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Securing Australian Apprenticeships



What is the Securing Australian Apprenticeships initiative?

The Securing Australian Apprenticeships initiative supports Australian Apprentices to remain connected to the workforce and to maintain their investment in training. This initiative also increases the national skills base through successful completion of Australian Apprenticeship training.

The Securing Australian Apprenticeships initiative provides financial support to employers who create new opportunities for eligible Australian Apprentices to continue their incomplete (but formally State Training Authority approved) training, or who successfully complete Australian Apprentices, at the Certificate III or IV level in skill shortage trades, or Diploma or Advanced Diploma level qualifications.

What financial support is available to employers?

Employers of an Australian Apprentice undertaking an eligible qualification may receive up to \$2800 under the Securing Australian Apprenticeships initiative. This consists of a:

- **Recommencement Bonus** of \$1800 payable 12 weeks after recommencement where the recommencements occur on or after 1 January 2009.
- **Completion Bonus** of \$1000 payable upon successful completion in respect of Australian Apprentices who successfully complete on or after 1 January 2009.

Payments will be made through Australian Apprenticeships Centres and will be available for two years until 31 December 2010.

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Are the new payments in addition to existing support for employers of Australian Apprentices?

Yes. The new payments are in addition to the suite of employer incentives already available under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program. Employers of Australian Apprentices at the Certificate III level and above may already be eligible to receive \$4000 in incentives comprising a \$1500 commencement incentive and a \$2500 completion incentive.

What qualifications at the Certificate III/IV level are eligible for the new payment?

Qualifications at the Certificate III/IV level leading to an occupation in skills shortage are eligible. Occupations in skills shortage are listed on the National Skills Needs List. For more information about the National Skills Needs List please visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at australianapprenticeships.gov.au.

What qualifications at the Diploma/Advanced Diploma level are eligible for the new payment?

All Diploma and Advanced Diploma level qualifications are eligible.

What support will Australian Apprentices receive?

Australian Apprentices undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship in a skills shortage occupation may continue to be eligible to receive personal benefits such as the Living Away From Home Allowance, Support for Adult Australian Apprentices payments or the Tools For Your Trade payments.

Where can I find out more?

For more information about Australian Apprenticeships visit your local Australian Apprenticeships Centre, visit australianapprenticeships.gov.au, or call the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on 13 38 73 to find Australian Apprenticeships Centres in your region.

