



2016–17 Budget measure

THEME: JOB SEEKERS

(003461, 003402) Youth Jobs PaTH – Prepare – Trial – Hire

Information update: this Budget measure includes components that are subject to the passage of legislation.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURE

The Youth Employment Package aims to give young job seekers under 25 years of age the employability skills and real work experience they need to get a job.

The package will boost young people's job prospects by helping them be better prepared for the workplace and encouraging more businesses to open the door to them. The package includes delivery of a Youth Jobs PaTH which has three elements – Prepare, Trial and Hire to maximise the chances of young job seekers getting a job.

The Department of Human Services will deliver two components of the Youth Jobs PaTH – a new Internship Programme (Trial) and a Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy 13 week suspension period (Hire).

Internship Programme

From 1 April 2017, a new voluntary 4 to 12 week Internship Programme will start as part of the Youth Employment Package.

Job seekers will be eligible to participate if they are:

- 17 to 24 years of age
- receiving an income support payment
- registered in either jobactive, Transition to Work or Disability Employment Services, and
- have been receiving employment services for 6 months or more

Participants will automatically be paid a new \$200 fortnightly supplement. This will be in addition to their income support payment and will not be treated as income for social security means testing purposes.

Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy 13 week suspension period

From 1 January 2017, the Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy 13 week suspension period will allow customers to reconnect with income support without having to reclaim if their employment ends through no fault of their own.

This will occur if they are:

- under 25 years of age
- receiving Youth Allowance as a job seeker or Newstart Allowance, and
- placed with an employer as part of the Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy

Participants who report their employment income and receive a zero rate of income support payment for six consecutive fortnights, will be eligible for the extended 13 week suspension



period, rather than be cancelled. This will allow participants to return to income support if their employment ends through no fault of their own.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Who is eligible for this measure

Eligibility requirements for the Internship Programme and the Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy components of the Youth Jobs PaTH are as follows.

Internship Programme

Job seekers will be eligible to participate if they are:

- between 17 to 24 years of age
- receiving an income support payment
- registered in either jobactive, Transition to Work or Disability Employment Services, and
- have been in employment services for 6 months or more

Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy 13 week suspension period

The change to the Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy initiative (new 13 week suspension period) is available to young people who are:

- under 25 years of age
- receiving Youth Allowance (other) or Newstart Allowance, and
- placed with an employer as part of the Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy

The date this measure will start and finish

The Youth Jobs PaTH – Internship Programme will start on 1 April 2017 and is ongoing.

The Youth Jobs PaTH – Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy changes will start on 1 January 2017.