



Backing Australia's Skills

Tools For Your Trade

What is the initiative intended to achieve?

The Tools For Your Trade initiative will help to alleviate the financial burden on eligible New Apprentices in the first year of their New Apprenticeship by providing tool kits worth up to \$800 including GST.

How will it work?

New Apprentices who start in a New Apprenticeship from 1 July 2005 in a trade experiencing skills needs will receive a tool kit after completing the first three months of their apprenticeship.

The tool kit will be provided to the New Apprentice's employer. The employer will make the kit available to the New Apprentice to use and the New Apprentice will be entitled to keep the kit after they have completed a further six months. If the apprentice leaves before this time, the employer can keep the tools for the use of other apprentices or pre-vocational and work experience students.

How many New Apprentices will receive this benefit?

Around 34,000 New Apprentices will receive a tool kit each year.

When does it start?

The Tools For Your Trade initiative will start from 1 July 2005 for eligible New Apprentices. Apprentices who start their New Apprenticeship on 1 July will be provided with their tool kit from 1 October 2005 and will be entitled to keep it from 1 April 2006.

What will the tool kit consist of?

It is envisaged that the employer and the New Apprentice will choose a tool kit which is most appropriate to the New Apprentice and the trade.

Where can I find further information?

More information regarding the Tools For Your Trade initiative is available on the New Apprenticeships website www.newapprenticeships.gov.au or by calling the New Apprenticeships toll free number on 1800 639 629.