

FACT SHEET

Additional Identified Skills Shortage (AISS) Payment



From 1 July 2019, an Additional Identified Skills Shortage (AISS) payment will be available to eligible apprentices and their employers, in occupations experiencing national skill shortages. The AISS payment targets new workers to grow the number of apprentices in the system and encourage more people to take up an Australian Apprenticeship, particularly school leavers and young people.

How much will be available for apprentices and employers?

Apprentices - Eligible apprentices will receive **\$1,000** at the 12-month point from commencing their apprenticeship and an additional **\$1,000** after completing their apprenticeship.

Employers - Eligible employers will also receive **\$2,000** at the 12-month point from the commencement of the apprenticeship and an additional **\$2,000** at completion of the apprenticeship.

These payments are additional to any payments the apprentice or employer may be eligible for under existing Australian Government programs, including

- Trade Support Loans, which provides income-contingent loans of up to \$21,078 for eligible apprentices to support them through their apprenticeship
- the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program, which provides standard incentives of \$4,000 over the life of an apprenticeship to eligible employers (plus for eligible rural & regional employers an additional \$1000).

Which Occupations will be eligible for the payments?

The AISS will target the below ten occupations:

Carpenters and Joiners	Plasterers
Plumbers	Bakers and Pastry Cooks
Hairdressers	Vehicle Painters
Airconditioning & Refrigeration Mechanics	Wall and Floor Tilers
Bricklayers and Stonemasons	Arborists

** Please note - Eligibility criteria under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentive Program still apply.*



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