Employer's Handbook

An introductory guide for employers



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Employer Checklist

Before an employee commences

ltem	Website	See page
Register for PAYG Withholding with the Australian Taxation Office	https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Regist ration/Work-out-which-registrations- you-need/Taxation-registrations/Pay- as-you-go-withholding/	n/a
Produce a pack of documents for your new employee. This would typically include the employment contract, letter of offer, employee details form, Super choice form, tax file number declaration form and any other documents relevant to your business	n/a	4
Have your new employee complete and return their Employee Details	n/a	6
Have your employee complete and return a Tax File Number Declaration	n/a	9
Have your employee complete and return a Superannuation Standard Choice Form	https://www.ato.gov.au/uploadedFiles/Co ntent/SPR/downloads/SUPER17983Super annuation_standard_choice_form.pdf	10
Provide your new employee with a copy of Fair Work Information Statement (only applicable to national system employers)	https://www.fairwork.gov.au/employee- entitlements/national-employment- standards/fair-work-information- statement	15

When an employee commences

ltem	Website	See page
Set up a personnel file for the employee that will contain any documents pertaining to their employment	n/a	n/a
Provide an appropriate induction that includes company policies, workplace safety and health, operation of equipment	n/a	n/a

During employment

	ltem	Website	See page
	Have your employees complete timesheets	n/a	7
	Have your employees apply for planned leave using a leave form	n/a	8

Employer Obligations

ltem	Notes
Deduct tax from each pay using PAYGW tables	See tax tables at: http://www.lincolns.com.au/tools-apps.php
Check the TFN declaration	This important to determine whether the employee has chosen the tax free threshold and whether they have HELP, SSL, ABSTUDY SSL, TSL OR SFSS debt
Report gross wages and tax withheld to the ATO when lodging your Business Activity Statement	
Calculate superannuation (currently 9.5%) on the gross ordinary time earnings (before deducting tax) and	 Generally, you have to pay super for your employees if they: are paid \$450 (before tax) or more in a calendar month work full-time, part-time or on a casual basis are under 18 and working more than 30 hours per week
Pay quarterly direct to the super fund (not to the employee) via a SuperStream compliant method	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Single touch payroll - Report payroll information from your payroll system at each pay cycle.	The old PAYG payment summaries are no longer relevant. Employees will access their year to date wages, tax withheld and superannuation from their MyGov account.

Other Considerations

ltem	Notes
Be sure a Workers' Compensation insurance policy is in place and that it is paid up	
Do you employ foreign workers?	https://www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help- for/visa-holders-and-migrants
Be aware of Fringe Benefits Tax if you are providing benefits in addition to the wage, such as motor vehicles, accommodation, meals	

Useful Links

Website description	Website address
Pay information - Everything a national system employer needs to know to meet their legal obligations in paying your employees	https://www.fairwork.gov.au/pay
Pay and conditions tool – a calculator for national system employers to determine base pay rates, allowances and penalty rates	https://calculate.fairwork.gov.au/FindYourAward
Award Finder (federal) – an alphabetical list of all modern Awards (national) and a tool to help you find the applicable award for your employees	https://www.fairwork.gov.au/awards-and- agreements/awards/list-of-awards
Award Finder (state) – an alphabetical list of all Awards in the state system	http://www.wairc.wa.gov.au/index.php/en/FullAwards
Leave calculator – a calculator for national system employers to find out how much annual or sick / carer's leave as accumulated	https://calculate.fairwork.gov.au/leave
Apprentice and Trainee pay rates for national system employers	https://www.fairwork.gov.au/pay/minimum- wages/apprentice-and-trainee-pay-rates
Information on visa regulations for working holiday makers	https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/International-tax- for-individuals/Coming-to-Australia/Working- holiday-makers/
Check visa conditions online – allows employers to check visa conditions	https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have- a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/check- conditions-online

IMPORTANT – THIS IS A SAMPLE ONLY. YOU SHOULD SEEK LEGAL ADVICE WHEN DRAFTING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

<Insert Letterhead>

<mark><Date></mark>

<Employee Name> <Address Line 1> <Address Line 2>

Good Morning/Afternoon <name>

Future Employment with < Business Name>

Congratulations on being accepted as part of the team at

business name>. Set out below are the conditions of your employment and our offer to you:

 Your position of <position> is permanent <full-time or part-time> and will commence on <date>.

