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Australian apprenticeships receive a real leg up

The Commonwealth Government's Industry Specialist Mentoring for Australian Apprentices (ISMAA) program announced today by Assistant Minister for Vocational Education, Karen Andrews, will deliver a significant boost for apprenticeship training in Australia, said the Housing Industry Association.

"Many young Australians face a number of challenges as they journey through their apprenticeships towards a trade qualification, particularly during the early years of their training," said HIA's Deputy Managing Director, Graham Wolfe.

"These challenges can impede the apprentice's progress and often create personal hurdles that reduce the likelihood of completion. Unfortunately too many apprenticeships fail to reach completion.

"Supporting and mentoring apprentices during the early stages of their training will definitely lift apprenticeship completion rates nationally – an outcome that benefits the apprentice, our industry's skills' capabilities and the economy more broadly.

Through the ISMAA funding, HIA is able to deliver an Apprentice Mentoring Program that provides an apprentice support hub offering a wide range of services, facilities, tools, advice and assistance to support apprentices in the building and construction industry during their early and middle apprenticeship years.

"The funding enables mentoring providers such as HIA with the resources to make a real difference towards retaining apprentices to completion, which means a steady supply of qualified tradespeople at a time when industry needs them the most," Mr Wolfe concluded.

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