



Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System payment summary

Effective 1 July 2022

Employers and Australian Apprentices entering into a Training Contract may be eligible for a range of Australian Government employer incentives and personal benefits. Payments available are payable in respect of an Australian Apprentice whose employment and training arrangements are formally approved by the State Training Authority and the criteria for the payment is met.

Eligibility criteria apply for all incentives. Information current as at 1 July 2022.

Employer incentives

Priority Wage Subsidy*					
Description	Payment rates			Claim period	Effect date
	First year	Second year	Third year		
For employers of apprentices in priority occupations † Certificate III and above qualification level New and existing workers Maximum of 3 years	10% of wages paid (up to a max of \$1500 per quarter)	10% of wages paid (up to a max of \$1500 per quarter)	5% of wages paid (up to a max of \$750 per quarter)	3 months in arrears up to a maximum of 12 months (in each payment cycle)	3 months from commencement, and 3 months from each effect date thereafter

Hiring Incentive*			
Description	Payment rates	Claim period	Effect date
For employers of apprentices in non-priority occupations	\$1,750 full time	Apprentice's first 6 months with employer (12-month claim limit)	6 months from commencement
First year only of employer/apprentice relationship paid in two installments up to a maximum of \$3,500 (full-time rate)	\$875 part time		
Certificate II leading to any defined occupation	\$1,750 full time	Apprentice's second 6 months with employer (12-month claim limit)	12 months from commencement
Certificate III or higher, in an occupation not on the Priority List † Cannot be an existing worker	\$875 part time		

		Amount	Paid at
Assistance for Australian Apprentices with a Disability (subject to approved application)	Paid to employer	\$104.30	Per week in arrears – wage support
	Paid to Registered Training Organisation (tutorial assistance)	\$38.50	Per hour (up to \$5,500 per year)
	Paid to Registered Training Organisation (mentor and/or interpreter assistance)	\$38.50	Per hour (up to \$5,500 per year)

Australian Apprentice payments

Apprentice Training Support Payment [†]			
Description	Payment rates	Claim period	Effect date
For apprentices in priority occupations [†]	\$1,250 (full time)	6 months from commencement	6 months after commencement
	\$625 (part time)		
Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma qualification level on Priority List [†]	\$1,250 (full time)	12 months from commencement	12 months after commencement
	\$625 (part time)		
Training towards a priority occupation on the Priority List [†]	\$1,250 (full time)	18 months from commencement	18 months after commencement
	\$625 (part time)		
	\$1,250 (full time)	24 months from commencement	24 months after commencement
	\$625 (part time)		

Living Away from Home Allowance (subject to approved application)			
Description	Payment rates		
	First year	Second year	Third year
Certificate II or above qualification level	\$77.17 (per week)	\$38.59 (per week)	\$25.00 (per week)
Must be within 36 months of commencement date of Australian Apprenticeship (whether full time or part time)			

Trade Support Loans (subject to approved application)		
Description	Payment rates	Payment periods
Lifetime limit of up to \$22,890, paid monthly in arrears over the term of the Australian Apprenticeship	\$763.00	Per month in the first year
Paid to the Australian Apprentice undertaking Certificate III or IV qualification that leads to an occupation listed on the Trade Support Loans Priority List	\$572.25	Per month in the second year
	\$381.50	Per month in the third year
or		
Certificate II–IV agricultural qualification	\$190.75	Per month in the fourth year (and beyond)
or		
Certificate II–IV horticulture qualification in rural or regional Australia		

Note: Conditions apply. A period of suspension or cancellation may affect the claim periods.

[†] Details of the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List can be found here: www.dewr.gov.au/australian-apprenticeships/resources/australian-apprenticeships-priority-list-factsheet

*Employers must: 1. Register and use **Single Touch Payroll (STP)** for wage reporting to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) unless the ATO has granted an exemption; and 2. Lodge claims in the **Apprenticeships Data Management System (ADMS)**, noting a **myGovID is required to authenticate** the user during login; and 3. Provide accurate **wage evidence to support each claim** lodged in ADMS and submit claims **within 12 months of the effect date**; and 4. **Not** be in receipt of Disability Australian Apprentice Wage Support (DAAWS) subsidy or any other federal, state or territory government wage subsidy or equivalent for the same Australian Apprenticeship. 5. Group Training Organisations (GTOs) are not required to pass on payments to host employers. 6. Additionally, for the Hiring Incentive: a) The employer must retain their Australian Apprentice in-training at each point a scheduled payment is claimed. b) An existing worker is where the apprentice has been in an employment relationship with their employer for more than three full-time equivalent months, including approved leave.

[†] 1. Providing all other eligibility criteria are met, existing worker Australian Apprentices are eligible for this payment. 2. The time limit for lodging claims for the Apprentice Training Support Payment is **3 months from each claim effect date**. 3. Payments are treated as taxable income, therefore a **Tax File Number (TFN) Declaration must be provided** to avoid tax being withheld at the highest marginal rate.