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Job Services site specialises in helping migrants and refugees

Queensland's first Job Services Australia program specialising in helping migrants and refugees find jobs was officially launched today at Woodridge.

Minister for Employment Participation Mark Arbib and Member for Rankin Craig Emerson opened ACCES Services Inc's Job Services Australia office in Woodridge.

"Since 1992, ACCES Services has focused on providing specialised support and services to migrants and refugees. This includes employment and training programs to help people arriving in Australia find a job," Senator Arbib said.

"One of the key reasons the Australian Government introduced the new Job Services Australia in July was to put a greater focus and emphasis on helping people who had greater barriers to employment."

ACCES Services is also delivering services and projects under the Employer Broker Panel, Innovation Panel and Jobs Fund.

This will help to coordinate and target the efforts of ACCES Services to better match the labour needs of employers with appropriate job seekers.

Dr Emerson said Job Services Australia was central to the Government's integrated approach to addressing the global economic downturn.

"Job Services Australia providers help job seekers with training, skills development, work experience and job placement," Dr Emerson said.

"These services are part of the Government's commitment to delivering better and more targeted employment services to job seekers across Australia.

"Finding jobs for people with serious barriers is not simple and often requires long-term and sustained efforts. ACCES Services at Woodridge have shown they are in it for the long-haul."

The Australian Government is committed to investing in and re-shaping Australia's government employment services to meet the needs of job seekers. Giving extra resources and more tailored assistance to job seekers will help to meet this commitment.