



Australian Apprenticeship Support Network

improved apprentice and business support

What is the new Australian Apprenticeship Support Network?

The Australian Apprenticeship Support Network will replace the existing apprenticeship centre model after an open tender process commencing in the last quarter of 2014.

The new network will shift apprenticeship services away from paper-pushing to establish outcomes-focused services such as mentoring and job-matching to better support businesses and apprentices through their years of training.

The new service providers will be up and running from 1 July 2015 and will make it much easier for employers to recruit, train and retain apprentices and trainees.

Who can access the network?

The network will support more than 100,000 employers (three-quarters of whom are small business) who train some 400,000 apprentices and trainees across the country.

High quality, innovative and business specific training, that isn't part of a training package or accredited course, may also be funded in special cases.

What services will be provided by the new network?

Australian Apprenticeship Support Network services will include:

- connecting apprentices and employers through targeted job-matching
- providing advice about different course options and training delivery options
- delivering personalised mentoring and support to at risk apprentices who are identified as needing extra support
- providing guidance to businesses taking on apprentices, including to assist them understand their roles and responsibilities
- manage the administration of an apprenticeship including the training contract
- Administer the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program including employer incentives and trade support loans.

The Australian Government will invest around \$200 million per year in the new Australian Apprenticeship Support Network.