

Restart Wage Subsidy

What is a Restart wage subsidy?

A Restart wage subsidy is a financial incentive of up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) that is available to qualifying businesses that employ eligible jobseekers who are 50 years of age or older.

Payments are available over a six-month period and employers can negotiate how often they receive payment. Employers may also be able to receive a 'kickstart' payment of up to 40 per cent of the total wage subsidy after four weeks of a job starting.

Is my business eligible?

Your business is eligible for a Wage Start Subsidy if it:

- has an Australian Business Number
- has not previously received a wage subsidy for the same job
- has not recently retrenched or reduced the number of workers, or be proposing to do so
- is not of a type of character that would bring the wage subsidy or the Commonwealth Government into disrepute
- is not receiving another government wage subsidy for the same worker or position.



What types of jobs can I offer?

The job can be full-time, part-time or casual and needs to:

- be a minimum of 20 hours per week averaged over the six months of the agreement
- be ongoing
- meet the employment standards for the position (for example, is suitable work and pays at least the national award wage).

Apprenticeships and traineeships are also eligible for Restart wage subsidies.

The job cannot displace an existing employee, be a commission based, subcontracting or self-employment position, or work for an immediate family member.

Who can I hire?

To receive a Restart wage subsidy the jobseeker you employ must be registered with an employment services provider, such as jobactive, Disability Employment Services (DES) or Community Development Programme Providers.

Other eligibility requirements are based on a jobseeker's circumstances. Talk to your local employment services provider for more information.

How do I apply?

To apply for a Restart wage subsidy contact your local employment services provider within 12 weeks of the job starting. They will sign you up for the Restart wage subsidy and help you manage the payments over the next six months.

Want more information?

Talk to your local DES provider today. A list of DES providers can be found on the JobAccess website [Find a Service provider](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au/find-a-provider) www.jobaccess.gov.au/find-a-provider

Visit the [JobAccess website](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au) [jobaccess.gov.au](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au) or speak to a JobAccess Adviser on 1800 464 600*

Call the Employer Hotline on 13 17 15* or the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260* or email nationalcustomerserviceline@employment.gov.au

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