



About the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List

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The Australian Apprenticeships Priority List (Priority List) identifies priority occupations for the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System (Incentives System) which commenced on 1 July 2022.

It identifies occupations classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) as either Technicians and Trades Workers or Community and Personal Service Workers, that were included on the Skills Priority List published by the National Skills Commission on 30 June 2021.

An Australian Apprentice undertaking a qualification at either Certificate III, IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level leading to an occupation on the Priority List may be eligible for an Apprentice Training Support Payment of up to \$5,000 paid in instalments over the first two years of their Australian Apprenticeship.

Employers of Australian Apprentices in Priority List occupations may be eligible for a Priority Wage Subsidy, set at 10 per cent of the apprentice's wages for the first and second year, up to a maximum of \$1,500 per quarter, and 5 per cent of the apprentice's wages in the third year, up to a maximum of \$750 per quarter.

Employers of Australian Apprentices in occupations not on the Priority List may be eligible for a Hiring Incentive of up to a maximum of \$3,500 in the first year of an Australian Apprenticeship.

- For more information about the Priority List, contact your [Australian Apprenticeship Support Network \(AASN\) provider](#).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How have the occupations on the Priority List been selected?

- The occupations on the Priority List meet the following criteria:
 - assessed by the National Skills Commission as being in shortage; and
 - classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) as either Technicians and Trades Workers

(ANZSCO Major Group 3) or Community and Personal Service Workers (ANZSCO Major Group 4).

- These criteria were applied as they identify occupations with a labour market need and those most likely to involve an Australian Apprenticeship entry pathway.

How does the Priority List differ from the previous National Skills Needs List for Australian Apprenticeships?

- There is significant overlap between the Priority List and the previous lists that targeted funding under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.
- The Priority List targets funding under the Incentives System and replaces the former National Skills Needs List, the Priority Occupations List and the Additional Identified Skills Shortage list which targeted funding under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.
- The Priority List will be updated regularly. The National Skills Needs List was last updated in 2011.

Were stakeholder submissions to the Review of the National Skills Needs List considered in the development of the Priority List?

- Yes, the Priority List is based on the Skills Priority List published by the National Skills Commission in June 2021.
- Stakeholder input to the Review of the National Skills Needs List was considered by the National Skills Commission in the development of the Skills Priority List.

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- Aged or Disabled Carer
- Agricultural Technician
- Airconditioning and Mechanical Services Plumber
- Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Avionics)
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Mechanical)
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Structures)
- Arborist
- Automotive Electrician
- Baker
- Bricklayer
- Butcher or Smallgoods Maker
- Cabinetmaker
- Cabler (Data and Telecommunications)
- Carpenter
- Carpenter and Joiner
- Chef
- Child Care Worker
- Civil Engineering Draftsperson
- Civil Engineering Technician
- Cook
- Dental Assistant
- Diesel Motor Mechanic
- Diversional Therapist
- Drainer
- Electrical Engineering Draftsperson
- Electrical Engineering Technician
- Electrical Lines worker
- Electrician (General)
- Electrician (Special Class)
- Enrolled Nurse
- Farrier
- Fibrous Plasterer
- Fitter (General)
- Fitter and Turner
- Fitter-Welder
- Floor Finisher
- Furniture Finisher
- Gasfitter
- Glazier
- Greenkeeper
- Hairdresser
- Joiner

- Landscape Gardener
- Locksmith
- Meat Inspector
- Metal Casting Trades Worker
- Metal Fabricator
- Metal Machinist (First Class)
- Motor Mechanic (General)
- Motorcycle Mechanic
- Nurseryperson
- Nursing Support Worker
- Painting Trades Worker
- Panel beater
- Pastrycook
- Personal Care Assistant
- Plumber (General)
- Pressure Welder
- Roof Plumber
- Roof Tiler
- Shearer
- Sheetmetal Trades Worker
- Shipwright
- Signwriter
- Small Engine Mechanic
- Solid Plasterer
- Stonemason
- Technical Cable Jointer
- Telecommunications Cable Jointer
- Telecommunications Lines worker
- Telecommunications Technician
- Upholsterer
- Vehicle Painter
- Wall and Floor Tiler
- Welder (First Class)
- Wood Machinist