



Budget 2022-23

This information is accurate as at 29 March 2022.

Investing in Skills Development and Growing Australia's Workforce

CATEGORY: Students and trainees

This measure provides support to Australian Apprenticeships through a new Australian Apprenticeships Incentive System. This includes a wage subsidy for employers of apprentices in priority occupations.

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment will deliver payments for the wage subsidy quarterly in arrears for up to 3 years. Employers have 12 months to lodge their claim after the end of each quarter.

Services Australia will undertake the verification of evidence to support wage subsidy claims. The agency will also deliver inbound and outbound telephony services associated with the verification of evidence provided by employers and general enquiries.

This measure is not subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This measure affects employers and Group Training Organisations that engage an Australian Apprentice in a priority occupation from 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2024. Only occupations listed on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List are eligible.

When will this start and finish?

The new wage subsidy for employers of apprentices in priority occupations starts on 1 July 2022. Claims can be lodged from 1 October 2022.

There will be no new commencements under the measure after 30 June 2024. Employers will be grandfathered as part of the scheme until completion or termination of the Australian Apprenticeship.

New claims will cease after 30 June 2028.