

Support for Australian Apprentices with Disability

Factsheet

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The Australian Government provides additional support to employers of Australian Apprentices with disability to help them reach their full potential as skilled workers.

Support is available for apprentices with disability

A variety of financial supports are available for employers and Registered Training Organisations to assist apprentices with disability.

DAAWS

DAAWS aims to encourage employers to provide Australian Apprenticeships to people with a permanent or temporary disability who are able to participate in open employment with suitable support and training. The incentive is payable to an employer who employs an apprentice who satisfies the disability eligibility criteria. DAAWS is also available to employers who employ apprentices who become disabled during their apprenticeship.

Employers can receive \$216.07 per week for a full-time Australian Apprentices, or on a pro-rata basis, according to the hours worked for a part-time Australian Apprentice.

Each year on 1 July, DAAWS payment rates will be adjusted in line with the March quarter Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Eligibility Assessment for DAAWS

Detailed eligibility requirements for DAAWS can be found in Part E of the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System Guideline and Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program (AAIP) Guideline.

Support for Off-the Job Training

Eligible apprentices who require extra help with their off-the-job training can also access tutorial, mentoring and interpreter support. This assistance is only available through RTOs where the apprentice is enrolled for their off-the-job training. The funding is provided directly to the RTO to deliver these services.

To ensure apprentices receive effective and targeted support for off-the-job training, the following delivery requirements apply:

- **Tutorial assistance** must be provided in small groups of **no more than 5 participants** to ensure the apprentice's learning needs are met.

- **Mentoring and interpreter assistance** must be delivered **on a one-on-one basis** to ensure personalised support tailored to the apprentice's specific needs.

Employer Assistance Fund

Employers can also access support through the Employment Assistance Fund (EAF) to help apprentices with disability or mental health conditions succeed in the workplace. The EAF provides funding support for a wide range of work-related modifications and services designed to ensure apprentices can fully participate in their Australian Apprenticeship and reach their full potential.

For more information

Contact your [Apprentice Connect Australia Providers](#).

To find a Provider near you, visit www.apprenticeships.gov.au.

For more information about the Employment Assistance Fund (EAF), visit www.jobaccess.gov.au or call 1800 464 800.