

## TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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### **Job Accelerator Grants boosted by \$5000 for apprentices**

Businesses that register a new employee for a Job Accelerator Grant (JAG) will receive an extra \$5000 if the person employed is an apprentice or trainee, as part of a State Budget measure designed to boost employment among young people.

The expanded grant scheme means businesses with payrolls between \$600,000 and \$5 million will receive up to \$15,000 for each apprentice above current staffing levels, while small businesses with payrolls up to \$600,000 will receive up to \$9000.

The new grant for apprentices and trainees will be backdated to July 2016, meaning businesses that have already hired a new apprentice or trainee and registered them for a Job Accelerator Grant will be eligible for the increased payment.

The measure is expected to cost an extra \$8.1 million over three years.

It is estimated that about 2000 current applications will be eligible for the new grant.

#### **Background**

The Job Accelerator Grant scheme was announced as part of the 2016-17 State Budget and almost 10,000 positions have been registered for the scheme. The \$109 million package offers a grant of up to \$10,000 over two years for each new full-time equivalent job created in small and medium businesses with a payroll between \$600,000 and \$5 million.

The package also helps small businesses with payrolls less than \$600,000 by providing a grant of up to \$4000 over two years for each new job of 22 hours or more per week.

For both grants the new staff member must be employed for at least 12 months, with the first half of the grant paid on the first anniversary date of employment, and the second grant paid on the second anniversary date.

Both levels of grants will continue to be offered under the same conditions, with an extra \$5000 available if the new staff member is an apprentice or trainee.

Businesses must register an additional employee within 90 days of the employee's commencement date. There is no limit to the number of times a business can access the grants.

Businesses can register at [www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au/jobs](http://www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au/jobs)

<b>Business type</b>	<b>JAG</b>	<b>JAG for apprentices &amp; trainees</b>
Small (payrolls up to \$600k)	Up to \$4k	Up to \$9k
Small to medium (payrolls \$600k to \$5m)	Up to \$10k	Up to \$15k

### **Quotes attributable to Premier Jay Weatherill**

As a community we face challenges as the automotive industry winds down and the economy transitions to other growing industries.

We want to do everything we can to create opportunities and new jobs during that transition and that's exactly what the Job Accelerator Grants are all about.

These grants, announced in last year's State Budget, have exceeded forecasts and already helped create almost 10,000 jobs in the economy.

By offering an additional \$5000 for apprentices we can create more jobs for younger people in South Australia, and at the same time support South Australian businesses as they invest and grow.

### **Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis**

The forced closure of Holden by the Federal Government is hitting South Australia hard.

While Holden won't close its doors until October, we are already seeing the impact on component manufacturers as their forward supply contracts dry up.

But new, high-growth industries are emerging and by offering an extra \$5000 for each new apprentice or trainee in small and medium businesses, we can ensure the skills exist within the workforce as these sectors develop.

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