

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.2 – New Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E616_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Which Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications will be eligible to receive the new incentives? Please provide a list of eligible qualifications. If these are yet to be determined, by which date will they be determined and who will DEST be consulting with in determining this list?

Answer:

Diploma and Advance Diploma incentives.

Since 1 July 2006, nine Diploma and Advanced Diploma level qualifications have attracted employer incentives under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Programme for new employees without prior qualifications at Certificate III or higher level (as a general rule):

- CHC50302 – Diploma of Children's Services
- CHC60202 – Advanced Diploma of Children's Services
- CHC50202 – Diploma of Out of School Hours Care
- HLT50502 – Diploma of Dental Technology
- HLT60402 – Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics
- PML50104 – Diploma of Laboratory Technology
- PML60104 – Advanced Diploma of Laboratory Operations
- MEM50105 - Diploma of Engineering – Advanced Trade
- MEM50205 - Diploma of Engineering – Technical

From 1 January 2007, as part of the Skills for the Future package, the rules governing the incentives in relation to Diploma and Advanced Diploma level qualifications will be amended to remove the eligibility restrictions in relation to prior qualifications (up to and including Certificate IV) and existing workers.

The number of eligible Diploma and Advanced Diploma level qualifications that will attract incentives under the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Programme may increase over time. Further qualifications, with a particular focus on engineering, may be added by 1 July 2007 after consultations with industry, State and Territory Training Authorities and other stakeholders.