

## Laverton, Footscray employers focus of campaign

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The Fair Work Ombudsman is targeting up to 100 employers at Laverton and Footscray as part of a new education and compliance campaign.

The Agency has written to 40 employers in Laverton to provide them with educational information about workplace laws and to ask them to provide time-and-wages records for audit.

And next week, Fair Work inspectors will make face-to-face visits to up to 60 employers in Footscray to scrutinise their books and provide them with tips about how to ensure they are complying with workplace laws.

Fair Work Ombudsman Executive Director Michael Campbell says inspectors will check the Laverton and Footscray employers are paying staff their full entitlements and are complying with record-keeping and pay slip obligations.

“A key objective of the campaign is also to help employers understand workplace laws, including Modern Awards and minimum National Employment Standards,” Mr Campbell said.

“Where we find records are not adequate or identify other non-compliance issues, we will provide information and assistance to employers and request they voluntarily rectify any problems.

“In cases where they don’t, or where we suspect deliberate underpayments or other serious breaches have occurred, we may launch a full investigation.”

Mr Campbell says the Fair Work Ombudsman has a range of user-friendly resources on its website that can assist employers to comply with workplace laws and operate their workplace at best practice.

Resources for small business on [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) include payslip and record-keeping templates, a self-audit checklist, template letters and fact sheets on dozens of topics including leave, industrial action, public holidays, enterprise bargaining, gender pay equality and family-friendly workplaces.

As well as online resources, the Fair Work Ombudsman has highly-skilled advisers available to speak with employers and workers with questions on its Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94 from 8am - 6pm weekdays.

The Fair Work Ombudsman also has Best Practice Guides which have been developed to assist employers make better use of the provisions of the Fair Work Act and better understand other aspects of workplace laws.

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