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# Wage Subsidies

Wage subsidies up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) may be available to Australian businesses hiring employment services participants in ongoing jobs. Employment services providers determine if a wage subsidy is offered and will enter into an agreement with the employer to make payments over six months.

Wage Subsidy <sup>1</sup>	What are the eligible age ranges?	How much can employers receive? (GST inc)	Indigenous Australian participants?
Restart <sup>2</sup>	50 years of age and over	Up to a maximum of \$10,000	 Job seekers may be eligible to attract a wage subsidy 6 months after commencing in employment services.  Indigenous Australians may get immediate access to wage subsidies of up to \$10,000 if all eligibility requirements are met.
Youth Bonus	15 to 24 years of age		
Youth	25 to 29 years of age		
Parents	Any age		
Long Term Unemployed	Any age		

1 Wage Subsidies are available to eligible Participants in jobactive, Transition to Work (TtW) and ParentsNext Intensive Stream.  
2 The Restart Wage Subsidy is also available to Participants in the Volunteer Online Employment Services Trial (VOEST), Disability Employment Services (DES) and the Community Development Programme (CDP).

<b>Placement details</b>	<p>All wage subsidy placements must average at least 20 hours per week over the 26 week wage subsidy period to be ongoing.</p> <p>All wage subsidy agreements must be approved in the Department's IT System no later than 84 days from the employee's start date.</p> <p>Employment must also comply with National Employment Standards.</p>	
	 <p>Jobs can be full time, part time or casual.</p>	 <p>Apprenticeships and traineeships may be eligible to attract a Wage Subsidy.</p>
<b>Contact information</b>	<p>Employers should talk to an employment services provider to check eligibility. Please talk to the Employer Hotline to check eligibility for mature age people volunteering into employment services.</p>	

### Website:

You can find an employment services provider at: [jobsearch.gov.au/service-providers](http://jobsearch.gov.au/service-providers).

### Phone:

You can also call the Jobseeker Hotline on **13 62 68** or the Employer Hotline on **13 17 15**.

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