



Australian Government

SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Apprentice Kickstart Extension

What is the Apprentice Kickstart Extension?

The Apprentice Kickstart Extension triples the first-year incentive payment to small and medium-sized employers who put on a new young apprentice in a skills shortage trade between 12 May 2010 and 12 November 2010 (inclusive).

This new phase follows the success of the initial Apprentice Kickstart program over the summer of 2009–10, when employers in traditional trades took on about 24 400 young apprentices. The measure was important in lifting the youth apprenticeship commencement rate to above pre-GFC levels.

Who is eligible for the Apprentice Kickstart Extension?

Small and medium-sized employers (less than 200 employees) and registered group training organisations, who employ an Australian Apprentice who is aged 19 years and under and undertaking a Certificate III or IV level qualification that leads to a skills shortage trade occupation.

Trade occupations in national skills shortage are those listed on the National Skills Needs List (listed on the back).

The Apprentice Kickstart Extension is payable for commencements from 12 May until 12 November 2010 (inclusive).

The employer must also meet all other eligibility requirements under the *Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program*.

How do I apply?

Through your Australian Apprenticeships Centre. If you do not know the name of your Australian Apprenticeships Centre, call the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on 13 38 73.

What financial support is available under the Apprentice Kickstart Extension?

By accessing the Apprentice Kickstart Extension, employers will receive \$3350 in bonus payments in addition to the existing \$1500 commencement incentive if they engage and retain young (aged 19 and under) traditional trade apprentices in a skill shortage area. The existing \$1500 commencement incentive payable at the three month point will be boosted by a bonus of \$850 plus \$2500 paid after nine months.

How long is the Apprentice Kickstart Extension available for?

The Apprentice Kickstart Extension is payable for commencements from 12 May until 12 November 2010 (inclusive).

How are the Apprentice Kickstart Extension payments made?

Payments are made directly to the employer's nominated bank account.

How do I obtain more information?

Website: www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au
Australian Apprenticeships referral line: 13 38 73

NATIONAL SKILLS NEEDS LIST OCCUPATIONS

(As at May 2010)

Aircraft maintenance engineer (Avionics)	Lift mechanic
Aircraft maintenance engineer (Mechanical)	Locksmith
Automotive electrician	Mechanical services and air-conditioning plumber
Baker	Metal fabricator
Binder and finisher	Metal machinist (First class)
Boat builder and repairer	Motor mechanic
Bricklayer	Optical mechanic
Butcher	Painter and decorator
Cabinetmaker	Panel beater
Carpenter	Pastry cook
Carpenter and joiner	Picture framer
Communications linesperson	Pressure welder
Cook	Printing machinist
Drainer	Refrigeration and air-conditioning mechanic
Electrical powerline tradesperson	Roof plumber
Electrician (Special class)	Roof slater and tiler
Electronic equipment tradesperson	Screen printer
Fibrous plasterer	Shearer
Fitter	Sheetmetal worker (First class)
Flat glass tradesperson	Signwriter
Floor finisher	Solid plasterer
Furniture finisher	Stonemason
Furniture upholsterer	Toolmaker
Gasfitter	Tree surgeon
General communications tradesperson	Vehicle body maker
General electrician	Vehicle painter
General plumber	Vehicle trimmer
Hairdresser	Wall and floor tiler
Joiner	Welder (First class)
Landscape gardener	Wood machinist (A-grade)