed that this could be loss of business etc. Some organizations would like for you to have first - aid but you have to organize your own and pay for it out of your own pocket. Paperwork to be easier to do or achieve like risk assessments for youth where you may spend hours doing these.