Wage Start – up to $6,000

# What is the Wage Start subsidy?

Wage Start is a financial incentive of up to $6,000 (GST inclusive) designed to encourage employers to hire eligible jobseekers who are long-term unemployed or who have been offered ongoing employment after completing a Youth PaTH internship.

Wage Start subsidies have a limited number of placements per year.

The job must be for a placement of at least 15 hours or more per week over 26 weeks.

## 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.

JobAccess is the national hub for workplace and employment information for people with disability, employers and service providers.

# 1800 464 800 [www.jobaccess.gov.au](https://www.jobaccess.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/02_2017/www.jobaccess.gov.au)

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## What types of jobs can I offer?

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

* be covered by a legal industrial instrument that complies with minimum standards established under Commonwealth, State or Territory Law
* meet the employment standards for the position (for example, is suitable work and pays at least the national award wage).

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 be eligible for Wage Start the jobseeker you employ must be registered with a Disability Employment Services (DES) provider and be of legal working age, but not older than 50 years of age.

There are a number of eligibility requirements. Talk to your local DES provider for more information.

## How do I apply?

To apply for Wage Start contact your local DES provider to discuss the process.

## 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](https://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\*

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