

Guide to Financial Support for Employers of Apprentices

Get the essential information to maximise benefits for hiring an apprentice!

As an employer, investing in apprenticeships not only cultivates a skilled workforce but also provides access to a range of financial incentives.

Leverage government support to drive growth, innovation and success for your business while nurturing the next generation of talent!



Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System (AAIS)

Under the current AAIS program*, you may be eligible to attract federal incentives if your employee and business meet the eligibility of the program.

AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS INCENTIVE SYSTEM (AAIS)		
PRIORITY OCCUPATIONS Certificate III & above (New and Existing Workers)		
Priority Hiring Incentive	Full time	Up to \$5,000 paid over 1 year in 2 instalments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$2,000 at 6 months ▪ \$3,000 at 12 months
	Part time & School-based	Up to \$2,500 paid over 1 year in 2 instalments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$1,000 at 6 months ▪ \$1,500 at 12 months

The **Priority Hiring Incentive** is an incentive for employers of Australian Apprentices training towards an occupation listed on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List at a Certificate level III or above. Not sure if an apprenticeship is on the Priority List? [You can check it here.](#)

ASSISTANCE FOR AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICES WITH A DISABILITY		
Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support (Part-time pro-rata according to the hours worked) available to the employer	\$216.07 p/w	Note: To be eligible for Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support, employers must not be in receipt of the Priority Hiring Incentive.
Assistance for Tutorial, Mentor and Interpreter Services available to Registered Training Organisations (up to \$5,500 per annum)	\$38.50 p/w	

Need more info?

Scan to find out more about our Apprenticeship & Trainee Services.



*Current AAIS program effective from 1 Jul 2025 to 31 Dec 2025

Employer Support every step of the way

BUSY At Work is an Apprentice Connect Australia Provider that has been contracted by the Australian Government since 1998 to provide advice on apprenticeships and traineeships. We promote and administer incentives for apprenticeship opportunities through the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System.

We have established a reputation as the specialists in Apprenticeship Support Services and have played a key role in growing apprenticeships and traineeships nationwide.

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A Step-by-step guide

Together with BUSY At Work, you'll receive expert guidance throughout the process, including support with:

1

ASSESSMENT

An assessment will be completed prior to sign up to determine the readiness of both you and your Apprentice/Trainee and to identify tailored supports that BUSY At Work can provide.

2

NEW EMPLOYEE INDUCTION

BUSY At Work will carry out a full induction for both you and your Apprentice/Trainee.

3

CHOOSING A TRAINING PROVIDER

BUSY At Work will provide you and your Apprentice/Trainee a list of suitable Registered Training Organisations to choose from to deliver the training.

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GOVERNMENT REGISTRATION

BUSY At Work will finalise the Training Contract and forward to the State Training Authority for registration.

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ELIGIBLE INCENTIVE CLAIMS

BUSY At Work will assess you and your Apprentice/Trainees' eligibility for incentives and process accordingly.

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MENTORING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

BUSY At Work will provide mentoring and support services throughout the apprenticeship to both you and your Apprentice/Trainee by one of our industry qualified mentors.

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COMPLETION OF TRAINING

Your Apprentice/Trainee now gains a formal industry qualification that is nationally recognised.