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## APPRENTICE WAGE SUBSIDY EXPANSION AND EXTENSION

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### ***As at 20 July 2020***

The Australian Government is extending the Apprentice Wage Subsidy till 31 March 2021 and expanding to include medium-sized businesses that had an apprentice in place on 1 July 2020.

Eligible Small and Medium-sized businesses can now apply for a 50% subsidy of their apprentice or trainee's wage until 31 March 2021. For the newly included medium-sized businesses - this is for wages paid from 1 July 2020.

Subsidies are also available to new employers re-engaging eligible apprentices displaced by another eligible small or medium sized business.

### *Eligibility*

#### *Small Businesses*

- Employ 20 people or less; or
- A small business with less than 20 people and using a Group Training Organisation; and
- Your apprentice or trainee was undertaking an Australian apprenticeship with you on 1 July 2020 for claims after this date. Claims prior to 1 July 2020, will continue to be based on the 1 March 2020 eligibility date

#### *Medium-Sized Business*

- Employ 199 people or less; or
- you are a medium business with less than 199 people, using a Group Training Organisation; and
- The apprentice or trainee was undertaking an Australian apprenticeship with you on 1 July 2020.

Any employer (including all small, medium, or large businesses and Group Training Organisations) who re-engaged an apprentice or trainee displaced from an eligible small or medium business may also be eligible for the subsidy.

### *Applying*

Claims from small businesses are now open, while claims from medium-sized businesses will open on 1 October 2020. Final claims for payment must be lodged by 30 June 2021.

For further information on how to apply for the subsidy, including information on your eligibility, contact your Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider.