

Key Apprenticeship Program

The Key Apprenticeship Program (KAP) has been implemented with the goal of encouraging the growth of the workforce and expanding the pipeline of workers training towards critical occupations supporting priority sectors; clean energy and housing construction. here are 60 occupations listed as clean energy and/or housing construction on the [Australian Apprenticeships Priority List](#).

The **Clean Energy Sector** includes but is not limited to designing, developing, constructing, and operating the infrastructure for generating, storing, transmitting, and distributing energy from renewable, zero or low emissions energy sources and reducing or managing energy use.

The **Housing Construction Sector** involves building, repairing and remodelling structures that are intended to operate as a fixed dwelling including but not limited to houses, apartments, nursing homes.

Eligibility

Key Apprenticeship Program Apprentice Incentive	Key Apprenticeship Program Employer Incentive
<p>To be eligible you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meet all primary eligibility requirements; • have commenced or recommenced on or after 1 July 2025; • be undertaking a qualification at the Certificate III, Certificate IV Diploma or Advanced Diploma level listed on the Priority List and identified as new energy or housing construction qualification; and • be employed by an organisation who can provide meaningful exposure, experience, and work in the relevant KAP sector (clean energy or housing construction). 	<p>To be eligible you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meet all primary eligibility requirements; • have commenced or recommenced on or after 1 January 2026; • provide a signed declaration and be able to demonstrate that you can provide the Australian Apprentice with meaningful exposure, experience, and work in the relevant KAP sector (clean energy or housing construction), appropriate to their skill level and/or off-the-job training; and • the Australian Apprentice must be undertaking a qualification at the Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level listed on the Priority List and identified as new energy or housing construction qualification.

To start your apprenticeship, contact your [Apprentice Connect Australia Provider](#).

Case study



Rebecca has started a 4-year apprenticeship to become a Carpenter. Rebecca is studying towards a Certificate III in Carpentry and working full-time in residential housing.

As part of the Key Apprenticeship Program, Rebecca is eligible for:

- Up to \$10,000 (\$2,000 at 6, 12, 24 and 36 months and on completion)
- Personalised non-financial support services (peer-support, networking).
- An income contingent loan, as part of the Australian Apprenticeship Support Loan program.

Rebecca's employer is eligible to receive a Key Apprenticeship Program Employer Incentive of up to \$5,000 paid over the first year of the apprenticeship in two instalments;

- \$2,000 at 6 months and \$3,000 at 13 months.

The Key Apprenticeship Program is part of the Australian Government's commitment for a Future Made in Australia. Building the workforce Australia needs for the future by backing apprentices to complete their trade in the clean energy or housing construction sectors.