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# Newcastle Master Builders Apprenticeship Scheme Update



Date: April 2020

#### **Message from the Manager**

By now most people have experienced the realization of the enormous impact COVID-19 has made in people's lives both long and short term. Already over a million people have lost their jobs! This account reinforces the huge challenges being faced by large sections of our economy right now, let alone in 6 months!

Thankfully it is business as usual for us at Newcastle MBA Apprenticeship Schemes, however this comes with new strict hygiene rules for Building sites to adhere to, to safeguard the future of operations and its people with minimal chance of outbreaks of the COVID-19 virus.

It is pleasing to see also that State and Federal governments perceive the need to keep the Building and construction Industry operating as it is an essential service to the community. This is good for our Apprentices and Trainee's as they are working and continuing their Trade studies, ensuring future Trade numbers will be at reliable numbers.

Overall this is a major challenge for the nation's second biggest industry, and we are in the driver's seat of the economic activity needed to stimulate job activity to see our country through this crisis, but we will need to be diligent with the good hygiene and social distancing practices that have been put in place. Off- site hygiene behaviour is just as important, and the rules must be adhered to.

As stated, we are open for business and we have Building Apprentices from 4th year to 1st year ready for hire, so call your local Building experts if you need an extra pair of hands on site!

By Brett Lester

#### **Recruitment Report**

Business is open as usual for us at Newcastle MBA Apprenticeship Schemes. We have Building and Construction Apprentices ready for hire!

Newcastle Master Builders Apprentices has had a reasonably good start with its yearly "New start Apprentice" intake. This has been quite an achievement for all concerned and we are still employing as the belated projects start.

We have found that recruitment has been consistent throughout this year so far, we have been fortunate enough to gain and maintain quality clients wanting to take on Apprentices through our Group Training Scheme.

A sincere thank you to all our Host Employers, Repeat and New that have given a young person an opportunity to build themselves a career as a Tradesperson within our Industry!

We are continuously looking for Applicants in all trades. If you are interested in applying with us, please send your resume to mbagtp@mbagtp.com.au or contact us for more information on 02 4979 0170. Visit our website www.mbagtp.com.au for further information on our Group Apprenticeship Scheme and how we can assist you in gaining entry into the Building Industry to start your future career.

By Alisha Howard

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## **Public Holidays Remaining**

From the team at Newcastle MBA Group Training we hope you had a lovely Easter Break, enjoying the well-earned long weekend.

Below are the upcoming Public Holidays for the remainder of 2020:

Anzac Day Queen's Birthday Labour Day Christmas Day Boxing Day Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December



## **TAFE Notice / Holidays 2020**

## **TAFE NSW – Coronavirus Update**

TAFE NSW has paused most training and educational delivery. During the temporary pause, teaching teams will be working to get everything ready for classes to recommence on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

From 27<sup>th</sup> April, any paused study program will re-commence delivery to students through connected and blended delivery options. This may include modified face to face delivery where necessary and where adequate social distancing measures can be implemented, however most studies will be delivered via an online system.

Teachers will discuss arrangements directly with their students over the next few weeks.

#### **TAFE Holidays 2020**

10th April – 26th AprilEnd of Term 122nd June – 19th JulyEnd of Term 228th September – 11th OctoberEnd of Term 314th December – to be advisedEnd of Term 4



## **Safety Reminder**

With the current circumstances of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the upcoming flu season please ensure you're completing all prevention strategies:

Wash your hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds.

**Cover your cough or sneeze** with a tissue. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.













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Coronavirus is a virus that can cause respiratory illnesses. Symptoms of the virus can range from mild illness to pneumonia.

#### Symptoms may include any of the following:

Fever
Cough
Sore throat
Nasal Congestion
Runny Nose
Diarrhoea

If you are experiencing any of the above symptoms, please contact our office and your Host Employer immediately and seek medical attention. If you are required to get testing done for Coronavirus, please attend this urgently. You will not be able to return to work until you have been tested negatively for the virus and received medical clearance.

If you are tested positive or for further information, please call us on 02 4979 0170.

#### Flu Immunisations

Due to the flu season coming up, Newcastle MBA would also like to take this opportunity to make it easy for our Apprentices to get Flu Immunisation.

If you book in to get it done, please keep your receipt and take a photo to send through to our office either via email or to our mobile 0409 307 340 as we will be reimbursing you up to \$25.

## **Supporting Apprentice and Trainee's Wage Subsidy**

As part of the Government's Economic Response to the Coronavirus, \$1.3 billion will be made available to 70,000 small businesses to help them keep around 117,000 apprentices and trainees across the country in work and training. Host employers with less than 20 staff will be potentially eligible to receive support.

To support small businesses to retain their apprentices and trainees, eligible businesses can apply for a wage subsidy of 50 per cent of the apprentice's, or trainee's wage paid during the 9 months from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020. Employers will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$21,000 per eligible apprentice or trainee (\$7,000 per quarter).

Newcastle MBA have completed applications on behalf of all our Host Employers and will be sure to be in contact once we are notified if you're eligible along with any information regarding payment for your Apprentice wages.

#### Did you know?

Did you know Newcastle MBA Apprenticeship Schemes can also provide you with a suitable Trainee at a cost-effective rate?

- Business Administration Certificate III & IV
- General Construction Certificate II
- Retail Operation Certificate III
- Construction Waterproofing Certificate III
- Blinds, Awning, Security Screens & Grilles Certificate III
- Floor Laying Certificate III

For further information on any of our services – please contact our friendly staff on (02) 4979 0170 or visit our website.

Our next Newsletter will be released in August 2020.

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