



Apprentice Kickstart Extension – Frequently Asked Questions

Questions	Answers
What is the Apprentice Kickstart Extension?	<p>The Apprentice Kickstart Extension triples the first year incentive payment to small and medium-sized employers, who put on a new young apprentice aged 19 years and under in a skills shortage trade between 12 May 2010 and 12 November 2010 (inclusive).</p> <p>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.</p>
Who is eligible for the Apprentice Kickstart Extension?	<p>Employers who are small or medium enterprises (less than 200 employees) and eligible Group Training Organisations who employ an Australian Apprentice who is aged 19 years and under and who is undertaking a Certificate III or IV level qualification that leads to a skills shortage trade occupation.</p> <p>Trade occupations in national skills shortage are those listed on the National Skills Needs List (PTO).</p> <p>The Apprentice Kickstart Extension is payable for commencements that occur between 12 May 2010 and 12 November 2010 (inclusive).</p> <p>The employer must also meet the eligibility requirements under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.</p>
How much are the Apprentice Kickstart Extension payments?	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
How are the Apprentice Kickstart Extension payments made?	<p>Payments are made directly to the employer's nominated bank account.</p>
Are these payments in addition to existing incentives?	<p>Yes. If eligible, employers will receive the Apprentice Kickstart Extension in addition to other payments available under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.</p>
How long is the Apprentice Kickstart Extension available?	<p>For commencements which occur between 12 May 2010 and 12 November 2010 (inclusive).</p>
How do employers apply for the Apprentice Kickstart Extension?	<p>Call Australian Business Limited Apprenticeships Centre on 1300 652 236.</p>