

Fact Sheet

Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme

Introduction

- A. From **1 July 2017** to **30 June 2019** inclusive, the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme provided a rebate to employers that paid payroll tax and employed eligible **apprentices, trainees and youth employees**.
- B. From **1 July 2019** to **30 June 2021** inclusive, the scheme will be available **ONLY** for employers that pay payroll tax and commence employment of eligible **apprentices and trainees** in the following industries:
- building and construction;
 - tourism and hospitality; and
 - manufacturing.

Eligibility criteria

The Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme has eligibility criteria that apply to both the employee and employer.

Eligibility criteria applying to employers

To receive payment of the rebate, employers must:

- have lodged their returns and paid their payroll tax by the due date to be eligible for the rebate for the same period;
- comply with all legislative requirements of the *Payroll Tax Act 2008* and the *Payroll Tax Rebate (Apprentices, Trainees and Youth Employees) Act 2017*;
- provide any information requested by the Commissioner of State Revenue and cooperate with any compliance checks made by the State Revenue Office (SRO) within the time permitted, and/or repay any rebate payment received when demanded;
- not be the subject of any incomplete investigations in relation to payroll tax;
- not have any unpaid payroll tax liabilities; and
- not have any other outstanding tax liabilities due and owing to the Crown

Additional eligibility criteria applying to employers between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2021

To qualify for payment of the rebate, businesses need to fit within a group in the Construction Division (Division E), the Tourism and Hospitality Division (Division H), or the Manufacturing Division (Division C) of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 2006.

If a business does not fit within one of these ANZSIC Divisions, it may still be eligible for the rebate if its trainees and apprentices fit within a group of a division because of the:

- workplace where they are employed;
- title of qualification they will obtain; or
- industry, or principal activity as specified in the training contract.

Eligibility criteria applying to employees

- A. There were two categories of employee within the Scheme between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2019:
- apprentices and trainees; and
 - youth employees.
- B. There is one category of employee within the Scheme between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2021:
- apprentices and trainees.

About apprentices and trainees

To be an eligible employee for 'A' and/or 'B' above, an apprentice or trainee must be:

- an apprentice or trainee as defined under the [Training and Workforce Development Act 2013](#); and employed or engaged on a training contract that takes effect under the [Training and Workforce Development Act 2013](#) within the relevant rebate period, 'A' or 'B'.

To be an eligible employee for the second period of the scheme, an apprentice or trainee must:

- be employed by employers in the specific skill shortage industries shown at 'B' under the heading Introduction.

As evidence of eligibility, a copy of the training contract lodged with the Tasmanian Traineeships and Apprenticeships Committee (through [Skills Tasmania](#)) must be provided with the first claim for each apprentice or trainee.

The rebate for an apprentice or trainee is available for a maximum period of two (2) years from the day that the employee's training contract takes effect under the [Training and Workforce Development Act 2013](#).

About youth employees - only applies to the Scheme from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019

To be an eligible employee, a youth employee will:

- be employed or engaged by the employer within the eligible period, 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2019;
- at the date of employment, have attained the age of 15 years, but have not attained the age of 25 years;
- be employed on a part time or full time basis;
- not be an apprentice or trainee; and
- not have been employed or engaged by the employer on 25 May 2017 or previously within the eligible period.

As evidence of eligibility, a copy of the employee's proof of age such as a birth certificate, passport, driver's licence, or proof of age card, must be provided with the first claim for each youth employee.

The rebate for a youth employee is available for a period of one (1) year from the date the youth employee commenced employment.

The youth employee rebate ceased on 30 June 2019. Youth employees employed after that date will not meet the eligibility criteria for the rebate.

Mergers, acquisitions, takeovers and transfers

Additional conditions apply to mergers, acquisitions, takeovers, transfer and other similar transactions. For further information please read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

How to claim the Rebate

Registered payroll tax taxpayers in Tasmania can register for the rebate by completing the [Registration Form](#).

The claim form will be forwarded to successful registrants for the Scheme in accordance with the frequency payroll tax is paid.

Employers can register for payroll tax in Tasmania using [Tasmanian Revenue Online](#). Once notification of registration has been received, the employer can then register for the rebate scheme.

Payment of the Rebate

The rebate should be claimed and will be paid at the same frequency as the employer's payroll tax returns.

A separate payment will be made for each claim, once the claim has been assessed by the State Revenue Office. To receive the payment of rebate, the employer must have met all of the prerequisite conditions for the Scheme.

The maximum rebate payable will be either the payroll tax levied in respect of wages paid to eligible employees, or the total payroll tax paid, whichever is less.

More information

For detailed information about the rebate, including conditions and eligibility, please read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact the State Revenue Office.

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