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SUMMARISING Employer commencement, recommencement and completion incentive payments



Employers hiring Australian Apprentices may be eligible to receive incentive payments under the Australian Government's Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program. These incentives encourage employers to offer employment-based training opportunities to enable people to gain and build on their skills.

Incentive payments may be claimed when apprentices commence, recommence and complete their training and are subject to eligibility criteria, waiting periods and time limits being met. The standard Australian Government Australian Apprenticeships employer commencement, recommencement and completion incentives are summarised in the following tables.



Commencement incentives	
Standard commencement of Australian Apprentices incentive for:	
• Certificate II level training	\$1,250
• Certificate III and IV level training	\$1,500
• selected Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications	\$1,500
Special commencement of Australian Apprentices incentives for:	
• eligible Innovation Training Package qualifications at Certificate III or IV level	\$1,100
• Rural and Regional Australian Apprenticeships in Certificate III or IV level qualifications in a national skill shortage trade in a non-metropolitan area	\$1,000
• Mature-Aged Worker (disadvantaged person aged 45 years or more) Australian Apprenticeships in Certificate II, III & IV level, and selected Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications	\$750
Additional commencement incentives for:	
• endorsed Australian School-based Apprenticeships at Certificate II to IV level or selected Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications	\$750
• eligible Certificate II level Australian Apprentices where the employer has a current Exceptional Circumstances Drought Areas certificate	\$1,500

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Recommencement and retention incentives	
Standard recommencement incentive for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> out-of-trade Australian Apprentices at Certificate III and IV level and selected Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications 	\$750
Australian School-based Apprenticeship retention incentive for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continued employment of Certificate II to IV level and selected Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications Australian School-based Australian Apprentices after students have completed Year 12 	\$750
Completion incentives	
Employers of Australian Apprentices who complete Certificate III and IV level and selected Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications may be eligible to receive a percentage of the standard \$2,500 completion incentive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25% 50% 75% 100% 	\$625 \$1,250 \$1,875 \$2,500
Special completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eligible Certificate II level Australian Apprenticeships that attracted a Declared Drought Areas additional commencement incentive Certificate II to IV level and selected Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications Australian Apprenticeships that attracted a Mature-Aged Worker special commencement incentive 	\$1,500 \$750
Special completion incentive for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Training Organisations that support Certificate II level Australian Apprenticeships to completion 	\$1,000

For more information

Contact your Australian Apprenticeships Centre or visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at www.australia.gov.au/australianapprenticeships for more information about these incentives.