Apprentice Sign-Up

Information to get you started

Apprentice Connect Australia Providers (Providers)

From 1 July 2024, Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Providers (AASNs)) will be replaced by a new system. Some previous AASNs will continue into the new system and will be joined by new entrants as Apprentice Connect Australia Providers. *

Apprentice Connect Australia Providers (Providers) will work with apprentices and employers from before an apprenticeship starts to identify individual needs, help apprentices to find the right pathway and support employers to better understand their roles and responsibilities in the workplace. Providers will also provide support throughout the apprenticeship. They can assist you with:

- Organising the Training Contract between you and your apprentice
- Assessing your eligibility for incentives and subsidies
- Finding an apprentice if you have not already found one
- Support throughout the apprenticeship your 'go-to'

There are a number of Providers across Victoria including:

- APM Apprenticeships | <u>apm.net.au</u>
- MEGT | www.megt.com.au

Some Providers will focus on helping and providing specialised assistance to the following apprentice groups:

- Women in male-dominated trades
- First Nations Australian Apprentices
- Australian Apprentices working towards clean energy jobs

You can also search for Providers on the Federal Government <u>Australian Apprenticeships website</u>.

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Group Training Organisations (GTOs)

GTOs take on employer responsibilities in that they pay apprentices' salaries and allowances. If you take on an apprentice through a GTO, you are deemed a host employer and still provide the apprentice with the on-the-job training as you would if you had engaged an apprentice directly.

Taking on an apprentice through a GTO can be suited to:

- Those who may not be able to commit to taking on an apprentice for the full duration of an apprenticeship
- Those who may not be able to offer the full range of skills needed for an apprentice to work in the industry

Many Apprentice Connect Australia Providers (Providers) also operate as GTOs.

*Changes are coming to Australian Apprenticeship from 1 July 2024 (https://www.apprenticeships.gov.au/about-apprenticeships/provider-transition)

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