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# About the National Skills Needs List

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**The National Skills Needs List identifies traditional trades that are determined as experiencing a national skills shortage.**

The list is based on detailed labour market research and analysis undertaken by the Department of Employment.

Under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Programme, an Australian Apprentice undertaking a Certificate III or IV qualification that leads to an occupation listed on the National Skills Needs List may be eligible to attract the following employer incentives and personal benefits:

- Support for Adult Australian Apprentices payments
- Trade Support Loans
- Rural and Regional Skills Shortage incentive.

As the National Skills Needs List is reviewed regularly, please visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at [australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://australianapprenticeships.gov.au) for the most up-to-date list.

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[www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au)

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The trades included on the National Skills Needs List (NSNL) are:

- Airconditioning and Mechanical Services Plumber
- Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Avionics)
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Mechanical)
- Arborist
- Automotive Electrician
- Baker
- Binder and Finisher
- Boat Builder and Repairer
- Bricklayer
- Butcher or Smallgoods Maker
- Cabinetmaker
- Carpenter
- Carpenter and Joiner
- Cook
- Diesel Motor Mechanic
- Drainer
- Electrical Linesworker
- Electrician (General)
- Electrician (Special class)
- Electronic Equipment Trades Worker
- Fibrous Plasterer
- Fitter (General)
- Fitter and Turner
- Fitter-Welder
- Floor Finisher
- Furniture Finisher
- Gasfitter
- Glazier
- Hairdresser
- Joiner
- Landscape Gardener
- Lift Mechanic
- Locksmith
- Metal Fabricator
- Metal Machinist (First class)
- Motor Mechanics (General)
- Motorcycle Mechanic
- Optical Mechanic
- Painting Trades Worker
- Panel Beater
- Pastrycook
- Picture Framer
- Plumber (General)
- Pressure Welder
- Printing Machinist
- Roof Plumber
- Roof Tiler
- Screen Printer
- Shearer
- Sheetmetal Trades Worker
- Signwriter
- Small Engine Mechanic
- Solid Plasterer
- Stonemason
- Telecommunications Linesworker
- Telecommunications Technician
- Toolmaker
- Upholsterer
- Vehicle Body Builder
- Vehicle Painter
- Vehicle Trimmer
- Wall and Floor Tiler
- Welder (First class)
- Wood Machinist

Please note that this list is current as at 1 July 2015 and may be subject to change.

### For more information

For more information about the National Skills Needs List for Australian Apprenticeships, contact your Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider, call the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on **13 38 73** or visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at [australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://australianapprenticeships.gov.au).