

NSW Funding Information

Government funding through the Australian Apprenticeship Scheme

Funding may be available to employers as an incentive for employers to participate in training and to encourage the appointment of new staff and upgrading of skills of existing employees.

Please note: each circumstance and apprentice or trainee is individual. Incentives can vary and may not be available under some circumstances.

Contact an Australian Apprenticeship Centre on **1800 639 629** or visit www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au to determine the incentives in each case.

The Federal Government currently provides an Apprenticeship Grant of up to \$4,000 for eligible employees, which is paid in two installments:

- **\$1500** – 91 days after commencement for **existing and new workers enrolled in Certificate III** or **\$1250** – 91 days after commencement for **new workers enrolled in Certificate II**.
- **\$2500** – on completion of Certificate III for **both new and existing workers**.

The NSW State Government also supports the training by covering the cost of the New Worker training and providing payroll tax relief for all staff classified as New Workers. This relief lasts for the entire time that the employee is enrolled in the course. There is no Payroll Tax relief for existing workers.

Eligibility guidelines

These are some of the initial basic eligibility guidelines used to assess if your employee may qualify for funding:

- Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- If from New Zealand, must have been residing in Australia for at least 6 months.
- Have achieved no qualification equal to or greater than a Certificate II within the last 7 years.
- Be working between 15 and 20 hours per week (new workers applying for Certificate II).
- Be working more than 21 hours per week (new and existing workers applying for Certificate III).

New Employee: Part Time / Casual less than 12 months or Full Time less than 3 months.

Existing Worker: Part Time / Casual more than 12 months or Full Time more than 3 months.