

Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System Payments Overview

Effective as of 1 January 2026

Refer to the *Australian Apprenticeship Incentives System Program Guidelines* (22 Dec 2025–31 Dec 2026) for eligibility requirements

Key Apprenticeship Program Employer Incentive

Payments at	6 months	12 months
Full-time	\$2,000	\$3,000
Part-time	\$1,000	\$1,500

- Eligible employers of Australian Apprentices in KAP specific occupations may receive up to \$5000 in the first year of an apprenticeship, paid over 2 instalments at 6 and 12 months.
- At the time of commencement or recommencement, the Australian Apprentice must be enrolled in a Certificate III or higher qualification that leads to an occupational outcome identified on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List as housing construction or clean energy sector.
- Apprentices may be full time or part time and must be in-training with their employer at the claim period end date.
- Employers must not be in receipt of DAAWS, the Priority Hiring Incentive or any other form of Australian Government assistance for the same Australian Apprenticeship (below exception applies).
 - If the employer is a GTO, then they can also receive the GTO reimbursement pilot program payments.

For commencements or recommencements from 1 January 2026

Priority Hiring Incentive

Payments at	6 months	12 months
Full-time	\$1,000	\$1,500
Part-time	\$500	\$750

- Eligible employers of Australian Apprentices in priority occupations may receive up to \$2,500 in the first year of an apprenticeship, paid over 2 instalments at 6 and 12 months.
- The Australian Apprentice must at the date of commencement or recommencement, be undertaking a qualification at the Certificate III or higher and with an occupational outcome listed on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List.
- Apprentices may be full time or part time and must be in-training with their employer at the claim period end date.
- Employers must not be in receipt of DAAWS, Key Apprenticeship Program Employer Incentive or any other form of Australian Government assistance for the same Apprenticeship (below exception applies):
 - If the employer is a GTO, then they can also receive the GTO Reimbursement Payments.
 - Employers receiving Australian Government funding where the entire payment is passed directly to the apprentice, may also be eligible for the Priority Hiring Incentive.

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Disability Australian Apprenticeship Wage Subsidy (DAAWS)

\$216.07 per week in arrears

- The Apprentice's capacity to work must be assessed and confirmed through the completion of Form 608 (Occupational Assessment for an Australian Apprentice with Disability).
- Apprentice must be undertaking a Certificate II or higher qualification
- Available to employers of full time or part time apprentices.
- Apprentice must be In-Training with their employer at the claim period end date.
- Employers may not be in receipt of the Key Apprenticeship Program Employer Incentive or Priority Hiring Incentive or any other form of Australian Government wage subsidy or equivalent assistance.

Key Apprenticeship Program Apprentice Incentive

Australian Apprentice Training Support Payment (AATSP)

Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA)

Australian Apprenticeship Support Loan (AASL)

Incentive

Payment (AATSP)

(LAFHA)

(AASL)

Payments at 6, 12, 24, 36 months and on completion

Full-time	\$2,000
Part-time	\$1,000

- The Apprentice must be undertaking a Certificate III or higher qualification that is aligned to an occupational outcome identified as Clean Energy or Housing Construction on the Priority List.
- The employer must have engagement and operation in the clean energy or housing construction sector.
- The Apprentice must have meaningful exposure, experience and work in the clean energy or housing construction sector, appropriate to skill level and/or off-the-job training.
- Both the employer and the apprentice must sign a declaration confirming the apprentice's commitment to build skills in the relevant KAP sector, including selecting relevant electives where available, and the employer's commitment to provide ongoing exposure, experience, and work in the sector.
- Available to full time and part time apprentices and the apprentice must not be in receipt of AATSP for the same apprenticeship.

For commencements or recommenced from 1 July 2025

Payments at

6 months

12 months

18 months

24 months

First Year

Second Year

Third Year

Full-time	\$625
Part-time	\$315

Full-time	\$625
Part-time	\$315

Full-time	\$625
Part-time	\$310

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Part-time	\$310

- The Australian Apprentice must at the date of commencement or recommencement, be undertaking a qualification at the Certificate III or higher and with an occupational outcome listed on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List.
- Apprentices may be full time or part time and must be in-training with their employer at the claim period end date.

For commencements or recommencements from 1 January 2026

First Year

Second Year

Third Year

First Year	\$120/week
Second Year	\$90/week
Third Year	\$45/week

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Second Year	\$90/week
Third Year	\$45/week

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