



Australian Government



Restart Programme

Job Seeker Fact Sheet

What is the Restart programme?

The Restart programme commences on 1 July 2014. It is a wage subsidy paid to employers which aims to assist mature age people participate in the workplace by encouraging employers to take on workers 50 years of age or older.

In light of Australia's ageing population and the need to become a more productive nation, the contribution of older workers is becoming more crucial to the workplace.

The 2014-15 Budget extended the Australian Government's election commitment to provide incentives to help unemployed mature age Australians participate in the workforce.

How much is the subsidy?

The full rate of the Restart subsidy is \$10,000 (GST inclusive), paid to the employer. Mature age job seekers employed for at least 30 hours per week will attract the full rate of the subsidy. Eligible job seekers employed between 15-29 hours per week will attract a pro-rata Restart subsidy.

The full rate of the subsidy is paid in four six-monthly instalments:

- \$3,000 at 6 and 12 months of employment
- \$2,000 at 18 and 24 months of employment.

Who is eligible?

Job seekers who are 50 years of age or older, who have been unemployed and on income support for six months or more, can attract a Restart subsidy for an employer.

The mature age worker must commence in the employment position on or after 1 July 2014.

What types of jobs can be offered?

The position with your employer must:

- be for a minimum of 15 hours per week;
- comply with minimum standards for employment according to Commonwealth, State or Territory law;
- not be commission-based, subcontracting or self-employment;
- not be for an immediate family member;
- not displace an existing employee; and
- be ongoing and sustainable.

Apprenticeships and traineeships are also eligible Restart job placements.

How can I find out more about Restart?

To learn more about the Restart wage subsidy, job seekers should contact their local Job Services Australia provider. These providers are experienced in delivering services and support for job seekers and employers, and offer personalised support to help job seekers to find a job.

You can find a provider by using the search tool at www.jobsearch.gov.au/provider.

To talk to someone about Restart or for assistance in using the JobSearch website, call 13 62 68.

You can also visit the Department of Employment's website www.employment.gov.au/Restart for further information about the Restart programme.