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Incentives to encourage young Australians to undertake seasonal work

This measure creates new independence criterion for Youth Allowance and ABSTUDY students in support of Australia's agricultural sector and the challenges presented by Coronavirus (COVID-19). The change provides an incentive to encourage young Australians to undertake seasonal agricultural work. It also aims to help address the expected critical workforce shortages across the industry for the upcoming harvest seasons.

Under the new criteria, a person can be considered independent if they meet both the following:

- earn \$15,000 through employment in the agricultural industry between the date of Royal Assent to 31 December 2021
- have combined parental income under the parental income threshold of \$160,000 per year plus \$10,000 for each additional child.

This change is subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects Youth Allowance students and ABSTUDY students.

When will this start and finish?

This starts from the date the measure gets Royal Assent and will finish on 30 January 2023.