<or>

Your position of <position> is <full-time or part-time> commencing on <date> and finishing on <date>.

- Your terms and conditions of employment will be subject to the Award name and you will be employed under Classification level.
- Your duties will be as described in the enclosed position description. You may be required from time to time to perform other duties within your level of skills and competence to meet business needs.
- Your salary package is \$< amount> per <hour/week/annum> (including 9.5% Superannuation). This is made up of a base salary of \$<salary> plus superannuation of \$<salary>. Your salary will be reviewed in < timing>.
- You will be paid on a <weekly/fortnightly/monthly> basis with the amount being deposited directly into your nominated bank account. Those details will be obtained from you together with your nominated superannuation fund during the first week of your employment.

- There is a standard three month probationary period. You will have a performance review three months after you commence your employment with us. At the end of the probationary period, subject to satisfactory performance and operational requirements, you will be offered continuing employment on a permanent basis.
- Full-time team members are entitled to 4 weeks annual leave, all public holidays and 10 days for personal / carer's leave. Annual leave and personal / carer's leave is prorata for part-time team members.

Please read the attached document/s carefully prior to accepting this offer of employment. Should you have any qeustions, please contact <insert name>.

If the terms and conditions of the offer are acceptable to you, please confirm your acceptance by signing and dating the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it prior to your proposed start date.

I trust that the position you have accepted within our team provides you with the professional challenges you desire and we look forward to you starting with us on <a href="https://www.com/starting-vith-started-vi

Yours sincerely

<Name of signatory> <Title of signatory>

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I hereby accept the offer of employment.

Name:	

Signature:

Date:

Employee Details

Name		
Job title		
Tax File Number		
Address		
Home phone		
Mobile phone		
Home email		
Date of birth		
Next of kin name		Relationship
Next of kin contact number		
Superannuation fund name		Superannuation fund number
Bank account details	BSB:	Account No:
Date of commencement		
Date ceased employment		

TIMESHEET

Employee Name:

Week Ending:

	Times	Hours	Hours	Leave			On Call
	Times	Hours		Annual	Public Holiday	Personal	Yes/No
Monday							
Tuesday							
Wednesday							
Thursday							
Friday							
Saturday							
Sunday							
TOTAL							

Allowances

_____kms @ <insert cents amount>c per kilometre \$_____ Travel:

\$ On Call Allowance: days @ \$<insert dollar amount> per day

Professional Fee Reimbursement:

Date	Client	Total Invoice	Professional Fee (exc travel & medic)	Less GST	Claim (50%)
Total Professional Fee Reimbursement					

Total Allowances:

\$

Signature: _____

LEAVE APPLICATION

Name Department

I wish to take leave on the dates shown below:

First day of leave	Last day of leave	
Return date		

This leave is made up of:

Type of leave	Number of days
Annual leave	
Personal leave	
Leave of absence (unpaid)	
Other, please specify (eg long service leave)	
Total	

Are there any public holidays during your leave period? Yes / No

Comments:

Signed	Dated	

When completed, please return to <insert name of person>. You will receive an email when your leave has been approved.

