

Guide to Financial Support for Australian Apprentices



Apprentice Training Support Payment

Are you seeking an apprenticeship at a Certificate III or higher level that is listed on the Australian Priority List? Good news!

You may be eligible for the Apprentice Training Support Payment providing up to 2 years of financial support when commencing in a priority occupation experiencing a skills shortage.



APPRENTICE TRAINING SUPPORT PAYMENT		
ROLE	PAYMENT SCHEDULE	TOTAL MAX. PAYMENT
Full time	\$1,750 paid at 6 & 12 months \$750 paid at 18 & 24 months	\$5,000
Part time/ school-based	\$875 at 6 & 12 months \$375 paid at 18 & 24 months	\$2,500

Not sure if your qualification or job is on the Priority List? [You can check it here.](#)

Supporting your career goals!

Starting your Australian Apprenticeship is a big move towards a rewarding career. But let's face it, sorting out the finances can be overwhelming.

That's why BUSY At Work has you covered, outlining all the financial support options available for Apprentices to help you achieve your goals.



New Energy Apprentice Support Payment

If you're currently pursuing a Certificate III or higher qualification aligned with a clean energy occupation listed on the Australian Apprenticeship Priority List, we've got some great news for you.

You could be eligible for financial support over the lifetime of the Apprenticeship by choosing a career with a Clean Energy pathway! You can receive assistance of up to \$10,000 to ensure you are supported to complete your Apprenticeship.



NEW ENERGY APPRENTICE SUPPORT PAYMENT		
ROLE	PAYMENT SCHEDULE	TOTAL MAX. PAYMENT
Full time	Paid at 6, 12, 24, 36 months and upon completion, at the rate of \$2,000 per payment	\$10,000
Part time/ school-based	Paid at 6, 12, 24, 36 months and upon completion, at the rate of \$1,000 per payment	\$5,000

Scan a QR code to find out more about each payment.

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Australian Apprenticeship Support Loans (AASL)

Are you currently an Australian Apprentice in a Priority Occupation including non-trade fields?

If so, you might qualify for the Australian Apprenticeship Support Loan. These loans can provide you with up to \$25,374 throughout your apprenticeship to help cover living costs, educational expenses and other apprenticeship-related costs. Plus, whether you're a full-time, part-time, or school-based apprentice, payments are made at the same rate.

APPRENTICES CAN RECEIVE UP TO:		
YEAR OF TRAINING	AMOUNT	INCREMENTS
First	\$10,150	12 monthly payments of \$845.80
Second	\$7,612	12 monthly payments of \$634.35
Third	\$5,075	12 monthly payments of \$422.90
Fourth	\$2,537	12 monthly payments of \$211.45

Not sure if your apprenticeship is on the Priority List? [You can check it here.](#)

Repayment Threshold

Payments made to an apprentice through the AASL program are repayable through the taxation system when the minimum income threshold has been reached.

Under the minimum Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) repayment threshold (since 1 July 2024), AASL recipients will need to start repayments when they earn more than \$54,435.

The HELP thresholds can be found on the [Australian Government's Study Assist](#) website.



Living Away from Home Allowance

Are you an apprentice or trainee pursuing a Certificate II or higher qualification? You may qualify for the Living Away From Home Allowance.

This benefit is available if you're moving away from your parental or guardian home for the first time to start or continue an Australian Apprenticeship, or if you're experiencing homelessness.

Payments range from \$77.17 p/w for your first year, \$38.59 p/w for your second year and \$25.00 p/w for your third year.



Travel and Accommodation Subsidy

Are you facing lengthy journeys to attend your training? Don't let travel expenses hold you back from pursuing your career goals.

You may qualify for the Travel and Accommodation Subsidy, designed to ease the financial burden of travel and accommodation costs. Take advantage of this opportunity to focus on your training without worrying about the logistics of long-distance travel.

Apprentices and Trainees eligible for the Travel and Accommodation Subsidy can receive payments from the State Government to cover the cost of accommodation, road and rail travel or flights.

Need more info? Visit your relevant state website for further information including eligibility requirements.

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