



Industry Skills Fund - *youth streams*

Training for Employment Scholarships

Training for Employment Scholarships will assist employers in regional areas access job specific training for their new starters.

From 1 March 2015, small to medium businesses who hire an unemployed person aged 18-24 will be eligible to receive funding to pay for up-to 26 weeks of training.

As a new initiative, 7500 scholarships will be piloted in specific regional areas where youth unemployment is high. Following consultation scholarship guidelines will be published and pilot sites identified.

What training will be funded?

To ensure the training is relevant to the needs of each individual business it will be up to the employer to determine the training.

This could include specific training units, skill sets, short course, job specific licences or foundation skills.

The scholarships could also be used by employers to pay for the first six months of course fees on behalf of their trainee.

How will it work?

As a part of the Industry Skills Fund the access point is through the Single Business Service Centre within AusIndustry, from 1 March 2015.

Employers who are approved for a scholarship can engage a training provider of their choice and will be reimbursed for costs once their employee completes their training programme.

Youth Employment Pathways

Youth Employment Pathways will assist disengaged youth to get back into school, move into the workforce or start a vocational education pathway.

From 1 March 2015, community organisations will be able to apply for funding to deliver support services to a person aged 15-18 who is not in school.

As a new initiative, 3000 pathways will be piloted in regional areas where school completion rates are low. Following consultation pathway guidelines will be published and pilot sites identified.

What services will be funded?

Support services will be determined by the community organisations who should design a Youth Employment Pathway training plan on a case-by-case basis.

Included in the training plans could be life skills, mentoring, driver training and pre-employment skills.

How will it work?

As a part of the Industry Skills Fund the access point is through the Single Business Service Centre within AusIndustry, from 1 March 2015.

Community organisations who deliver a Youth Employment Pathway will receive payments upon achieving milestones.

These could include the commencement and completion of training plans, students returning to school or achieving an employment or vocational training outcome.

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