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	Signature	Date
<insert approving="" leave="" of="" person="" title=""></insert>		
<insert 2<sup="" of="" title="">nd person approving leave></insert>		

Australian Taxation Office Use a black Print X in the	ORIGINAL – ATO copy number declaration tion is NOT an application for a tax file number. k or blue pen and print clearly in BLOCK LETTERS. he appropriate boxes. e instructions before you complete this declaration. ORIGINAL – ATO copy 30920713
Section A: To be completed by the PAYEE 1 What is your tax file number (TFN)? For more information, see question 1 on page 2 of the instructions. OR I am claiming an exemption because I at 18 years of age and do not earn enough to OR I am claiming an exemption because receipt of a pension, benefit or alle	ting TFN. 7 Are you an Australian resident for tax purposes? You must answer no at question 8. Im under pay tax. (Visit ato.gov.au/residency to check) Yes No You must answer no at question 8. Image: A state of the sta
2 What is your name? Title: Mr Mrs Miss Surname or family name First given name Other given names	 Only claim the tax-free threshold from one payer at a time, unless your total income from all sources for the financial year will be less than the tax-free threshold. Yes No Answer no at questions 9 and 10 unless you are a foreign resident claiming a seniors and pensioners, zone or overseas forces tax offset. 9 Do you want to claim the seniors and pensioners tax offset by reducing the amount withheld from payments made to you? Yes Complete a <i>Withholding declaration</i> (NAT 3093), but only if you are claiming the tax-free threshold from this payer. If you have more than one payer, see page 3 of the instructions. 10 Do you want to claim a zone, overseas forces, dependent spouse or dependent (invalid)
 3 If you have changed your name since you last dealt with us, show your previous family name 4 What is your date of birth? 5 What is your home address in Australia? 	Year Year Year Your payer will withhold additional amounts to cover any compulsory repayments that may be raised on your notice of assessment. No (b) Do you have an accumulated Financial Supplement debt? Your payer will withhold additional amounts to cover any compulsory repayments that may be raised on your notice of assessment. No
Suburb or town State/territory Postcode	DECLARATION by payee: I declare that the information I have given is true and correct. Signature Date You MUST SIGN here There are penalties for deliberately making a false or misleading statement.
your withholding payer number? (if 2 If you don't have an ABN or withholding payer number, have you applied for one?	
Yes No 3 What is your legal name or registered business name (or your individual name if not in business)?	State/territory Postcode 5 Who is your contact person? Business phone number Business phone number 6 If you no longer make payments to this payee, print X in this box
DECLARATION by payer: I declare that the information I have given is true and Signature of payer Date Day Month Month Day Month Day Month Day	Year Por Na, SA, NT, VIC or TAS For NSW, QLD or ACT MPORTANT Australian Taxation Office Australian Taxation Office Po Box 795 Po Box 9004 ALBURY NSW 2640 PENRITH NSW 2740 Indeging online.

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Australian Taxation Office

Choice of su	Examployee to complete perannuation fund all my future superannuation contributions be paid to: (place an \mathcal{X} in one of the boxes below)		
my employer's superannuation fund named in 'Section B – Question 6'			
	need to complete 'Section A' if you want to choose the superannuation fund that your employer's on contributions are paid to.		
Your details			
Name			
Employee identi	ification number (if applicable)		
Tax file number			
	(TFN) Make sure your superannuation fund knows your TFN. You can check just by looking at your latest statement from them It helps you keep track of your money, allows you to pay extra contributions, and makes sure the money gets taxed at the special low rate.		
Details of my	chosen superannuation fund:		
Fund name			
Fund address			
	Suburb/town State/territory Postcode		
Member No. (if applicable)			
Account name			
Superannuation	fund's Australian business number (ABN) (if applicable)		
Superannuation	product identification number (if applicable)		
Daytime phone number			
Appropriate	documentation (Place an \mathcal{X} in the box if you have attached the required information.)		
I have attac a. a letter fi self man b. written e			
Your emplo	yer is not required to accept your choice of fund if you have not provided the appropriate documents.		
Signature			
	Date Day Month Year		

Do not send this form to us at the ATO or your superannuation fund.

