

## Hospitality focus of new Tasmanian campaign

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Hospitality is the focus of the Fair Work Ombudsman's latest targeted education and compliance campaign in Tasmania.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has earmarked the sector for attention following concerns raised with the Agency's Hobart office about potential non-compliance.

Tasmanian-based Fair Work inspectors will visit hospitality employers to check their compliance with federal workplace laws and provide information about free Online tools and resources available to assist small and medium businesses.

Fair Work inspectors will be looking particularly at businesses employing young workers, considered a vulnerable group because of their potential lack of awareness of their workplace rights.

Employers will be asked to open their books to scrutiny to ensure they are maintaining proper records and paying correct rates of pay, including penalty rates.

The Fair Work Ombudsman's pro-active, targeted campaign activity returned \$192,000 to underpaid workers in Tasmania last financial year.

The tally was part of a total of \$858,000 recouped for 1186 Tasmanian employees who had been underpaid at work in 2010-11.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has a special page on its website with information tailored to assist employers in the hospitality sector.

Employers or employees alike seeking information and advice should visit [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) or call the Infoline on 13 13 94 from 8am-6pm weekdays.

The website has a number of tools and resources, including PayCheckPlus and an Award Finder, to assist business owners to calculate the correct pay for their employees.

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

Auditing of hospitality businesses will continue through until June this year, with a report on the findings expected to be published by September.

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