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## Restart wage subsidy for mature age workers— Access up to \$10,000 to support Australian business

The Restart programme is an Australian Government wage subsidy that encourages businesses to employ mature workers.

Restart can help you to expand your business and employ workers who are aged 50 or older.

### What is the Restart wage subsidy?

The Restart wage subsidy is a payment of up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive). You can receive the Restart wage subsidy over 12 months if you employ an eligible mature age job seeker.

The full rate of the Restart wage subsidy is payable if the employment is for at least 30 hours per week. You will receive a pro-rata wage subsidy if you employ an eligible mature age worker between 15–29 hours per week.

### Am I an eligible employer?

To be eligible to receive the Restart wage subsidy, your business must:

- be a legal entity with an Australian Business Number
- have not previously received a Restart wage subsidy for the same job seeker
- not be an Australian, state or territory government agency.

### What types of jobs can I offer?

You will get the Restart wage subsidy if the position you offer an eligible mature age person:

- is for a minimum of 15 hours per week

- is ongoing, and
- complies with minimum employment standards applicable to the position.

Apprenticeships and traineeships can also be eligible for Restart. Some jobs are not eligible for the Restart wage subsidy, including:

- commission-based, subcontracting or self-employment
- work that displaces an existing employee.

### Who can attract the wage subsidy?

To receive the Restart wage subsidy, the mature age job seeker you employ must be:

- 50 years of age or older, and
- on income support for six months or more.

The person you employ cannot be an immediate family member.

### How is the wage subsidy paid?

You will receive up to \$6,500 (GST inclusive) over 12 months if you employ an eligible job seeker. Pro-rata payments starting from \$3,250 (GST inclusive) are available for part-time work between 15-29 hours per week.

A bonus payment of up to \$3,500 (GST inclusive) is also available for employment which lasts the full 12 months, making the total subsidy up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive).

You will be able to negotiate flexible payment options with employment services providers as

frequently as necessary to meet your business needs.

Employers who take on 10 or more mature age staff will be eligible to bundle the Restart Wage Subsidy Agreements and negotiate upfront, lump sum payments, to help meet the specific costs associated with hiring multiple staff.

### **How do I apply for Restart?**

To apply for Restart, contact [your local jobactive, Disability Employment Services or Community Development Programme provider](#).

To ensure you do not miss out on Restart, you should contact an employment services provider **within 28 days** of employing the job seeker to complete the application process for the wage subsidy.

### **Want more information?**

- Visit [www.jobactive.gov.au](http://www.jobactive.gov.au)
- Email [restart@employment.gov.au](mailto:restart@employment.gov.au)
- Call the Employer Hotline on 13 17 15\*

### **Do you need help with this fact sheet?**

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450\* and ask for the Employer Hotline on 13 17 15 or the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260\*.

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment you can use the National Relay Service. For more information, visit [www.relayservice.gov.au](http://www.relayservice.gov.au).

*\* Note that call charges apply for calls to '13' and '1800' numbers from mobile phone.*