

New in-language videos to help foreign workers understand their rights

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The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched 14 Online videos to assist foreign workers understand their workplace rights and entitlements.

The short videos - available at www.youtube.com/fairworkgovau (http://www.youtube.com/fairworkgovau) - are presented by native speakers of Mandarin, Cantonese, Indonesian, Serbian, Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, Thai and Turkish.

There is also an English version.

Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson says the videos present information about the National Employment Standards, Modern Awards and general tips about what workers should know when starting a new job.

“We are very conscious that workers from non-English speaking backgrounds can be vulnerable because they are often not fully aware of their workplace rights under Australian laws,” he said.

“These new videos are a great way for foreign workers to get an overview of their workplace rights and the tools and resources available from the Fair Work Ombudsman to assist them.”

Mr Wilson also encouraged workers to talk to their employers if they have a question about their job or if an issue arises in the workplace.

“Often issues come up because of a breakdown in communication or a simple mistake that’s easy to fix,” he said.

The Fair Work Ombudsman provides a single point of contact for people working or running a business in Australia to get accurate and timely information about their workplace rights and obligations.

Any worker who would like more information and advice about their work situation should contact the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94.

A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.

Further information on workplace rights in Australia is available in 27 languages on the Fair Work Ombudsman’s website at www.fairwork.gov.au.

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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

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

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