

Australian Apprentice Training Support Payment

The Australian Apprentice Training Support Payment (AATSP) provides up to a maximum of two years of direct financial support to eligible Australian Apprentices (AAs) commencing an Australian Apprenticeship in priority occupations experiencing national skills shortage. A full-time AA may claim up to a maximum of \$5,000 over a two-year period and a part-time AA up to \$2,500. Eligible occupations appear on the **Australian Apprenticeships Priority List** (Priority List).

Am I eligible?

To be eligible for the AATSP the AA must:

- 1. Have commenced or recommenced their Australian Apprenticeship between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2024; or
- 2. Recommenced their Australian Apprenticeship with their original employer between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2024, where the period of cancellation or suspension was greater than six months; **and**
- 3. Be undertaking a qualification at the Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level listed on the *Appendix A Australian Apprenticeships Priority List* at the date of commencement or recommencement; **and**
- 4. Be training towards a priority occupation listed on the Appendix A Australian Apprenticeships Priority List

Additional criteria apply, including employment and training arrangements, prior qualifications, waiting periods and time limits. The Training Contract must also be formally approved by the State Training Authority (STA).

Payment rates and claim periods

Payment rates and claim periods are outlined below.

Time period	Full time rate	Part time rate
6 months	\$1,250	\$625
12 months	\$1,250	\$625
18 months	\$1,250	\$625
24 months	\$1,250	\$625

Effect dates and time limits to claim

The 'effect date' is the date the claim becomes payable. The first effect date corresponds to six months from commencement or recommencement (excluding periods of suspension). Effect dates thereafter are six calendar months from the date of the previous payment (excluding periods of suspension).

The time limit for lodging a claim is three months from each Effect date.

Requirement for Tax File Number declaration

The AATSP is **treated as taxable income**. Therefore, a Tax File Number (TFN) declaration **must** be provided to avoid tax being withheld at the highest marginal rate as required by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). You can apply for a TFN **here**.

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How do I make a claim?

Eligible AAs must claim the AATSP via the **Apprenticeships Data Management System** (ADMS). Details about how to claim will be provided closer to the payment due date.

Find out more

To find out more about the AATSP, including whether you are eligible, contact 13 MEGT or anpinfo@megt.com.au