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About the National Skills Needs List

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Australian Government incentive payments encourage employers to offer employment-based training opportunities to enable people to gain and build on their skills. The Australian Government also offers personal benefits to Australian Apprentices to attract more Australians into technical and trade education and improve completion rates.

Eligibility for some Australian Apprenticeships incentives and personal benefits is limited to those in traditional trades identified as experiencing a national skills shortage.

Trades experiencing persistent skills shortage are included on the National Skills Needs List which is based on detailed labour market research conducted by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The National Skills Needs List is used to determine the eligibility of employers and/or Australian Apprentices for the following Australian Government incentives and personal benefits:

- Support for Adult Australian Apprentices payments
- Tools For Your Trade payments
- Rural and Regional Skills Shortage incentive

As the National Skills Needs List is reviewed regularly, please visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at australianapprenticeships.gov.au for the most up-to-date list.



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The trades included on the National Skills Needs List are:

- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Avionics)
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Mechanical)
- Automotive Electrician
- Baker
- Binder and Finisher
- Boat Builder and Repairer
- Bricklayer
- Butcher
- Cabinetmaker
- Carpenter
- Carpenter and Joiner
- Communications Linesperson
- Cook
- Diesel Motor Mechanic
- Drainer
- Electrical Powerline Tradesperson
- Electrician (Special class)
- Electronic Equipment Tradesperson
- Fibrous Plasterer
- Fitter
- Flat Glass Tradesperson
- Floor Finisher
- Furniture Finisher
- Furniture Upholsterer
- Gasfitter
- General Communications Tradesperson
- General Electrician
- General Plumber
- Hairdresser
- Joiner
- Landscape Gardener
- Lift Mechanic
- Locksmith
- Mechanical Services and Air-conditioning Plumber
- Metal Fabricator
- Metal Machinist (First class)
- Motor Mechanics (General)
- Motorcycle Mechanic
- Optical Mechanic
- Painter and Decorator
- Panel Beater
- Pastry Cook
- Picture Framer
- Pressure Welder
- Printing Machinist
- Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Mechanic
- Roof Plumber
- Roof Slater and Tiler
- Screen Printer
- Shearer
- Sheetmetal Worker (First class)
- Signwriter
- Small Engine Mechanic
- Solid Plasterer
- Stonemason
- Toolmaker
- Tree Surgeon
- Vehicle Body Maker
- Vehicle Painter
- Vehicle Trimmer
- Wall and Floor Tiler
- Welder (First class)
- Wood Machinist (A-grade)

Please note that this list is current as at 1 January 2010 and may be subject to change. Employers and Australian Apprentices should contact their Australian Apprenticeships Centre for advice.

For more information

Contact your Australian Apprenticeships Centre, call the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on **13 38 73** or visit the Australian Apprenticeships website at australianapprenticeships.gov.au for more information about the National Skills Needs List and eligibility criteria for Australian Apprenticeships incentives and personal benefits.

