**Quick Reference Guide: Australian Apprenticeship Probation Periods**

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| **State/Territory** | **Typical Probation** | **Extension Allowed** | **More Information / Where to Find Form** |
| **New South Wales (NSW)** | Up to 3 months | Yes – up to 3 extra months via form VT25 | [NSW Apprenticeship Forms and Documents (includes VT25)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/resources/apprenticeship-and-traineeship-forms-and-documents) |
| **Victoria (VIC)** | 90 days | Yes – apply via ACAP provider (using the VRQA training contract variation form) | [VIC Apprenticeships and Traineeships](https://www.vic.gov.au/apprenticeships-and-traineeships) |
| **Queensland (QLD)** | 90 days | Yes – up to 6 months (application typically requires form ATF-014) | [QLD Apprenticeships and Traineeships](https://www.qld.gov.au/education/apprenticeships/about/training-supervision/probation) |
| **South Australia (SA)** | 90 days | Yes – up to 6 months or 25% of the contract (whichever is less) | [SA Apprenticeship Probationary Period Extension Form (PDF)](https://skills.sa.gov.au/assets/uploads/toolkit/supportingSkilledCareers/Probationary-Period-Extension-V1.4-14.07.23.pdf) |
| **Western Australia (WA)** | 3 months or 1/12 of contract (whichever is shorter) | Yes – via WAAMS portal (Western Australian Apprenticeship Management System) | [WAAMS Online Client Portal Information](https://www.wa.gov.au/service/education-and-training/vocational-education/western-australian-apprenticeship-management-system) |
| **Tasmania (TAS)** | 60 or 90 days (depending on qualification duration) | **Yes – by formal approval from Skills Tasmania via a Training Contract Amendment**. Employers, apprentices, and RTOs must jointly apply, usually with ACAP assistance. Extensions may be approved for reasons such as training delays or suspension periods (e.g. form VT13). | [Skills Tasmania: Apprenticeships & Traineeships](https://www.skills.tas.gov.au/apprenticeships_and_traineeships) |
| **Australian Capital Territory (ACT)** | Up to 3 months | Yes – via ACAP provider | [ACT Apprenticeships and Traineeships](https://www.skills.act.gov.au/apprenticeships-and-traineeships) |
| **Northern Territory (NT)** | 3 months | Yes – one extension of up to 3 months by employer’s written notice to **Apprenticeships NT (Department of Education)** before the initial period ends | [Australian Apprenticeships NT Forms (from The Apprenticeship People)](https://www.theapprenticeshippeople.com.au/services/resources/forms) |