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## Australian Apprenticeships financial incentives (NSW)

### Checklist of financial incentives for Australian Apprentices

This list indicates the value of the incentives employee(s) may be eligible for as an Australian Apprentice. It is a guide only. Payment of incentives will be subject to employers and their Australian Apprentices satisfying the eligibility criteria. Details of each incentive should be discussed with your consultant.

✓	Incentives	Benefits and further information
	<b>Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY payments</b> (income tested) <b>OR</b>	Financial assistance for those on a low wage. <b>Call Centrelink on 13 36 33 or visit <a href="http://centrelink.gov.au">centrelink.gov.au</a></b>
	<b>Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA)</b> (applicable in certain circumstances)	A tax-free monthly payment for up to 36 months, paid as follows: \$77.17 per wk (mths 1-12), \$38.59 per wk (mths 13-24) and \$25 per wk (mths 25-36). <b>Call Australian Business Limited Apprenticeships Centre on 1300 652 236</b>
	<b>Tools For Your Trade Payment</b> (Australian apprentices in nationally identified skills shortage occupations at Certificate III/IV; also applicable to Certificate III/IV Agriculture (nationally), Certificate III/IV Horticulture (rural and regional identified by postcode) occupations)	<b>Tax exempt payments provided to support Australian Apprentices with the costs of their training, purchases of relevant tools and other costs associated with their Australian Apprenticeship.</b> Eligible Australian Apprentices who commenced or recommenced on or before 31 Dec 2008: <b>Full-time \$800 at 3, 12, 24mths; \$700 at 36mths &amp; successful completion.</b> <b>Payments pro-rated for part-time Australian Apprentices.</b> Eligible Australian Apprentices who commenced or recommenced on or after 1 Jan 2009, where the relevant milestone occurs after 1 Jan 2011: <b>Full-time \$800 at 3mths; \$1000 at 12, 24mths; \$1200 at 36mths; \$1500 on successful completion. Payments pro-rated for part-time Australian Apprentices.</b>
	<b>Tools For Your Trade Payment</b> (Australian apprentices in Certificate II Agriculture (nationally) and Certificate II Horticulture (rural and regional identified by postcode) occupations)	<b>Tax exempt payments provided to support Australian Apprentices with the costs of their training, purchases of relevant tools and other costs associated with their Australian Apprenticeship.</b> Eligible Australian Apprentices who commenced or recommenced on or before 31 Dec 2008: <b>Full-time minimum of \$800 at 3 &amp; 12mths (or successful completion)</b> <b>Payments pro-rated for part-time Australian Apprentices.</b> Eligible Australian Apprentices who commenced or recommenced on or after 1 Jan 2009, where the relevant milestone occurs after 1 Jan 2011: <b>Full-time minimum of \$800 at 3mths; \$1000 at 12mths (or successful completion).</b> <b>Payments pro-rated for part-time Australian Apprentices.</b>
	<b>Support for Adult Australian Apprentices</b> (workers aged 25 or more starting in a nationally identified skills shortage Certificate III or Certificate IV Australian Apprenticeship)	Financial support of \$150 per week (\$7,800 p.a.) in the 1st year and \$100 per week (\$5,200 p.a.) in the 2nd year. Payable to either the apprentice or the employer, depending on the actual wage paid at commencement. <b>Call Australian Business Limited Apprenticeships Centre on 1300 652 236</b>
	<b>Vocational Training Assistance Scheme</b> (eligible apprentices or trainees who travel over 120km round trip to attend day or block release training with their registered training organisation)	Assistance of \$28 per day for accommodation and 12c per km for travel expenses. <b>Call your State Training Centre on 13 28 11 or check with your Registered Training Organisation.</b>
	<b>Public Transport Concessions</b> (apprentices and new entrant trainees)	Reduced travel fares on government transport. If you are eligible you can apply when your Training Contract is approved. <b>Call your State Training Centre on 13 28 11</b>
	<b>Vehicle Registration Rebate</b> (1st and 2nd year trade apprentices)	Rebate of \$100 on vehicle registration. <b>Call your nearest RTA office on 13 22 13 or visit <a href="http://rta.nsw.gov.au">rta.nsw.gov.au</a></b>
	<b>Low Income Health Care Card</b>	Concessions for healthcare and access to other benefits (conditions apply). <b>Call Centrelink on 13 36 33 or visit <a href="http://centrelink.gov.au">centrelink.gov.au</a></b>

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