

Apprenticeship Boost Initiative Amendment Programme 2021

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 2021.

2 Commencement

This instrument comes into effect on 1 August 2021.

3 Programme amended

This instrument amends the Apprenticeship Boost Initiative Programme.

4 Clause 4 amended (Interpretation)

(1) In clause 4(1), after the definition of **first contact**, insert:

GST means goods and services tax under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985

(2) In clause 4(1), replace the definitions of **programme of study** and **provider** with:

programme of study means an apprenticeship programme delivered or arranged by a provider where the delivery or arrangement of the programme by that provider has been

approved and funded by TEC as a New Zealand Apprenticeship or a Managed Apprenticeship

provider means a Transitional ITO, Te Pūkenga—New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology or one of its subsidiaries, a wānanga established under section 268(1) of the Education and Training Act 2020, or a private training establishment registered under section 343 of the Education and Training Act 2020

5 Clause 6 amended (Eligibility)

- (1) In clause 6(2)(a), replace “a New Zealand Apprenticeship with a Transitional ITO; or” with “and engaged in a programme of study; and”.
- (2) In clause 6(2), revoke paragraph (b).
- (3) In clause 6(2)(d), replace “an applicant” with “the applicant”.
- (4) In clause 6(2)(e), replace “a programme” with “the programme”.
- (5) In clause 6, after subclause (2), insert:
 - (3) The calculation of months already completed by an apprentice will be undertaken by TEC.
 - (4) In calculating the months already completed by an apprentice, TEC will include any earlier programme of study undertaken by the apprentice that it determines to be the same or similar to the current programme of study.

6 Clause 8 amended (Amount of assistance)

- (1) In clause 8(2), replace “Grants of assistance” with “The amounts prescribed in clause 8(1)”.
- (2) In clause 8, after subclause (2), insert:
 - (3) The amounts prescribed in subclause (1) are subject to the calculation performed by TEC in accordance with clause 6(4).

7 Clause 9 amended (Application process)

- (1) In clause 9(1)(c), after “met”, insert “, and the number of months of the programme of study already completed by the eligible apprentice”.
- (2) In clause 9(3), replace “April” with “August”.

8 Clause 11 amended (Payment of assistance)

- (1) In clause 11(2), replace “under this programme is 20” with “engaged in a programme of study is 24”.
- (2) In clause 11, after subclause (2), insert:

- (3) If a monthly payment is not paid due to non-compliance with clause 7(1)(d) when required by MSD, payment may be made subsequently if—
 - (a) the non-compliance is rectified within 3 months of the expiry of the programme; and
 - (b) the applicant is or was otherwise eligible to receive the payment.

9 New clause 11A inserted

After clause 11, insert:

11A Change of provider or employer

- (1) If an eligible apprentice has their programme of study transferred from one provider (provider A) to another provider (provider B), the amount of the grant specified in clause 8, and the maximum number of monthly payments specified in clause 11(2), continue to apply to the programme of study if the programme of study with provider B is the same or similar to the programme of study with provider A.
- (2) TEC will confirm whether the programme of study with provider B is the same or similar to the programme of study with provider A.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, the amount of the grant specified in clause 8, 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 not affected by an eligible apprentice changing employer and the new employer making an application under clause 9.

10 New clause 11B inserted

After clause 11A, insert:

11B Assistance granted before 1 August 2021

Assistance granted to an applicant under this programme before 1 August 2021 will continue subject to the terms of the programme that apply from 1 August 2021.

11 Clause 12 amended (When assistance ends)

In clause 12(1)(a), replace “the last day of the payment month in which an” with “when the”.

12 Clause 13 amended (When this programme expires)

In clause 13, replace “April” with “August”.

Minister for Social Development and Employment

At this day of 20

Explanatory Note

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

This instrument, which comes into effect on 1 August 2021, makes various changes to the programme to make it compatible with the reform of New Zealand’s vocational education system enabled by the enactment of the Education (Vocational Education and Training Reform) Amendment Act 2020. It also increases the maximum number of monthly payments to 24, extends the programme to 4 August 2022, and clarifies administrative matters.