

Q&A – Apprenticeship Training Vouchers

Who is eligible for an Apprenticeship Training Voucher?

All first and second year apprentices, of any age, who are undertaking a trade apprenticeship in an area of skills shortage will be eligible to receive the Apprenticeship Training Voucher.

When does the Apprentice Training Voucher commence?

Eligible Australian Apprentices who commence the first or second year of their Australian Apprenticeship on or after 1 July 2007, will be able to apply for the Apprenticeship Training Vouchers, which they can then use to seek reimbursement of their course fees.

On receipt of the voucher, second year apprentices will be able to immediately seek reimbursement of their course fees, while first year apprentices will be able to seek reimbursement of course fees after they have completed their three month probationary period.

Apprentices who commenced their apprenticeship between 1 July 2006 and 1 July 2007 will be able to apply for an Apprenticeship Training Voucher on the first anniversary of their commencement.

Apprentices who commenced their apprenticeship prior to 1 July 2006 are not eligible for a training voucher.

How much are the vouchers worth?

The Apprenticeship Training Vouchers are worth up to \$500 per year for each of the first and second years of an eligible Australian Apprenticeship.

What can I use the voucher for?

The Apprenticeship Training Vouchers can be used to help Australian Apprentices or their employers to meet the cost of their course fees.

How do I apply for a voucher?

The Apprenticeship Training Voucher is a reimbursement of training fees paid by Australian Apprentices or their employers.

Claim forms will be provided at sign up by the Australian Apprenticeships Centres. The claim will need to be completed and returned, with proof of payment of course fees, to the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

DEST will arrange for payment to be made into a nominated bank account.

What if my course fees are more than \$500?

The Australian Apprentice, or their employer, will be responsible for any additional costs of training.

Where can I do my training?

The training provider for an Australian Apprenticeship is agreed by the employer and the apprentice in the contract for their Australian Apprenticeship.

What is an area of skills shortage?

The Migration Occupations in Demand List (MODL) provides a list of the trades that are currently in skills shortage. The MODL can be viewed online at www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/skilled-occupations/occupations-in-demand.htm.