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BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS, AUSTRALIA

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information on Apprenticeships and Trainees using existing Commonwealth Government administrative data sources for public interest research and statistical analysis purposes.

The information will be collected in relation to reference periods from 1 January 2006 onwards and is sourced from apprenticeship and trainee program administration data, held by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. Data will be supplied to the ABS using a secure file transfer.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics for programs offered nationally, including:

- demographic and employment characteristics of apprentices and trainees;
- types of apprenticeships and traineeships;
- wage subsidies and other support payments; and
- apprenticeship and traineeship completions.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from late 2023 onwards. The principal users of the information are authorised researchers for approved projects via the Person Level Integrated Data Asset (PLIDA).

PLIDA combines data on healthcare, education, government payments, income and taxation, employment, and population demographics. PLIDA provides whole-of life insights that can improve the lives of all Australians, facilitating the use and re-use of public data for research purposes.

Apprenticeships and traineeships play an important role in Australia's workforce and education system. This data integrated with PLIDA will help to inform issues and projects relating to industry-relevant skills.

To assist in determining the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden consistent with the Government's Regulator Performance Framework, the ABS has assessed that this administrative data collection avoids potential costs and reporting burden by reusing available data.

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