



COVID-19 Apprentices & Trainee Subsidies

Supporting Apprentices & Trainees Package

As part of the Economic Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Australian Government is helping your business to manage cash flow challenges and to keep your apprentices and trainees employed.

Eligible employers can apply for a wage subsidy of 50 per cent of the apprentice or trainee's wages paid between 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020. Subsidies will also be available to any new employer who employs an eligible apprentice that was displaced by a small business employer from 1 March 2020.

Is my business eligible?

Your small business may be eligible if:

- you employ fewer than 20 people; or
- you are a small business with fewer than 20 people, using a Group Training Organisation; and,
- the apprentice or trainee was undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship with you on 1 March 2020.

Any employer (including all small, medium or large businesses and Group Training Organisations) who re-engages an apprentice or trainee displaced from a small business after 1 March 2020 may also be eligible for the subsidy.

How much is the subsidy?

Eligible employers will receive a wage subsidy of up to 50 per cent of the wage, reimbursed in arrears.

- worth up to \$7,000 per quarter (to a maximum of \$21,000), per eligible apprentice or trainee.
- available for a maximum of nine months, covering wages paid from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020.

Anything else I should know?

Businesses that claim this subsidy for wages paid during the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020 will not be precluded from applying for the JobKeeper Payment from 30 March 2020 - if you are eligible. After this time, you will need to choose which payment best supports your circumstances.

How can I apply or find out more?

For further information on how to apply for the subsidy, including information on eligibility, contact an [Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Provider](#).