

Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

The below table provides an overview of the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives System payments available to eligible employers and apprentices from 1 July 2024.

Employer payments	Eligibility	Payment schedule			
Priority Hiring Incentive	The Priority Hiring Incentive is for employers and financial support to Australian Apprentices in priority occupations.	Payments at six and 12 months from the commencement or recommencement of an Apprentice.			
	 Employers who commence a new or an Existing Worker Australian Apprentice in qualification and occupation listed on Australian Apprenticeships Priority List; including those identified as leading to a clean energy apprenticeship pathway and Apprenticeship with an occupational outcome listed on Australian Apprenticeships Priority List, including those identified as leading to a clean energy apprenticeship pathway. Apprentice must be in-training with their employer on the Claim period due date. 	Apprenticeship	Six months	12 months	
		Full time	\$2000	\$3000	
		Part time	\$1000	\$1500	
Disability Australian	There are no changes to Disability Australian Apprenticeships Wage				
Apprenticeships Wage Subsidy	Subsidy.	\$104.30/week in arrears			
	 Apprentice must be undertaking a Certificate II or higher qualification that is not on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List. Apprentice must be In-Training with their employer at the claim period end date. Employers must not be in receipt of the Priority Hiring Incentive. 				

Apprentice payments	Eligibility	Payment schedule				
Australian Apprentice Training Support Payment	 The Australian Apprentice Training Support Payment provides up to a maximum of two years of direct financial support to Australian Apprentices commencing an Apprenticeship in priority occupations. Apprentice must be undertaking a Certificate III or higher qualification which is aligned to an occupation that is on the Priority List. Available to full time or part time apprentices. Apprentices may not receive the Australian Apprentice Training Support payment if they are in receipt of the New Energy Apprentice Support Payment. 	Eligible apprentices can claim up to four six monthly payments over the first two years as per the following schedule and rate:				
		Apprenticeship	6 months	12 months	18 months	24 months
		Full time	\$1750	\$1750	\$750	\$750
		Part time	\$875	\$875	\$375	\$375
Living Away from Home Allowance	The Living Away From Home Allowance provides assistance to Apprentices who are required to move away from their parent's or guardian's residence to take up or remain in an Australian Apprenticeship.	The Living Away From Home Allowance is available during the first three years of an Australian Apprenticeship and is paid in arrears at the following rates:				-
	 Apprentice must be undertaking a qualification at the Certificate II level or above. Be within 36 months of the commencement date of their Apprenticeship (whether full-time or part-time); and Not have a current claim for Youth Allowance, Austudy, or ABSTUDY. Not receive rental or accommodation assistance from Centrelink or Meet the residential criteria 	Apprent	iceship	We	ekly	
		First 12-month period Second 12-month period		d \$77	\$77.17 \$38.59	
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		Third 12-month period		od \$25	\$25.00	

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New Energy Apprenticeships Support Payment	 The New Energy Apprentice Support Payment is designed to encourage apprentices to choose clean energy careers. Apprentice must be undertaking a Certificate III or higher qualification that is aligned to an Occupational Outcome identified as Clean Energy on the Priority List. Both employer and apprentice must sign a declaration confirming that the apprentice will undertake work and build skills in the Clean Energy sector. Apprentice will be provided with meaningful exposure, experience, and work in the clean energy sector, appropriate to their skill level and/or off-the-job training. Apprentices may not receive this payment if they are in receipt of the Australian Apprenticeship Support Payment for the same apprenticeship. 	Apprentices can claim up to \$10,000 for a full-time apprenticeship and up to \$5,000 for a part-time apprenticeship, according to the following schedule and rates.			
		Payment Full-time Rate Part-time Rate			
		6 months \$2,000 \$1,000			
		12 months \$2,000 \$1,000			
		24 months \$2,000 \$1,000			
		36 months \$2,000 \$1,000			
		Completion \$2,000 \$1,000			
Australian Apprenticeships Support Loans	Australian Apprentices needing additional cost-of-living support may apply for an Australian Apprenticeship Support Loan, previously known as a Trade Support Loan. The Apprentice must be undertaking an eligible qualification that is: Certificate III, IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level qualification with an occupational outcome aligned to the Australian Apprenticeship Priority List; and be included on the National Register.	The Apprentice may borrow up to \$25,643 interest free (annually indexed) over their 4-year apprenticeship. Repayments start when earning threshold (\$54,435 2024-25) met with 20% reduction of balance when apprenticeship successfully completed.			

Note: The Australian Apprenticeships Incentives System Program Guidelines 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024 will continue to apply to all Australian Apprenticeships that commenced or recommenced before 1 July 2024.