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PaTH programme a great initiative

The Australian Hotels Association (AHA) has commended the Government's announcement of an innovative \$752 million Youth Jobs PaTH (Prepare-Trial-Hire) Programme aimed at helping young job seekers to move off welfare and into employment.

AHA National CEO Stephen Ferguson said, "Previous employment programmes had not quite lined up the needs of young job seekers with the needs of business".

"Minister Michaelia Cash has taken the time to discuss with employers the best way of getting young Australians into employment."

"The PaTH Programme delivers a package that will really help our hotels help young people who may not be quite job ready".

"It is always hard for people to get their first start in life, but the PaTH Programme with pre-employment skills training, leading into an internship placement, is the start many young people will be looking for.

"The financial support from Government for both the young person and the business is the key to enabling hands on experience in the workplace."

"The youth bonus wage subsidy will lay the platform for long term employment, especially those job seekers classified as less job ready."

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