



Australian Government



jobactive—wage subsidies to support Australian businesses

jobactive is the Australian Government's way to get more Australians into work. It connects job seekers with employers and is delivered by a network of jobactive providers in over 1700 locations across Australia.

A jobactive provider can help you access wage subsidies of up to \$6,500 (GST inclusive) for employing eligible job seekers including under 30 year olds, long-term unemployed, Indigenous and parents. Up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) is available for employing eligible mature age job seekers (over 50 years of age).

What is a wage subsidy?

A wage subsidy is a payment to encourage businesses to employ eligible job seekers. Wage subsidies can help you to expand your business and employ new staff, which will help boost the economy and create more jobs.

Am I an eligible employer?

To be eligible for a wage subsidy, your business must:

- be a legal entity with an Australian Business Number
- have not previously received a wage subsidy for the same job seeker
- not be an Australian, state or territory government agency.

What types of jobs can I offer?

You can access a wage subsidy if the position you offer an eligible job seeker:

- is for a minimum of 30 hours per week full-time or 15 hours per week part-time
- is ongoing
- complies with minimum employment standards for the position.

Some positions are not eligible for a wage subsidy, including:

- commission-based, subcontracting or self-employment positions
- work for an immediate family member
- work that displaces an existing employee.

Who is an eligible job seeker?

The job seeker you employ must be registered with a jobactive, Transition to Work or, for Restart only, a jobactive or Disability Employment Services or Community Development Programme provider. Other eligibility requirements also apply that differ based on a job seeker's circumstances.

What are the wage subsidies available?

Wage subsidies are available if you employ an eligible:

- job seeker aged 50 years or over: up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) through the Restart programme. \$6,500 (GST inclusive) is available for full-time employment with a bonus payment of up to \$3,500 (GST inclusive) for employment that lasts 12 months
- job seeker aged under 30 years who has completed six months in employment services: up to \$6,500 (GST inclusive)
- long-term unemployed job seeker who has completed 12 months in employment services: up to \$6,500 (GST inclusive)
- Indigenous job seeker who has completed six months in employment services: up to \$6,500 (GST inclusive)
- job seeker who is a parent who has completed six months in employment services: up to \$6,500 (GST inclusive).

A jobactive, Transition to Work, Disability Employment Services or Community Development Programme provider can provide you with further information on eligibility for different types of job seekers.

How do I apply?

To apply for a wage subsidy, contact [your local employment services provider](#).

To ensure you do not miss out, you should contact an employment services provider **within 28 days** of employing the job seeker to complete the application process for the wage subsidy.

Want more information?

- Visit www.jobactive.gov.au
- Email WageSubsidies@employment.gov.au or Restart@employment.gov.au
- Call the Employer Hotline on 13 17 15*

Do you need help with this fact sheet?

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450* and ask for the Employer Hotline on 13 17 15 or the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260*.

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