



Tools For Your Trade

is being replaced with

Trade Support Loans

Current system

Tax exempt cash payments from the Federal Government

Up to \$5,500 over the course of apprenticeship

Paid directly into apprentice's bank account

If apprenticeship is completed earlier than the standard four years, apprentice will receive the remaining amount of the payment

To be eligible for payment the apprentice must be completing a Certificate III or IV in a trade on the National Skills Need List

"If you qualify for Tools for your Trade before 1 July 2014 (i.e.: become eligible for the 24 month instalment on 23 June) you can claim the payment as usual."

From 1 July 2014

Loans paid in instalments by the Federal Government

Up to \$20,000 can be borrowed

\$8,000 in first year,
\$6,000 in second year,
\$4,000 in third year
and \$2,000 in fourth year

Apprentice must apply to 'opt-in' to the scheme

Part-time and school-based apprentices are eligible

Repayments, through tax, start once the apprentice is earning \$53,345+

Upon completion of the apprenticeship 20% of loan is cancelled

Concessional interest rates apply

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