

## **INQUIRY INTO SKILLS SHORTAGES IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW**

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**Summary**

**State Development - Rural & Regional Skills Shortage Incentive**

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**From:****To:****Date:****Subject:**

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Hello Julie.

I'm an electrical contractor living and working around the Bega region (far south coast of NSW). I have recently employed an apprentice who is now starting his first year in Electrotechnology Certificate III -Systems Electrician (Electrical Mechanics).

I am enquiring about my eligibility to receive the Rural & Regional Skills Shortage Incentive (\$1100).After much consultation with the Government body (ABINAC) which initiated the contract between my apprentice and myself, I find that they are unable to give me a conclusive decision.

I have spent several years trying to find a suitable person to employ as an apprentice with many failures and I fully understand why there is such a shortage of skilled workers in our country. Now I believe I have finally found a very capable and conscientious candidate for such a position of whom I wish to hold onto. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated as work in our area is seemingly drying up and I am finding that I must travel further interstate to accomodate

the continuation of my business. The costs associated with such travel (fuel, accomodation etc.) is beginning to cripple my business and rather than terminate or suspend my apprentices employment I would rather try and 'ride out' the quiet times so any incentive or decisions regarding such incentives would be welcomed with opened arms! I will continue to pursue this matter with ABINAC, N.S.W.Dept. Education & Training and any other departments as the common answer of "I'm sorry , I'm new to this and don't know" is not very helpful. I hope you may help and look forward to hearing from you. Regards,

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Manager Petrie Electrical