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Financial support for apprentices

Make the most out of your apprenticeship with the range of government support options available.



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Key Apprenticeship Program Apprentice Incentive

Up to \$10,000 in financial support is available to apprentices undertaking a Certificate III or higher qualification aligned with an occupational outcome identified as New Energy or Housing Construction on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List where their employer can provide meaningful exposure, experience, and work in the relevant clean energy or housing construction sector.

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

Full-time rate: \$2,000

Part-time rate: \$1,000

Australian Apprentice Training Support Payment

Available to full-time and part-time apprentices undertaking a Certificate III or higher with an occupational outcome listed on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List.

Payments at	6 months	12 months	18 months	24 months
Full-time	\$625	\$625	\$625	\$625
Part-time	\$315	\$315	\$310	\$310

Living Away From Home Allowance

Available to apprentices undertaking a Certificate II or higher qualification who need to move away from their parent's or guardian's home for the first time for their apprenticeship.

Payments at	First year	Second year	Third year
	\$125.52 per week	\$94.14 per week	\$47.07 per week

Australian Apprenticeship Support Loans

An interest free loan to help apprentices training in eligible qualifications borrow up to \$27,048 (2026–2027) which is paid in monthly instalments. You will not have to repay your loan until you are earning an income above the minimum repayment threshold of \$69,528 (2026–2027).



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Eligible businesses can access support when hiring apprentices in priority occupations.



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Key Apprenticeship Program Employer Incentive

The Key Apprenticeship Program Employer Incentive is designed to complement the Key Apprenticeship Program Apprentice Incentive.

Available to employers of eligible Australian Apprentices undertaking a Certificate III or higher qualification aligned with an occupational outcome identified as New Energy or Housing Construction on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List.

Employers must not receive any other form of Australian Government assistance for the same apprenticeship.

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

Priority Hiring Incentive

Available to employers of new and existing workers undertaking a Certificate III or higher, aligned to an occupational outcome listed on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List.

Employers must not receive any other form of Australian Government assistance for the same apprenticeship.

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

Disability Australian Apprentice Wage Subsidy

A weekly payment of \$226.01 to employers who employ apprentices with disability who are undertaking a qualification that is a Certificate II or higher.

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).

Employers must not receive any other form of Australian Government assistance for the same apprenticeship.