

## Free information and advice for franchisors and franchisees in Melbourne

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The Fair Work Ombudsman will provide free advice and information to franchisors and franchisees this weekend as part of the 'Franchising and Business Opportunities Expo' at the Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre.

Advisers will be at stall A30 today (Friday), tomorrow and again on Sunday to speak with franchisors and franchisees about practical steps they can take to ensure they meet their obligations under workplace laws.

They will also distribute flyers and highlight the educative materials on workplace relations laws the Fair Work Ombudsman has available.

Acting Fair Work Ombudsman Mark Scully says franchisors who support franchisees in meeting their workplace obligations demonstrate a commitment to corporate responsibility and position their franchise outlets as employers of choice.

"We have a range of resources to assist franchisors to support compliance with workplace laws and make compliance easier for franchisees, including pay tools, templates, checklists, Best Practice Guides and fact sheets," Mr Scully said.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has developed a dedicated webpage Online - [www.fairwork.gov.au/franchising](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/franchising) ([www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/franchises/default](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/franchises/default)) - with tools, templates and resources specifically tailored for the franchising sector.

Online advice for franchisors and franchisees includes the new 'Employer Obligations Guide' which outlines key requirements and responsibilities for employers under current workplace laws. The Guide is designed to assist in the training of franchisees and is to be included in franchise operations manuals.

Additional Online tools include PayCheck Plus and an Award Finder to assist business-owners to calculate the correct pay for their employees.

PayCheck Plus calculates minimum rates of pay per hour, per shift or per week and takes account of payments for overtime, penalty rates and allowances.

Employers or employees seeking assistance should contact the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94 or visit [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au). A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.

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