



**National Australian
Apprenticeship Association**

Extension of Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements and Completing Apprenticeship Commencements

Providing welcome certainty

The Association warmly welcomes the Prime Minister's announcement today that the Boosting Apprenticeship Commencement program is to be extended to 30th June 2023, with new commencements to occur before June 30th, 2022.

The pre-budget announcement also extends the Completing Apprenticeship Commencement measure.

"BAC and CAC have been amongst the most successful measures ever introduced to support the apprenticeship sector" said Ben Bardon CEO of NAAA.

"Employer demand for apprentices and trainees has been incredibly strong ahead of the current end date of 31st March so today's announcement provides welcome certainty to employers who have yet to find and commence the apprentice they would like to employ".

"Over 74,000 employers have used the program to hire staff since its inception in October 2020. The providers in the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network have risen to the challenge to support the program, almost doubling their workforce to do so." Said Mr Bardon.

The Morrison government is to be commended for its record investment into the skills sector as a key plank of the economic recovery from the pandemic. While the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network has proved instrumental in the successful delivery of the program.

"It great that the government knows it can rely on the AASN providers to deliver the programs that underpin our economic recovery". Said Mr Bardon.

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