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ABOUT THE National Skills Needs List



Australian Government incentive payments encourage employers to offer employment-based training opportunities to enable people to gain and build on their skills. They also offer financial incentives to Australian Apprentices, attracting more Australians into technical and trade education and improving their completion rates.

Eligibility for employers and their Australian Apprentices to some incentives is limited to those in traditional trades identified as being in short supply nationally.

Trades experiencing a skills shortage are included on the National Skills Needs List which is based on research conducted by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. The department regularly reviews the list and in consultation with employers and based on analysis of industry demand and research into the needs of the Australian labour market, the list is updated.

The National Skills Needs List is used to determine the eligibility of employers and/or Australian Apprentices for the following Australian Government incentives and personal benefits:

- Support for Mid-Career Apprentices
- Apprenticeship Wage Top-Up
- Tools For Your Trade
- Apprenticeship Training (Fee) Vouchers
- Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarships
- Rural and Regional Skills Shortage incentive

The 57 trades included on the National Skills Needs List are listed overleaf.



As the National Skills Needs List is reviewed regularly, please visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at www.australia.gov.au/australianapprenticeships for the most up-to-date list.

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- Aircraft maintenance engineer (Avionics)
- Aircraft maintenance engineer (Mechanical)
- Automotive electrician
- Baker
- Binder and finisher
- Boat builder and repairer
- Bricklayer
- Butcher
- Cabinetmaker
- Carpenter
- Carpenter and joiner
- Cook
- Drainer
- Electrical powerline tradesperson
- Electrician (Special class)
- Electronic equipment tradesperson
- Fibrous plasterer
- Fitter
- Flat glass tradesperson
- Floor finisher
- Furniture finisher
- Furniture upholsterer
- Gasfitter
- General electrician
- General plumber
- Hairdresser
- Joiner
- Lift Mechanic - *from 14 April 2008*
- Locksmith
- Mechanical services and air-conditioning plumber
- Metal fabricator
- Metal machinist (First class)
- Motor mechanic
- Optical mechanic
- Painter and decorator
- Panel beater
- Pastry cook
- Picture framer
- Pressure welder
- Printing machinist
- Refrigeration and air-conditioning mechanic
- Roof plumber
- Roof slater and tiler - *from 14 April 2008*
- Screen printer
- Shearer
- Sheetmetal worker (First class)
- Signwriter
- Solid plasterer
- Stonemason
- Toolmaker
- Tree surgeon
- Vehicle body maker
- Vehicle painter
- Vehicle trimmer
- Wall and floor tiler
- Welder (First class)
- Wood machinist (A-grade)

For more information

Contact your Australian Apprenticeships Centre, call the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on 13 38 73 or visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at www.australia.gov.au/australianapprenticeships for more information about the National Skills Needs List and eligibility criteria for Australian Apprenticeships incentives and personal benefits.

