



Budget 2020: 50% wage subsidy on the wages paid to an apprentice or trainee

Under the new 'Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements' subsidies program, businesses that take on a new Australian apprentice or trainee may qualify for a 50% wage subsidy on the wages paid to the apprentice or trainee.

Who is eligible?

Your business be eligible if:

- you engage an Australian Apprentice or trainee between 5 October 2020 and 30 September 2021; and
- your Australian Apprentice or trainee is undertaking a Certificate II or higher qualification
- and has a training contract that is formally approved by the state training authority.

Additional eligibility requirements will apply to existing workers.

Are existing workers eligible?

Your business may be eligible to attract a subsidy for up to 30 existing workers who commence a non-trade Australian Apprenticeship if they:

- move from casual employment to a part-time or full-time Australian Apprenticeship; or
- move from part-time employment to a full-time Australian Apprenticeship.

How much is the subsidy?

- Eligible employers will receive a wage subsidy of up to 50 percent of the Australian Apprentice's gross wage paid.
- The wage subsidy is available for a maximum of \$7,000 per quarter per eligible Australian Apprentice.
- The subsidy is available for wages paid from 5 October 2020 to 30 September 2021.

Anything else I should know?

- The subsidy is available to employers of any size, industry, or geographic location.
- The subsidy is capped at 100,000 places.
- There is no limit per employer. Employers can receive a subsidy under Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements for any number of apprentices or trainees, provided they meet the eligibility criteria. However, your Australian Apprentices must be one of the first 100,000 who commences or recommences on or after 5 October 2020 and registers for the subsidy.

How can I apply or find out more?

If you are looking for more information about the changes including what subsidies may be available to you, how to apply for the subsidy, or information on eligibility, speak to the team at Allara Learning for a confidential discussion today - please call 1300 772 724.