

## Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program

### Apprentice Kickstart Bonus - Questions and Answers

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<b>Question:</b>	<b>Answer:</b>
What is the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus?	The Apprentice Kickstart Bonus is an employer incentive designed to counteract the impact of the global recession on commencements and retention of young people in traditional trade Australian Apprenticeships.
Who is eligible for the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus?	<p>Employers who employ an Australian Apprentice who is aged 19 years and under and is undertaking a Certificate III or IV level qualification that leads to a skills shortage trade occupation.</p> <p>Trade occupations in national skills shortage are those listed on the National Skills Needs List (NSNL), which is available at <a href="http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au">www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au</a>.</p> <p>The Apprentice Kickstart Bonus is payable for commencements from <b>1 December 2009</b> until <b>28 February 2010</b>, or until 21 000 Apprentice Kickstart Bonus commencements have occurred over this period in a qualification leading to an occupation listed on the NSNL.</p> <p>The employer must also meet eligibility requirements under the <i>Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program</i>.</p>
How much are the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus payments?	The Apprentice Kickstart Bonus is a total of \$3,350 paid in instalments of \$850 and \$2,500.
When are the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus payments made?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$850 paid at the three month point; and</li> <li>• \$2,500 paid at the nine month point of the Australian Apprenticeship.</li> </ul>
How are the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus payments made?	Payments are made directly to the employer's nominated bank account.
Are these payments in addition to existing incentives?	Yes. If eligible, you will still receive other payments under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program as well as the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus.

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How long are Apprentice Kickstart Bonuses available?	For commencements between <b>1 December 2009 and 28 February 2010</b> , or until 21 000 Apprentice Kickstart Bonus commencements have occurred over this period.
How do I apply for the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus?	Your Australian Apprenticeships Centre will advise you of your eligibility for the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus.
Where do I go for more information on the Apprentice Kickstart Bonus?	Contact your Australian Apprenticeships Centre. If you do not know the name of your Australian Apprenticeships Centre, call the Australian Apprenticeships Referral Line on 13 38 73.