



# 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 31 March 2022, 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 (GTOs) will receive a wage subsidy of up to 50 per cent of the Australian Apprentice's gross wage paid.
- The subsidy is available for Australian Apprentices commencing or recommencing between 5 October 2020 and 31 March 2022.
- The wage subsidy is available for a maximum of \$7,000 per quarter, per eligible Australian Apprentice, for wages paid in the 12-month period from date of commencement or recommencement.

## Anything else I should know?

- The subsidy is available to employers of any size, industry or geographic location.
- The subsidy is not available for any apprentice receiving any other form of Australian Government wage subsidy e.g. Supporting Apprentices and Trainees or JobKeeper.
- 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 30 June 2023.
- The 100,000 cap limit has been removed to provide additional support to employers and GTOs.
- The Australian Apprenticeship Support Network will deliver additional Gateway Service places and enhanced In-Training Support for women interested in, or starting, an apprenticeship in a non-traditional trade occupation.
  - An additional 5,000 Gateway Services places have been made available to women interested in undertaking an apprenticeship in a non-traditional trade occupation.
  - In-Training Support services are guaranteed for women starting in non-traditional trade occupations.

## 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](#).