

Real Skills for a rural future

Generally, Australian Apprentices would commence at Certificate II and then go on to Certificate III or above. Certificate III is generally viewed as the 'trade level' qualification with many sectors now encouraging studies at the diploma and higher.

Employers of Australian Apprentices may be eligible for a training incentive from the Australian Government, other incentives such as an additional amount to encourage more females into the industry may be available.

Australian Apprentices are paid a wage by the employer during their training and where eligible a living away from home allowance is paid by the Australian Government.

Australian Apprenticeships are not just for young people. Anyone who is 15 years and older can be employed as a Australian Apprentice. You don't even need to be unemployed. Existing employees may be eligible under some circumstances, check with an Australian Apprenticeship Centre for eligibility and the incentive amounts.

Australian Apprenticeships offer a real advantage by providing a nationally recognised qualification and relevant industry skills.

Contacts

Hotline: **1800 639 629**

Website: **www.australianapprenticeship.gov.au**

Register or look for a vacancy
Web: **www.jobsearch.gov.au**

For exciting and rewarding career information
Visit the ON Track website:
www.ruralskills.com.au/ontrack

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Your Life. Your Career. Your Future.

Rural Production



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www.australia.gov.au/australianapprenticeships

Take advantage of Australian Apprenticeships to gain qualifications available in most states in;

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| Beef Cattle | Cotton Production |
| Dairy Production | General Agriculture |
| Goat Production | Grains Production |
| Horse Breeding | Irrigation |
| Milk Harvesting | Pig Production |
| Poultry Production | Production Horticulture |
| Rural Business | Rural Operations |
| Shearing | Sheep and Wool Productions |
| Wool Handling and Classing | |



Australian Apprentices in Rural Production

- Paid employment whilst training
- Develop skills in the workplace under the supervision of an employer
- Develop knowledge through a range of delivery methods from a Registered Training Provider (such as TAFE or private training provider)
- Part-time options
- Nationally recognised qualifications

Employers of Australian Apprentices in Rural Production

- Access Australian Government employer incentives, funded trainin and training wage rates
- Expand the skills of your workforce
- Improve productivity and bottom line
- Customise a training program to meet the specific needs of your business

Rural Production career pathways



Farm or StationWorker
Certificate I and II



Agriculture Tradesperson
Certificate III



Supervisor Technical Officer
Certificate IV



Farm or Station Manager
Diploma

Getting started...the pathway to a Rural Production Australian Apprenticeship

1

Once you have decided to take on a new or an existing employee (conditions apply) as an Australian Apprentice, contact an Australian Apprentice Centre (AAC) to check eligibility and arrange sign up. For info on an AAC near you ring the Skills For The Future Hotline 13 3873

2

Discuss Registered Training Provider (RTO) options with AAC and nominate your preferred provider.

3

Your Australian Apprenticeships Centre will forward the Registration forms to the state Training Authority, who will in turn register the agreement, issue a registration number and advise your nominated RTO to draw up a Training Plan with you.

4

Your Australian Apprenticeships Centre organises payment of any Australian Government Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Programme.

5

In consultation with the employer the RTO delivers the training, with the Employer developing the skills of the Australian Apprentice.

The RTO completes the assessments and issue the certificate to successful competent Australian Apprentices.

6

ACC forwards claim form to employer for any eligible completion incentives (does not apply to Certificate II and there are strict timelines for return of all forms).

Decide whether to offer graduating Australian Apprentice further training and advise AAC to complete relevant forms.