

SECURING APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS THROUGH REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS

The Government's *Securing Apprenticeships and Traineeships through Registered Training Organisations* initiative allows apprentices and trainees to maintain the value of their investment in training by supporting them to complete the off-the-job component of their training.

The *Securing Apprenticeships and Traineeships through Registered Training Organisations* initiative provides financial support to Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) to cover the cost of the off-the-job training component where an apprentice or trainee with an incomplete qualification has been made redundant.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How much are the *Securing Apprenticeships and Traineeships through Registered Training Organisations* payments?

- Under the *Securing Apprenticeships and Traineeships through Registered Training Organisations* initiative RTOs will receive either \$1,250 or \$2,500 for each eligible apprentice or trainee who completes the off-the-job training component of their apprenticeship or traineeship.
- Eligibility for this new initiative will be assessed on a case by case basis for those companies which can no longer keep their apprentices and trainees in employment because of difficulties arising from the economic downturn.
- The level of financial support provided will depend on how much additional training the apprentice or trainee needs to complete the off-the-job training component of their apprenticeship or traineeship.

When will the *Securing Apprenticeships and Traineeships through Registered Training Organisations* initiative commence?

- The *Securing Apprenticeships and Traineeships through Registered Training Organisations* will commence on 1 July 2009.

What qualifications are eligible for this support?

- All qualifications at the Certificate III and IV level are eligible for support under this initiative.
- Diploma and Advanced Diploma level qualifications listed on the Higher Technical Skills list are also eligible. For more information about the Higher Technical Skills list, please call the Skilling Australia information service on 13 38 73 or visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at www.australia.gov.au/australianapprenticeships.

Where can I find out more about this initiative?

- More information will be made available closer to the commencement of the new initiative from the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on 13 38 73 and the Australian Apprenticeships website at www.australia.gov.au/australianapprenticeships.

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