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## Apprentice Kickstart Bonus

### What is the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus?

The Apprentice Kickstart Bonus is an employer incentive designed to counteract the impact of the global recession on commencements and retention of young people in traditional trade Australian Apprenticeships.

### Who is eligible for the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus?

Employers who employ an Australian Apprentice who is aged 19 years and under and is 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 (NSNL), which is available at [www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au).

The Apprentice Kickstart Bonus is payable for commencements from **1 December 2009** until **28 February 2010**, or until 21 000 Apprentice Kickstart Bonus commencements have occurred over this period in a qualification leading to an occupation listed on the NSNL.

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

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### What financial support is available to employers?

The Apprentice Kickstart Bonus is a total of \$3,350 paid in instalments of:

- \$850 paid at the three month point of the Australian Apprenticeship; and

- \$2,500 paid at the nine month point of the Australian Apprenticeship.

### Are the new payments in addition to existing support for employers of Australian Apprentices?

Yes. The new payment is in addition to the suite of employer incentives already available under the *Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program*.

Employers of Australian Apprentices at the Certificate III level and above may already be eligible to receive \$4,000 in incentives comprising a \$1,500 commencement incentive and a \$2,500 completion incentive.

### How long is the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus available for?

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### How are the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus payments made?

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

### How do I apply?

Your Australian Apprenticeships Centre will advise you of your eligibility for the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus at sign up.

**For more information**

Contact 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.