Financial incentives of up to $10,000 for your employer

What is a wage subsidy?
Wage subsidies are a financial incentive to encourage employers to offer ongoing jobs. Your new employer could get up to $10,000 (GST inclusive) when they hire you.

Employment services providers will make payments to your employer over six months, including the option of up to 40 per cent of the total wage subsidy after you have been in the job for four weeks.

Am I eligible?
For your new employer to get a wage subsidy, you must be registered with either:
- jobactive
- Transition to Work
- ParentsNext (Intensive Stream only)
- Disability Employment Services (Restart only), or
- the Community Development Programme (Restart only).

Restart only: If you are not registered with an employment services provider, you must register with a jobactive provider as a volunteer so your employer can get a wage subsidy.

Indigenous Australians have immediate access to a wage subsidy, from commencement with an employment services provider, as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

Other eligibility requirements may apply based on individual circumstances like:
- the time you have been registered with an employment services provider
- your age

• the income support payment or pension you are on.

Talk to your employment services provider for more information about eligibility requirements.

What type of job can I do?
Your new job can be full time, part time or casual. It must be ongoing, and you have to work an average of 20 hours per week over the six months of the wage subsidy agreement.

The job must meet the employment standards for the position. For example the job must be suitable work and pays the national award wages specific to the position.

Apprenticeships and traineeships are eligible to attract a wage subsidy.

Your new job cannot:
- displace an existing employee
- be a commission based, subcontracting or a self-employment position
- be for an immediate family member.

If you found your own job, you should let your employer know they may be eligible for a wage subsidy. Employers should contact your employment services provider for more information.
What payments can my employer get?

- **Restart** – up to $10,000 if you are 50 years of age and over
- **Indigenous Australians** – up to $10,000
- **Youth Bonus** – up to $10,000 or $6,500 if you are 15 to 24 years of age
- **Youth** – up to $6,500 if you are 25 to 29 years of age
- **Parents** – up to $6,500 if you are principal carer parent
- **Long Term Unemployed** – up to $6,500 if you have been registered with an employment services provider for 12 months.

All wage subsidies are GST inclusive.

**How does my employer apply?**

Employers must contact your employment services provider to arrange for a wage subsidy agreement within 12 weeks (84 calendar days) of you starting in the job.

**Want more information?**

Your employment services provider can talk to you and your employer about wage subsidies.

If you are not registered with an employment services provider you can find one at: [jobsearch.gov.au/service-providers/](http://jobsearch.gov.au/service-providers/)

You can also call the Jobseeker Hotline on 13 62 68* or the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260*.

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