

APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP | Employer info

First Door is committed to developing inspired, knowledgeable, skilled and dedicated educators. Partnering with First Door supports the professional capability and growth of qualified educators in your team, through our subsidised Nationally Recognised Training in:

- **APPRENTICESHIPS** for *CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care*
- **TRAINEESHIPS** for *CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care*

This employer information overviews the **benefits**, and the **responsibilities** of the employer and First Door during an apprenticeship/traineeship training contract.

Please read more detailed information using the links provided, and at: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/apprentices>



Employer benefits:

To [determine your eligibility](#) and to apply, contact **MEGT** or your local **Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider**.

Priority wage subsidy

The Priority Wage Subsidy is **10% of the apprentice/trainee's gross wage, paid for two years**, for eligible new or recommencing apprentices.

The Priority Wage Subsidy is for a **maximum of \$1,500 per quarter, (maximum of \$12,000 over two years) per eligible Apprentice/Trainee**.

This is calculated on the wages paid in the 12-month period from the date of apprenticeship commencement or recommencement.

Eligibility for Priority Wage Subsidy

An employer may be eligible to receive the Priority Wage Subsidy for educators studying the *Certificate III* or *Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care* qualification, if:

- you engaged an Australian Apprentice or Trainee between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2024; and
- this Australian Apprentice is undertaking training in a qualification (either *CHC30121 Certificate III in ECEC* or *CHC50121 Diploma of ECEC*) listed on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List at time of commencement; and
- this Australian Apprentice has a training contract that is formally approved by the relevant State or Territory Training authority.

The final date to enter this wage subsidy program is 30 June 2024. [See full details here](#)

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Fee free & subsidised fees for training

Co-contribution fee and concessions

Under the User Choice Program policy, it is a requirement for First Door (and all Skills Assure RTOs) to charge specified Co-contribution fees to apprentices/trainees.

The full course cost of these Co-contribution fees:

- Traineeship CHC30121 Certificate III: \$1,980.50
- Apprenticeship CHC50121 Diploma: \$2,044.50

Depending on the employees' wage award, employers are not obliged to pay for the co-contribution fees for employees formal training, although many employers pay these on behalf of the trainee or apprentice.

Monthly payment of co-contribution fees, and concessions and exemptions available

Details are provided on the First Door [website](#), including:

- Free Apprentice/Traineeships for Under 25s
- Fee free school-based trainees

Employer responsibilities:

Employers of apprentices and trainees have responsibilities in these four key areas, throughout the duration of the training contract.

Please read the full information about [employer responsibilities](#) provided by QLD Government.

1. Getting started responsibilities

At the beginning of the apprenticeship, the employer must:

- have an employment contract, with the minimum requirement of part time employment for 15 hours per week
- arrange the signing of a training contract with an Australian Apprenticeships Centre (MEGT)
- select a Skills Assure Supplier Registered Training Organisation (First Door), in consultation with the apprentice
- negotiate a training plan with the apprentice and First Door within 3 months of signing the Apprentice/Traineeship contract

2. Required resources

As the employer, you will need to have enough resources to support the apprentice. For your apprentice to achieve competency in the *Early Childhood Education and Care* qualifications, you must be able to provide appropriate and adequate:

- facilities
- range of work
- level and hours of supervision.

Read full information about the [required resources for employing apprentices](#)

Employer resource assessment

First Door as the RTO, is required to complete an Employer resource assessment, [using this form](#).



3. Training duration: employer responsibilities



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For the duration of the apprenticeship/traineeship, the employer must:

- provide, or arrange to provide, the facilities and range of work as specified in the provided **training record folder**, ensuring your apprentice is adequately supervised by a qualified person
- pay the wages and provide the entitlements specified in the relevant award
- meet all **lawful obligations** of an employer, including those relating to workplace health and safety
- **release the apprentice from work and pay the appropriate wages** to attend any off-the-job training, as below.

4. Paid time for 'off-the-job' training with First Door

Training and assessment provided by First Door for the units in the Early Childhood qualifications is referred to as '*off-the-job training*' during the period of the apprenticeship. Under the requirements of the training contract, all employers must release their apprentice from work and pay the appropriate wages for the time spent participating in this training.

This time is estimated to be 8 hours per unit (or 8 hours each month, based on the student completing one unit per month), as outlined below:

Training: Online courses, resources and Zoom meetings - 4 hours per unit

First Door students are provided access to an online course for each unit. This involves paid time to use the unit's learning resources, including video tutorials and assessment guide videos.

Assessment - 3 hours per unit

The assessment workbook for each unit is based on practical work-based activities and assessment tasks which allow students to gather evidence and to put their learning into practice.

Mentoring meeting & study support - 1 hour per unit

Each student has an Early Childhood qualified and experienced personal mentor for study support. The student has a mentoring meeting for each unit to enable the mentor to provide feedback and guide the student.

This meeting also forms part of the assessment as the mentor evaluates the student's relevant knowledge and practical skills through the professional conversation/observation of skills.

