

Fair Work Ombudsman helps new Darwin businesses get off to the right start

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The Fair Work Ombudsman plans to assist newly-registered businesses in and around Darwin to understand and comply with workplace laws.

Fair Work inspectors are contacting 50 new employers to raise awareness of their obligations and to highlight the free assistance available from the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Inspectors will contact employers in the CBD, Palmerston, Humpty Doo and Howard Springs.

"The aim is to help new employers get off to the right start," says Fair Work Ombudsman Executive Director Michael Campbell.

Inspectors will distribute information materials to employers about the Fair Work Ombudsman's tools and resources.

Mr Campbell says the best advice for new businesses is to get the workplace relations basics right and everything else should start to fall into place.

"The basics include knowing which Award applies to your employees, the correct classifications and pay rates," he said.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has a number of tools on its website - www.fairwork.gov.au - to assist employers and employees, including fact sheets on dozens of topics and tools for checking minimum rates of pay.

Small to medium-sized businesses without human resources staff can ensure they are better equipped when hiring, managing and dismissing employees by using free template employment documentation and by accessing a series of Best Practice Guides.

The 'Industries' section on the Fair Work Ombudsman's website provides information tailored for employers and workers in the retail, cleaning, clerical, hair and beauty, security, horticulture fast food and hospitality industries.

Employers or employees seeking assistance should contact the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94 or visit the website. An interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.

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