

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 4

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Senator Boswell provided in writing.

Question

Apprenticeships

What mechanism or process is used to register and or accredit apprenticeships and traineeships?

Answer

To register and or accredit an apprenticeship or traineeship, employers and their Australian Apprentices must be:

- a signatory to a Training Contract (registered with, and validated by, a State or Territory Training Authority) and employed under an award, registered agreement or other contract of employment;
- involved in paid work and structured training which may be on and/or off the job; and
- undertaking a negotiated training program responsive to client choice that involved obtaining a nationally recognised qualification (meeting a specified package of endorsed standards).

The Australian Government contracts Australian Apprenticeships Centres to be present at the sign up of the Training Contract so that they can explain to employers and commencing Australian Apprentices their respective rights and responsibilities under the Training Contract.

Australian Apprenticeships Centres input the Training Contract information into the Department's management information system. This data is then transferred to the relevant State/Territory Training Authority which registers and approves the Training Contract.