

## Restart Wage Subsidies – up to \$10,000 for employers

### What is a Restart wage subsidy?

A Restart wage subsidy is a financial incentive of up to \$10,000 (GST inclusive) that is available to qualifying businesses that employ eligible job seekers who are 50 years of age or over.

From 1 January 2017, improvements have been made to Restart.

Payments will be available over a six month period and you can negotiate how often you receive them. You may also be able to receive a 'kickstart' payment of up to 40 per cent of the total wage subsidy after four weeks of a job starting.

### Is my business eligible?

Your business is eligible for a Restart wage subsidy if it:

- has an Australian Business Number
- has not previously received a Restart wage subsidy for the same job seeker
- is not an Australian, state or territory government agency.

### What types of jobs can I offer?

The job can be full time or part time and needs to be:

- a minimum of 20 hours per week averaged over the six months of the agreement
- ongoing
- meets the employment standards for the position (for example, is suitable work and pays as a minimum the national award wage).

Apprenticeships and traineeships are also eligible for Restart wage subsidies.

The job cannot displace an existing employee, be a commission based, subcontracting or self-employment position, or work for an immediate family member.

### Who can I hire?

To receive a Restart wage subsidy the job seeker you employ must be registered with an employment services provider, such as, Disability Employment Services, Jobactive or Community Development Programme providers.

Other eligibility requirements are based on a job seeker's circumstances. Talk to your local employment services provider for more information.

### How do I apply?

To apply for a Restart wage subsidy contact your local employment services provider within **12 weeks** of the job starting. They will sign you up for the Restart wage subsidy and help you manage the payments over the six months.

## Want more information?

**Talk to Forrest Personnel today. Call 1800ABILITY (1800 224 548) OR To find your nearest office go to:**

<http://www.fpi.org.au/contact-us/>

Call the Employer Hotline on 13 17 15\* or the National Customer Service Line on 1800 805 260\*.