Employer assistance available to hire new apprentices and trainees

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Territory Businesses are being encouraged to capitalise on financial assistance to employ apprentices and trainees available now through the latest release of the Northern Territory Government’s employer incentives.

Two-hundred grants totalling $680,000 are available to encourage businesses in the private sector to employ additional apprentices and trainees through the NT Occupational Shortage Employer Incentive Scheme and the NT Disadvantaged Groups Employer Incentive Scheme.

Minister for Employment and Training, Peter Styles said the Northern Territory Government is committed to growing a skilled local workforce that will take advantage of opportunities as Northern Australia continues to develop.

“One-hundred and forty grants worth up to $4000 are available to businesses that employ apprentices and trainees in skill shortage areas,” Mr Styles said.

“The Government is aligning our education and training initiatives with, and responding to the needs of business, industry and individuals.

“Training Territorians with a specific focus on areas with a skills shortage or in areas of future labour demand is a priority.

“A further 60 grants worth $2000 are available to businesses that employ an apprentice or trainee who are; Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; migrants or a Territorian with a disability.”

To date more than 3200 grants have been allocated to businesses and organisations that employ apprentices and trainees in skill shortage areas or from disadvantaged groups.

“A skilled workforce is essential to unlocking the full potential of Northern Australia and the employer incentives assist businesses to provide employment and training opportunities for Territorians,” Mr Styles said.

“Only the Country Liberals Government’s Framing the Future plan will generate opportunities, support Territorians to capitalise on those opportunities and ensure a prosperous economy for all Territorians.”

For information on applying for the grants, visit www.nt.gov.au (http://www.nt.gov.au/).

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