



# Summary of Payments for Australian Apprentices

From 1 July 2022, the Federal Government has streamlined the incentive program to make it simpler to understand and to allocate more support to industries that are considered a priority to building the Australian economy.

Under the new Australian Apprenticeship Incentive System you will find new measures such as Australian Apprentice Training Support Payments, as well as the continuation of existing measures such as the Trade Support Loan and Living Away From Home Allowance.

Further details below. The following payments apply where the commencement or recommencement date of the Australian Apprenticeship is on/after the 1st of July 2022.

## Australian Apprentice Training Support Payment:

- \$5,000 in total for full-time Australian Apprentices; or
- \$2,500 in total for part-time Australian Apprentices.

Paid in installments of;

- \$1,250 at the 6, 12, 18 and 24 month points for full-time Australian Apprentices; or
- \$625 at the 6, 12, 18 and 24 month points for part-time Australian Apprentices.

## Standard Eligibility Criteria:

Where the Australian Apprentice is;

- Commencing, recommencing or an existing worker;
- Undertaking a Certificate III, IV, Diploma or Advance Diploma;
- Undertaking a qualification and occupational outcome stated on [Appendix A: Australian Apprenticeship Priority List](#);
- Not claiming other 'wage subsidies'. (Note: Trade Support Loan and Living Away From Home Allowance are not 'wage subsidies'.); and

Where the employer is;






- Registered for [Single Touch Payroll](#) with the ATO or has ATO Exemption, and therefore wage evidence is available through Single Touch Payroll.

## New Energy Apprentice Support Payment

This payment applies where the commencements or recommencements date of the Australian Apprenticeship is on/after the 1st of January 2023.

Paid in installments of;

- Full-time = \$2,000 at 6, 12, 24, 36 month points and on successful completion.
- Part-time = \$1,000 at 6, 12, 24, 36 month points and on successful completion.

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## New Energy Apprenticeship Support Payment Cont.:

### Standard Eligibility Criteria:

Where the Australian Apprentice is;

- Commencing or recommencing on or after 1/1/2023;
- Undertaking a qualification at Certificate III or above;
- In an occupation stated on the [Appendix A: Australian Apprenticeship Priority List](#) which has been identified as Clean Energy;
- Both the employer and Australian Apprentice must be able to sign a declaration agreeing to build skills in the clean energy sector and proving ongoing training in clean energy work.

### Australian Apprenticeship Support Loan:

- This is a loan to assist with the cost of living whilst undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship, and **must be repaid**.
- Repayments are made through the ATO and can be repaid in bulk payments or a percentage deducted each year when you lodge your Tax Return.
- Lifetime Limit: \$24,492.

	Yearly Amounts	Monthly Installment Rate
First year	\$9,797	\$816.41
Second year	\$7,348	\$612.31
Third Year	\$4,898	\$408.20
Fourth Year	\$2,449	\$204.10






### Standard Eligibility Criteria:

Where the Australian Apprentice commenced/recommended their Australian Apprenticeship PRIOR to 1/1/2024 and is undertaking;

- Certificate III or IV qualification that leads to an occupation on the [National Skills Needs List](#) (Appendix B) and to a qualification on the [Trade Support Loans Qualifications List](#); or
- Certificate II – IV Agriculture qualification on the [Trade Support Loans Qualifications List](#); or
- Certificate II – IV Horticulture qualification on the [Trade Support Loans Qualifications List](#) with a workplace postcode on the [Rural & Regional Postcode List](#) (Appendix D).

Where the Australian Apprentice commenced/recommended their Australian Apprenticeship ON/AFTER 1/1/2024 and is undertaking;

- A qualification and occupation on Appendix A Priority List.

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Australian Apprentice Incentives	Overview	Amount	Paid at
Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA)	Paid to the Australian Apprentice.	\$77.17	Per week 1st year rate.
		\$38.59	Per week 2nd year rate.
		\$25.00	Per Week 3rd year rate.
Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY	Australian Apprentices may be eligible to receive extra support from the Government, subject to the application of parental and personal income tests.	Contact Services Australia (formerly Centrelink) on 13 36 33.	
Funded Training	State Government may subsidise the cost of the training component delivered by Registered Training Organisations (RTOs).	Contact your State Training Authority.	
SA only	Travel and Accommodation Allowances for Australian Apprentices: For those who travel more than 150km to attend courses in relation to their training program.	Contact your State Training Authority on 1800 673 097.	
VIC only	Trade Apprentice Vehicle Discount: 50% off car registration renewal.	Contact VicRoads on 13 11 71.	
NSW only	First, second and third year Australian Apprentices may be entitled to a Transport Concession Card.	Contact NSW Transport on 13 67 25.	
	First and second year Australian Apprentices can receive a \$100 rebate on their car registration.	Contact NSW Government on 02 6841 4804.	
TAS only	Travel and Accommodation Allowances for Australian Apprentices: For those who travel more than 21kms each way to attend courses in relation to their training program.	<a href="https://www.skills.tas.gov.au/learners/funding_available/funding/travel_and_accommodation_allowance_for_apprentices_and_trainees">https://www.skills.tas.gov.au/learners/funding_available/funding/travel_and_accommodation_allowance_for_apprentices_and_trainees</a>	
QLD only	Travel and Accommodation Allowances for Australian Apprentices: For those who travel more than 50km to attend courses in relation to their training.	<a href="https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/apprentices/incentives/travel-accommodation">https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/apprentices/incentives/travel-accommodation</a>	

Further criteria and conditions apply for all incentives. This information is to be used as a guide only and is subject to change without notice. Information is current as of the 1st January 2023.

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