



# Supporting your business, apprentices and trainees

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**As part of the Economic Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Australian Government is helping your business to manage cash flow challenges and to keep your apprentices and trainees employed.**

The Australian Government is extending and expanding the Supporting Apprentices and Trainees wage subsidy, to include medium-sized businesses who had an eligible apprentice in place on 1 July 2020.

Eligible employers can apply for a wage subsidy of 50 per cent of the eligible apprentice or trainee's wages paid until 31 March 2021. In addition to the existing support for small businesses, medium-sized businesses will now be eligible for the subsidy, for wages paid from 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021. Subsidies will also be available to any new employer who re-engages an eligible apprentice that was displaced by an eligible small or medium sized business.

## Is my business eligible?

- Your **small business** may be eligible if:
  - you employ fewer than 20 people; or
  - you are a small business with fewer than 20 people, using a Group Training Organisation; and
  - the apprentice or trainee was undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship with you on 1 July 2020 for claims after this date. Claims prior to 1 July 2020, will continue to be based on the 1 March 2020 eligibility date.
- Your **medium-sized business** may be eligible if:
  - you employ fewer than 200 people; or
  - you are a medium business with fewer than 200 people, using a Group Training Organisation; and
  - the apprentice or trainee was undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship with you on 1 July 2020.
- Any employer (including all small, medium or large businesses and Group Training Organisations) who re-engages an apprentice or trainee displaced from an eligible small or medium business may also be eligible for the subsidy.

## How much is the subsidy?

- Eligible employers will receive a wage subsidy of up to 50 per cent of the wages paid worth up to \$7,000 per quarter, per eligible apprentice or trainee, reimbursed in arrears.

## Anything else I should know?

- Claims from small businesses can continue to be submitted as normal. Claims from medium-sized businesses will open on 1 October 2020.
- Final claims for payment must be lodged by 30 June 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](#).