

# Apprenticeship Boost Initiative Amendment Programme 2022

This instrument is made under section 101(1) of the Social Security Act 2018 by the Minister for Social Development and Employment.

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## Instrument

### 1 Title

This instrument is the Apprenticeship Boost Initiative Amendment Programme 2022.

### 2 Commencement

- (1) Clause 10 of this instrument comes into force on 4 August 2022.
- (2) The rest of this instrument comes into force on 5 August 2022.

### 3 Programme amended

This instrument amends the Apprenticeship Boost Initiative Programme established and approved on 28 July 2020.

### 4 Clause 4 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) In clause 4(1), in the introductory words of the definition of **specified payment**, delete “apprenticeship support”.
- (2) In clause 4(1), in the definition of **specified payment**, revoke paragraph (b).
- (3) In clause 4(1), in paragraph (c) of the definition of **specified payment**, replace “the Flexi-Wage Subsidy” with “the Flexi-wage Employment Assistance Programme”

- (4) In clause 4(1), in paragraph (e) of the definition of **specified payment**, delete “as administered by MBIE”.

**5 Clause 8 amended (Amount of assistance)**

- (1) In clause 8, replace subclause (1) with:

(1) The amount of a grant for an applicant eligible under clause 6 is \$500 per month during the first 24 months of the eligible apprentice's programme of study to a maximum of \$12,000.

- (2) In clause 8(2) replace “clause 8(1)” with “subclause (1)”.

**6 Clause 9 amended (Application process)**

In clause 9(3), replace “4 August 2022” with “31 December 2023”.

**7 Clause 11 amended (Payment of assistance)**

- (1) In clause 11(1)(b), replace “clause 8(1)(a) and (b)” with “clause 8”.
- (2) In clause 11, revoke subclause (2).

**8 Clause 11A amended (Change of provider or employer)**

- (1) In clause 11A(1) delete “, and the maximum number of monthly payments specified in clause 11(2),”.
- (2) In clause 11A(1), replace “continue” with “continues”.
- (3) In clause 11A(3), replace “, and the maximum number of monthly payments specified in clause 11(2), apply to the programme of study undertaken by the eligible apprentice, and are” with “applies to the programme of study undertaken by the eligible apprentice, and is”.
- (4) In clause 11A, after subclause (3) insert:

(4) In the situation described in subclause (3), and despite the maximum grant prescribed in clause 8(1), if the new employer’s application is granted, payments commence in accordance with clause 10, irrespective of the payments if any made to the former employer.

**9 New clause 11C inserted**

After clause 11B insert:

**11C Transitional provisions from 5 August 2022**

- (1) Assistance granted to an applicant under this programme before 5 August 2022 will continue subject to the terms of the programme that apply from 5 August 2022.
- (2) If an application is made but not granted before 5 August 2022, any assistance that is subsequently granted to the applicant before that date is payable at the rate that was specified in clause 8 at the time.
- (3) In the situation described in clause 11(3), payments are payable at the rate that was specified in clause 8 on the date the payment would have been made if the applicant had complied with clause 7(1)(d) when required by MSD.

**10 Clause 13 amended (When this programme expires)**

In clause 13, replace “4 August 2022” with “31 December 2023”.

At Wellington this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

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Minister for Social Development and Employment

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**Explanatory Note**

*This note is not part of the instrument, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This instrument, the majority of which comes into effect on 5 August 2022, makes various changes to the programme. The programme has been extended to 31 December 2023 and the subsidy rate has been amended to \$500 per month (gst exclusive) for eligible first and second year apprentices (a reduction from the initial rate of \$1,000 per month for eligible first-year apprentices). There have also been minor technical amendments to the programme.