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Support boosted for Victorian apprentices

Building and construction industry apprentices are set to win under plans unveiled today by Victorian Labor.

Today's announcement will see car registration costs halved for apprentices, which will provide savings of up to \$135 a year. It will also guarantee that one in 10 jobs on major taxpayer funded construction projects are provided to apprentices.

"Our industry wants to see our politicians take action to boost skills and create jobs in our sector," said Radley de Silva, Chief Executive Officer at Master Builders.

"Apprentices will win from cuts to car rego to help pay for the tools and equipment that is vital for them to build up their careers."

Master Builders said a range of actions should be looked at by both major political parties to stimulate apprentice numbers in the construction sector, including support for both employers and apprentices.

"The best way governments can get more apprentices into our sector is by creating incentives for the businesses who offer them work and invest countless hours into training them," Mr de Silva said.

"We also need new action and solutions to offer more mentoring and support services to apprentices, who often struggle to find their feet in our industry.

"Providing support for businesses and apprentices should be at the heart of political action, rather than mandating apprenticeship quotas on construction sites."

Master Builders has new online tools, including a wages calculator and a career tracker application, now available for apprentices at www.alinktoolbox.org.au.

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