



## MBL Members New Apprentice Support

### **MBL is focussed on supporting our members bring new apprentices into the industry.**

MBL will cover up costs up to \$930.00, after subsidies, of your new apprentice's training in Certificate III in Meat Processing (Retail Butcher) at TAFE SA, for students eligible for subsidised training.

MBL will also cover the member for the apprentice wage on the days they are required to be training at TAFE Regency Park.

The objective of this initiative is to ensure all apprentices are exposed to the full range of skills required across the butchery discipline. For example, not all butchers make smallgoods, or fill sausages anymore, and many buy meat in boxes, already portioned / broken down in larger facilities. As such, apprentices in these butcher shops won't get exposure to these skills, unless they attend TAFE.

It's also worth noting that JobMaker is payable to employers for new staff for up to 12 months at the rate of \$200 weekly for those aged 16 to 29 Years Old, and \$100 weekly for the those aged 30 to 35 years old. Alternatively, employers can apply for a 50% wage subsidy capped at \$7000 per new apprentice per quarter to 30th September, 2021 under the Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements (BAC) scheme.

The Government is also offering \$1500 to eligible employers who start a new apprentice studying a Certificate III along with a further \$2500 at the successful completion of the apprenticeship under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program. Businesses may also be eligible for the State Government Equipped For Work scheme to cover set up costs of up to \$1000 for both the employer and apprentice.

Apprentices can also apply for an interest free Government Trade Support Loan (TSL) of up to \$21,542, and if the apprentice successfully completes their apprenticeship, they get a 20% discount on their debt (not having to repay this component). The apprentice will then begin paying the remainder back once they start earning over \$46,620 (for 2020-21) per year through the income tax system, much like a university HELP loan.

To register your interest or to apply please email your MBL Cooperative on

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**and call MEGT on 8424 3200 or Mas Experience on 1300 627 628**

Please note, you **MUST BE** a Member of the MBL Cooperative to be eligible for this support.

*Please ensure you check your advice and facts as your eligibility may vary for different circumstances.*

