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## COMMONWEALTH TRADE LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP

### What is the Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship?

The objective of the Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship is to increase the number of qualified tradespersons in the Australian workforce by encouraging greater participation in Australian Apprenticeships in trades experiencing a skills shortage by offering a scholarship worth \$1,000 over two years.

The Australian Government realises that it is not always easy to make ends meet when starting out in a trade. There are the expenses of purchasing your tools of trade, moving out of home, and saving to buy a car, all on a training wage.

### Am I Eligible?

You may be eligible for the \$1,000 Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship if:

- you are an Australian Apprentice employed by a small or medium employer (companies having fewer than 500 employees) or a Group Training Organisation listed on the Group Training National Register; and
- you are undertaking a Certificate III or IV qualification that will lead to employment in a trade experiencing a skills shortage.

### How much will be paid?

Australian Apprentices undertaking a trade experiencing a skills shortage may be eligible for a scholarship worth \$1,000 over two years. The Scholarship is paid directly to the full-time apprentice in two tax-free \$500 instalments at the end of the first and second years of the Australian Apprenticeship.

Part-time Australian Apprentices will receive two tax-free \$500 instalments at the end of the second and fourth years.

### What if I complete early?

From 1 January 2008, the Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship will be payable to potentially eligible Australian Apprentices who complete within the first two years of their Australian Apprenticeship.

Australian Apprentices who successfully complete their Australian Apprenticeship within the first twelve months would receive one \$500 payment on completion.

Australian Apprentices who successfully complete their Australian Apprenticeship within the second twelve months would receive their first \$500 payment at the end of their first 12 months and the second \$500 payment on completion.

### Will this affect other Australian Apprenticeships incentives that I am receiving?

No, Australian Apprentices will still be eligible for the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program and the Tools For Your Trade initiative.

### Do I have to pay tax on the Scholarship?

No, Scholarship payments are tax exempt.

### Will this affect my Centrelink payments?

No, payments received under the Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship will not affect Centrelink payments.

### Are part-time Australian Apprentices eligible for the Scholarship?

Yes, part-time Australian Apprentices are eligible for the Scholarship. For part-time Australian Apprentices the Scholarship is paid at the end of the second and fourth years.

## Are Australian School-based Apprentices eligible?

Yes, Australian School-based Apprentices are classified as part-time Australian Apprentices and will therefore receive payments on the same pro-rata basis as other part-time Australian Apprentices.

## How do I know if I am eligible to receive the Scholarship?

For more information about the Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship contact your Australian Apprenticeships Centre on [13 38 73](tel:133873) or visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at: [www.australia.gov.au/australianapprenticeships](http://www.australia.gov.au/australianapprenticeships)

## What trades are experiencing a skills shortage?

The following trades are experiencing a skills shortage:

- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Avionics)
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Mechanical)
- Automotive Electrician
- Baker
- Binder and Finisher
- Boat Builder and Repairer
- Bricklayer
- Butcher
- Cabinetmaker
- Carpenter
- Carpenter and Joiner
- Cook
- Drainer
- Electrical Powerline Tradesperson
- Electrician (Special Class)
- Electronic Equipment Tradesperson
- Fibrous Plasterer
- Fitter
- Flat Glass Tradesperson
- Floor Finisher
- Furniture Finisher
- Furniture Upholsterer
- Gasfitter
- General Electrician

- General Plumber
- Hairdresser
- Joiner
- Locksmith
- Mechanical Services and Air-conditioning Plumber
- Metal Fabricator
- Metal Machinist (First Class)
- Motor Mechanic
- Optical Mechanic
- Painter and Decorator
- Panel Beater
- Pastry Cook
- Picture Framer
- Pressure Welder
- Printing Machinist
- Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Mechanic
- Roof Plumber
- Screen Printer
- Shearer
- Sheetmetal Worker (First Class)
- Signwriter
- Solid Plasterer
- Stonemason
- Toolmaker
- Tree Surgeon
- Vehicle Body Maker
- Vehicle Painter
- Vehicle Trimmer
- Wall and Floor Tiler
- Welder (First Class)
- Wood Machinist (A-Grade)

### Eligible for commencements on or before 29 July 2007

- Electronic Instrument Trades

### Eligible for commencements on or before 4 September 2007

- Lift Mechanic
- Roof Slater and Tiler

This list is current as at 31 March 2008 but may be subject to change. Please contact your Australian Apprenticeships Centre to