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HOTELS ON THE HUNT FOR WORKERS AT NATIONAL JOB FAIR

Accommodation hotels across the nation will take part in the federal government's virtual job fair next week to try and fill thousands of vacancies in the lead up to the busy Christmas period.

Tourism Accommodation Australia CEO Michael Johnson said the National Tourism and Hospitality Virtual Jobs Fair will be held on Thursday, 25 November 2021 and could not come soon enough for accommodation hotels.

Mr Johnson said the hotel, hospitality and tourism sector has more than 300,000 vacancies and without international students and working holiday makers, hotels are relying on local staff.

"The event will target people displaced by COVID-19, job seekers, school leavers, and anyone who might want to consider a career in tourism and hospitality," said Mr Johnson.

"It is free for anyone to jump online and all our big hotels will have virtual booths where you can talk to staff about the opportunities in our great industry.

"Job seekers can ask questions and apply for jobs and employers will be able to use a chat function to engage jobseekers and interview them on the day."

Mr Johnson said employers were invited to attend free of charge by the federal government and almost every major hotel in the country jumped at the opportunity.

"Finding hotel staff was hard before Covid, now it is near impossible," he said.

"TAA and our members welcome this initiative and anything the government can do to aid the sector's recovery."

"We also look forward to the return of international students and working holiday makers as the country opens up and tourists begin arriving again."

For times and more info on the National Tourism and Hospitality Virtual Jobs Fair visit:
dese.gov.au/TourismandHospitalityVJF

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