



Backing Australia's Skills

New Apprenticeship Access Programme (NAAP)

What does the New Apprenticeships Access Programme provide?

The primary focus of NAAP is to provide opportunities for disadvantaged job seekers to gain sustainable employment and pursue a career through a New Apprenticeship. Programme participants receive the following assistance:

- **Pre-vocational training** that is nationally recognised;
- **Intensive Job search assistance** for a minimum of 13 weeks;
- **Post placement support** for a minimum of 13 weeks; and
- **General support and personal development** including, for example, guidance on presentation, grooming and other life skills, and career counselling.

What are the eligibility requirements?

To be eligible for assistance under NAAP, participants must meet at least one criterion from each of the following three categories:

Category 1 – Residency

A participant must be:

- an Australian citizen; or
- a permanent resident of Australia; or
- the holder of a permanent Australian visa; or
- the holder of a New Zealand passport who has been resident in Australia for at least 6 months prior to commencing the programme.

Category 2 - Registration

A participant must be registered with Centrelink or a Job Network Member as a job seeker with the exception of those who have been referred by a:

- Jobs Pathway Programme provider;
- Partnership Outreach Education Model provider;
- Jobs Placement Employment and Training provider;
- Disability Employment Assistance provider;
- Community Development Employment Project officer; or
- Indigenous Employment Centre officer.

Category 3 – Personal Circumstances

A participant must be at least one of the following:

- aged 15 years or older and assessed by Centrelink or a Job Network Member as eligible for Intensive Support or have successfully participated in the Work for the Dole Programme;
- a person under 25 years of age who left school prior to the completion of Year 12 and/or is referred by a Jobs Pathway Programme, Partnership Outreach Education Model or Jobs Placement Employment and Training provider;
- an 'at risk' Year 12 school leaver;
- an Indigenous Australian person;
- an Australian born South Sea Islander;
- a person who has been registered with Centrelink or the Job Network as unemployed for one year or more at the commencement of the programme;
- a self-disclosed ex-offender (excluding current inmates);
- a homeless person;
- a person with a disability or disabilities;
- a female seeking a New Apprenticeship in a non-traditional occupation;
- a sole parent receiving Parenting Payment at the single rate;
- a mature age worker aged 45 years and over at the commencement of the programme; or
- a person who has completed a DEST funded Language, Literacy and Numeracy training programme.

How do participants access the New Apprenticeships Access Programme?

Job seekers may be referred to NAAP by:

- a NAAP Broker or Provider;
- Centrelink;
- a Job Network Member;
- a Jobs Pathway Programme provider;
- a Partnership Outreach Education Model provider;
- a Job, Placement, Employment and Training provider;
- a Disability Employment Assistance provider;
- Community Development Employment Project or Indigenous Employment Centre officers; or
- other organisations, such as community organisations.

When does it come into effect?

NAAP is an ongoing programme. The Government has made an additional 5,000 places available each year under this programme commencing in 2005-06.

Where can people find further information/ apply for it?

Job seekers can obtain more information from Centrelink Offices, Job Network Members or NAAP brokers.

They can also visit the website at <https://naap.dest.gov.au> or call the toll free number on 1800 282 882.