Section B: Employer to complete

	Your details		
Business name			
	Signature		
	Date Day Month Year		
Your employer nominated superannuation fund If the employee does not choose a different superannuation fund, superannuation contributions will be paid to the following superannuation fund on behalf of this employee (unless the employee has previously chosen a different			
	Fund's name		
	Superannuation product identification number (if applicable)		
For the product disclosure statement for this fund (if applicable) Phone			
Fund's website			
	your records:		
	This section must be completed when the employee returns the form to you with a completed 'Section A'.		
	Day Month Year Day Month Year Date valid choice is accepted / / Date you act on your employee's valid choice / / /		
Do not send a copy of this form to us at the ATO or your superannuation fund. You must keep a copy for you own records for a period of five years.			

PRIVACY STATEMENT

We do not collect this information. We provide a format for you as an employee to provide that information to your employer.

Wage Reconciliation

Year Ending: _____

The total wages and tax withheld amounts lodged in your activity statements should match the total amounts reported on the Payment Summaries Annual Report.

Before you lodge your June BAS, reconcile the wages by recording the amounts lodged in your activity statements. Then record the amounts reported on the Payment Summaries Annual Report. If there are any differences between the totals, the amounts can then be adjusted on the June BAS.

	Amounts reported on Business Activity Statements		
		W1 Gross Wages	W2 Wages Tax
	July		
	August		
1 st quarter	September		
	October		
	November		
2 nd quarter	December		
	January		
	February		
3 rd quarter	March		
	April		
	May		
4 th quarter	June		

Amounts reported on Payment Summaries		
Employee	Gross	Тах



Introduction to the National Employment Standards

What are the National Employment Standards?

The National Employment Standards (NES) are the 10 minimum standards of employment which cover the following:

 Maximum weekly hours of work – 38 hours per week, plus reasonable additional hours.

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- Requests for flexible working arrangements certain employees can ask to change their working arrangement.
- Parental leave and related entitlements up to 12 months unpaid leave and the right to ask for an extra 12 months unpaid leave. Also includes adoption-related leave.
- Annual leave four weeks paid leave per year, plus an extra week for some shift workers.
- Personal/carer's leave and compassionate leave 10 days paid personal/carer's leave, two days unpaid carer's leave as required, and two days compassionate leave as required.
- <u>Community service leave</u> unpaid leave for voluntary emergency activities and leave for jury service, with an entitlement to be paid for up to 10 days for jury service.
- Long service leave paid leave for employees who have been with the same employer for a long time.
- Public holidays a paid day off on a public holiday (unpaid for casuals), except where reasonably requested to work.
- Notice of termination and redundancy pay up to five weeks notice of termination and up to 16 weeks redundancy pay, both based on length of service.
- Provision of a Fair Work Information Statement must be provided by employers to all new employees.

Who do the NES apply to?

The NES apply to all employees covered by the national workplace relations system, however only certain entitlements apply to casual employees.

These are:

- · maximum weekly hours
- two days unpaid carer's leave and two days unpaid

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Fair Work Infoline: 13 13 94

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Contact the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 13 14 50

compassionate leave per occasion

- community service leave (except paid jury service)
- public holidays
- provision of the Fair Work Information Statement.

In addition, casual employees who have been employed for at least 12 months by an employer on a regular and systematic basis and with an expectation of ongoing employment are entitled to:

- make requests for flexible working arrangements
- parental leave and related entitlements.

There are also two NES that apply to all full-time and parttime employees, whether they are covered by the national workplace relations system or not.

These are:

- parental leave and related entitlements
- notice of termination.

How do the NES apply?

Terms in awards, registered agreements and employment contracts cannot exclude or provide for an entitlement less than the NES, and those that do have no effect. However, they can affect the operation of the NES in certain ways.

For example, they may specify terms that deal with:

- averaging an employee's ordinary hours of work
- · the cashing out and taking of paid annual leave
- the cashing out of paid personal/carer's leave
- extra personal/carer's leave or annual leave in exchange for foregoing an equivalent amount of pay.
- the substitution of public holidays
- situations in which redundancy entitlements do not apply.

