

Conditions Relating to the Payment of Australian Government Incentives - MAWS

Incentive eligibility assessments are based on the information provided on the Training Contract. In order to remain eligible to receive incentives employers must ensure that they continue to fulfil their obligations as outlined during the signup visit. Provided no additional information becomes available that alters the initial assessment for Australian Government Incentives, the amounts indicated on the original assessment letter should be payable provided all of the following conditions are met.

MATURE AGED WORKER COMMENCEMENT INCENTIVE

A special Mature Aged Worker (MAWS) Commencement Incentive of \$750 is available to your organisation provided that the Australian Apprentice is:

- aged 45 years or older at the date of commencement; and
- has not previously been eligible for the Mature Aged Worker Australian Apprenticeships Commencement Incentive;

and meets one of the following criteria:

- is eligible to attract the standard Commencement incentive; or
- has undertaken an Australian Apprenticeship at Certificate II level which was eligible to attract the Commencement Incentive and is now undertaking a Certificate III or IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma Australian Apprenticeship; or
- has attained a Certificate II qualification through a pathway other than an Australian Apprenticeship and the Certificate III or IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma Australian Apprenticeship is relevant to the qualification held;

and meets one of the following criteria:

- the Australian Apprentice was in receipt of one or more of the following Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) income support payments for the entire three month calendar period immediately prior to the date of commencement of the Australian Apprenticeship:

Centrelink payments

- Age Pension
- CDEP Supplementary Payment
- Mature Age Allowance
- Parenting Payment
- Partner Allowance
- Special Benefit
- Special Needs Pension
- Carer Payment
- Disability Support Pension
- Widow Allowance
- Widow B Pension
- Wife Pension



DVA payments

- DVA Income Support Supplement (ISS)
- Service Pension
- War/Defence Widow/er Pension
- Income Support Supplement

or

- The Australian Apprentice was
 - NOT in paid employment at any time during the three years immediately prior to the commencement of the Australian Apprenticeship; or
 - a Stream B or Stream C client with an Employment Provider immediately prior to the commencement of the Australian Apprenticeship; or
 - made redundant within the year immediately prior to the date of commencement of the Australian Apprenticeship;

and

- have had the Training Contract approved by the STA; and
- have been employed by the employer as an Australian Apprentice at the effect date.



MATURE AGED WORKER COMPLETION INCENTIVE

A special Mature Aged Worker (MAWS) Completion Incentive of \$750 is available to your organisation provided that the Australian Apprentice:

- successfully completes the Australian Apprenticeship for which they attracted the Mature Aged Worker Commencement incentive.

ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE FOR CLAIMING MATURE AGED WORKER INCENTIVES

- The Australian Apprentice has declared on the Training Contract that they are aged 45 years or older at the day of commencement;

and

- where the Australian Apprentice has been in receipt of a specified Centrelink or Veterans' Affairs income support payment, the evidence is to be in the form of an income statement from Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs confirming payment of one of these income support payments covering the entire three month period immediately prior to the commencement of the Australian Apprenticeship;

or

- where the Australian Apprentice has not been in paid employment for the three years immediately prior to the commencement of the Australian Apprenticeship, the evidence may be in the form of a Statutory Declaration stating that the Australian Apprentice was NOT in paid employment for the three years immediately prior to the commencement of the Australian Apprenticeship;

or

- where the Australian Apprentice was a Stream B or Stream C client with an Employment Provider immediately prior to the commencement of the Australian Apprenticeship, the evidence is to be in the form of documentation on letterhead from either Centrelink or an Employment Provider confirming the receipt of such assistance immediately prior to commencing the Australian Apprenticeship;

or

- where the Australian Apprentice was made redundant within the year immediately prior to the commencement of the Australian Apprenticeship, the evidence is to be in the form of copies of letters between the former employer and employee confirming the offer and acceptance of redundancy.

*This document should be read in conjunction with the information sheet -
Conditions Relating to the Payment of Australian Government Incentives*

This information is provided as a guide only and is subject to change without notice.

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