



# Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements

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**To assist with the recovery from the impact of COVID-19, the Australian Government is providing support to all employers who engage a new Australian Apprentice.**

The Australian Government has announced the Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements wage subsidy to support employers and Group Training Organisations to take on new apprentices and trainees.

## Is my business eligible?

Your business or Group Training Organisation may be eligible if:

- you engage an Australian Apprentice between 5 October 2020 and 30 September 2021; and
- your Australian Apprentice or trainee is undertaking a Certificate II or higher qualification and has a training contract that is formally approved by the state training authority.

## How much is the subsidy?

- Eligible employers and Group Training Organisations will receive a wage subsidy of up to 50 per cent of the Australian Apprentice's or trainee's gross wage paid.
- The wage subsidy is available for a maximum of \$7,000 per quarter per eligible Australian Apprentice.
- The subsidy is available for wages paid from 5 October 2020 to 30 September 2021.

## Changes to the eligibility of existing workers

Conditions for any existing workers that commenced in an Australian Apprenticeship between 5 October 2020 and 27 October 2020 will remain unchanged.

From 28 October 2020, your business or Group Training Organisation may be eligible to attract a subsidy for up to 30 existing workers who commence a non-trade Australian Apprenticeship on or after 28 October 2020 if they:

- move from casual employment to a part-time or full-time Australian Apprenticeship; or
- move from part-time employment to a full-time Australian Apprenticeship.

No limit will apply where the existing worker commences a trades-based Australian Apprenticeship.

## Anything else I should know?

- The subsidy is available to employers of any size, industry or location.
- The subsidy is capped at 100,000 places.
- The subsidy is not available for apprentices receiving other forms of Australian Government wage subsidy e.g. Supporting Apprentices and Trainees, JobKeeper or the JobMaker Hiring Credit.
- Payments will be made quarterly in arrears, with first claims for the subsidy available from 1 January 2021.
- Final claims for payment must be lodged by 31 December 2021.

## How can I apply or find out more?

For further information on how to apply for the subsidy, including information on eligibility, contact an [Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider](#).