They may also supplement the NES by providing entitlements that are more favourable for employees.

A contravention of the NES may result in penalties of up to \$12,600 for an individual and \$63,000 for a corporation.

Hearing & speech assistance

Call through the National Relay Service (NRS):

For TTY: 13 36 77. Ask for the Fair Work Infoline 13 13 94

Speak & Listen: 1300 555 727. Ask for the Fair Work Infoline 13 13 94

The Fair Work Ombudsman is committed to providing you with advice that you can rely on. The information contained in this fact sheet is general in nature. If you are unsure about how it applies to your situation you can call our Infoline on 13 13 94 or speak with a union, industry association or a workplace relations professional.



Fair Work Information Statement

Employers must give this document to new employees when they start work

Use our free calculators to

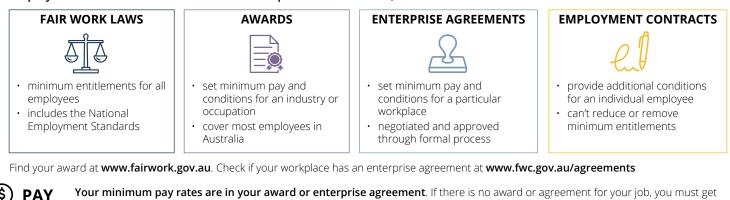
check your pay, leave and

termination entitlements at:

www.fairwork.gov.au/pact

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PAY AND CONDITIONS

Employees in Australia have entitlements and protections at work, under:



Your minimum pay rates are in your award or enterprise agreement. If there is no award or agreement for your job, you must get at least the National Minimum Wage. You can't agree to be paid less. Minimum pay rates are usually updated yearly. Find out what you should get at www.fairwork.gov.au/minimum-wages

 NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE
 \$19.49/hour
 \$24.36/hour

 FROM 1 JULY 2019
 full-time or part-time
 casual

 This is the adult rate for employees with no award or enterprise agreement.

) NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Lower rates may apply to juniors, apprentices and employees with disability.

These are minimum standards for all employees. Rules and exclusions may apply. **Your award or agreement may provide more**. Find more information on the National Employment Standards at **www.fairwork.gov.au/NES**

 4 weeks paid leave per year (pro rata for part-time employees) + 1 week for eligible shift workers 10 days paid leave per year 2 days unpaid leave per permissible occasion (if no paid personal leave left) 2 days paid leave per permissible occasion 5 days unpaid leave per 12 months 10 days paid leave with make-up pay + unpaid leave as required 	 X Z days unpaid leave per permissible occasion 2 days unpaid leave per permissible occasion 5 days unpaid leave per 12 months Unpaid leave as required
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10 days paid leave with make-up pay + unpaid leave as	•
10 days paid leave with make-up pay + unpaid leave as required	
Unpaid leave as required to engage in the activity	✓ Unpaid leave as required to engage in the activity
Paid leave (amount and eligibility rules vary between states and territories)	* Varies between states and territories
12 months unpaid leave - can extend up to 24 months with employer's agreement	 12 months unpaid leave for regular and systematic casuals - can extend up to 24 months with employer's agreement
Full-time employees – 38 hours per week + reasonable additi Part-time and casual employees – 38 hours or employee's or reasonable additional hours	
A paid day off if you'd normally work. If asked to work you can refuse, if reasonable to do so	 An unpaid day off. If asked to work you can refuse, if reasonable to do so
1-5 weeks notice (or pay instead of notice) based on length of employment and age	×
4 -16 weeks pay based on length of employment	×
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*Applications have been made to the High Court to appeal a recent decision on the method of accruing and taking paid personal/carer's leave under the National Employment Standards. This document currently reflects the state of the law as it applies to affected employees, but is subject to any changes at law. For details see www.fairwork.gov.au/leave/sick-and-carers-leave



Employers must give this document to new employees when they start work

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PAY AND CONDITIONS

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After 12 months employment, you can make a written request for flexible working arrangements if you're 55 or over, a carer, have a disability, are experiencing violence from a family member (or are supporting a family or household member who is), or are the parent of, or have caring responsibilities for, a child of school age or younger. This includes employees returning from parental or adoption leave asking to work part-time to care for the child. Your employer must respond in writing within 21 days. They can only say no on reasonable business grounds.

