

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0342\_11**

**Senator Cormann asked on 2/06/2010, Hansard page 127.**

**Question**

**DISABLED AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICE**

Senator CORMANN—Are the trades that are eligible for this [the additional assistance for disabled apprentices] specified? Is there a limit in terms of the trades that are eligible?

**Answer**

Employers of eligible Australian Apprentices may receive the Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support (DAAWS) regardless of the trade or qualification the Australian Apprentice is undertaking. DAAWS is paid at the rate of \$104.30 per week.

Generally DAAWS is payable as an alternative to the other incentives available under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program. An employer may elect to receive either DAAWS payments or the other incentives available.

The one exception is in relation to Support for Adult Australian Apprentices (SAAA) payments. An Australian Apprentice who is eligible to attract DAAWS for their employer may also be eligible to attract SAAA.

To be eligible to attract SAAA, an Australian Apprentice must be aged 25 or over at the commencement of their apprenticeship and be undertaking a Certificate III or IV qualification leading to an occupation listed on the National Skills Needs List.