

Queensland government funding for training

The Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts provides funding for the delivery of training that:

- Addresses strategic priorities that are of economic and social importance to Queensland
- Increases participation for disadvantaged, marginalised and under-represented groups
- Aligns with Queensland's training and employment priorities

The department consults with key industry and regional stakeholders to identify training and employment priorities. Funds are then directed to employment focused and skill based areas of training which are most critical to Queensland's economic and social development.

When discussing your training needs with a registered training organisation, you will be advised of training costs and any entitlements to government funding.

Queensland government funded training for apprenticeships and traineeships

The Queensland Government funds a number of Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) to provide training at a reduced cost to all full-time and part-time apprentices and trainees of any age.

Trainees undertaking a Certificate II or III traineeship are eligible to receive funded training from an RTO if they are undertaking a traineeship in an area of skill shortage, or of importance to Queensland's economy. Funded training is also available to trainees in an identified priority population group.

You have the option of selecting a government funded RTO to deliver training to your apprentice or trainee, or paying for training to be delivered by another training organisation.

Payroll tax exemption

Employers may be exempt from pay payroll tax for wages paid to apprentices and eligible trainees. For more information, visit the [Office of State Revenue](#) website or contact 1300 300 734.

Travel and accommodation assistance

Registered Queensland apprentices and trainees who travel more than 100 kilometres (round trip) from their usual workplace to their place of training organisation provides training, may be eligible for travel and accommodation allowance. For more information, contact the Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts Apprenticeship Info Line on 1300 369 935.

Mature-Age worker incentive

The Australian Government is committed to providing support for mature-age workers. Disadvantaged mature-age workers face particular barriers to employment and training. Employers of disadvantaged workers (aged 45 years or older) may be eligible

for commencement and completion incentives. For more information visit the [Australian Apprenticeships](#) website or call the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on 13 38 73.

The Building and Construction Industry Training Fund (Queensland)

The Building and Construction Industry Training Fund (Qld) provides financial incentives to building and construction (and related) industry employers who recruit additional apprentices and trainees.

Up to \$6,000 over two years will be paid to eligible employers. Additionally, incentives are available to eligible employers in selected skill shortage areas within the building and construction (and related) industries who employ apprentices or trainees who are at risk. These include:

- Mature-age apprentices or trainees
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (ATSI)
- Females

Other financial incentives include tuition fee refunds, literacy and numeracy support and funding for upskilling to become trade qualified. For more information visit the [Building and Construction Industry Training Fund](#) website or phone 'Be Constructive' helpline on 1800 798 488.

Australian Government Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program

To access information on the Australian Government Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program, visit the [Australian Apprenticeships](#) website or call your local Australian Apprenticeships centre on 13 38 73. Further information about these incentives is available at the factsheet Summary of the [Australian Government Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Programs](#) [PDF 90kb]

Only an Australian Apprenticeships Centre that is contracted by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training can advise you of your eligibility for these incentives.

Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support Program

The Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support Program provides additional assistance to eligible employers who recruit an apprentice or trainee with a disability who has been assessed as a person requiring assistance. Assistance may include a wage support payment and/or tutorial, interpreter and mentor services. Assistance may also be available for leasing or purchasing essential equipment, or for modifying the workplace to accommodate an apprentice or trainee with a disability. For more information, visit the [Centrelink](#) website or call the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on 13 38 73.

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