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You and your employer can also **negotiate an individual flexibility arrangement**. This would change how certain terms in your award or enterprise agreement apply to you. An individual flexibility arrangement must be a genuine choice – it can't be a condition of employment – and it must leave you better off overall. Find out more at:

www.fairwork.gov.au/flexibility

DID YOU KNOW?

You can create a free My account to save your workplace information in one place at: www.fairwork.gov.au/register

You can find free online courses to help you start a new job or have difficult conversations at work, visit: www.fairwork.gov.au/learning

The **Record My Hours app** makes it quick and easy to record the hours you work. It's free on the App Store and Google Play.

] → ENDING EMPLOYMENT

When your employment ends, your final pay should include all **outstanding entitlements**, such as wages and unused annual leave and long service leave.

You may be entitled to **notice of termination**, or pay instead of notice. If you're dismissed for serious misconduct, you're not entitled to notice. If you resign you may have to give your employer notice. To check if notice is required and what should be in your final pay visit:

www.fairwork.gov.au/ending-employment

If you think your **dismissal was unfair** or unlawful, you have **21 calendar days** to lodge a claim with the Fair Work Commission. Rules and exceptions apply. Find out more at:

www.fairwork.gov.au/termination

D PROTECTIONS AT WORK

All employees have protections at work. You can't be treated differently or worse because you have or exercise a workplace right, for example, the right to request flexible working arrangements, take leave or make a complaint or enquiry about your employment.

You have the right to join a union or choose not to, and to take part in lawful industrial activity or choose not to.

You also have protections when temporarily absent from work due to illness or injury, from discrimination, bullying and harassment, coercion, misrepresentation, sham contracting, and undue influence or pressure. Find out more at:

www.fairwork.gov.au/protections

😽 AGREEMENT MAKING

Enterprise agreements are negotiated between an employer, their employees, and any employee representatives (e.g. a union). This process is called 'bargaining' and has to follow set rules. The Fair Work Commission checks and approves agreements. For information about making, varying, or terminating an enterprise agreement visit:

www.fwc.gov.au/agreements

\bigcirc transfer of business

If a transfer of business occurs, your employment with your old employer ends. If you're employed by the new employer within three months to do the same (or similar) job, some of your entitlements might carry over to the new employer. This may happen if, for example, the business is sold or work is outsourced. Find out more at:

www.fairwork.gov.au/transfer-of-business

RIGHT OF ENTRY

Union officials with an entry permit can enter the workplace to talk to workers that they're entitled to represent, or to investigate suspected safety issues or breaches of workplace laws.

They must comply with certain requirements, such as notifying the employer, and can inspect or copy certain documents. Strict privacy rules apply to the permit holder, their organisation and your employer. Find out more at:

www.fwc.gov.au/entry-permits

WHO CAN HELP?

FAIR WORK OMBUDSMAN

- · information and advice about pay and entitlements
- free calculators, templates and online courses
- help resolving workplace issues
- investigates and enforces breaches of workplace laws.

www.fairwork.gov.au - 13 13 94

FAIR WORK COMMISSION

- hears claims of unfair dismissal, unlawful termination, bullying, discrimination or 'adverse action' at work
- approves, varies and terminates enterprise agreements
 issues entry permits and resolves industrial disputes.

www.fwc.gov.au - 1300 799 675

If you work in the commercial building industry the Australian Building and Construction Commission can help. www.abcc.gov.au - 1800 003 338