

Brisbane workers back-paid \$102,000

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Workers throughout Brisbane have been back-paid a total of \$102,200 following recent intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

The largest recovery was \$19,600 for a Bowen Hills professional underpaid annual leave entitlements, payment in lieu of notice and redundancy entitlements upon termination of employment.

After Fair Work inspectors contacted the business and explained its obligations the employee was reimbursed all money owed without the need for further action against the employer.

Other recent recoveries include:

- \$17,100 for a tradesman at Eagle Farm underpaid redundancy entitlements upon termination of employment,
- \$14,000 for a Brisbane CBD worker underpaid break entitlements,
- \$12,200 for a retail worker at Eagle Farm underpaid annual leave entitlements upon termination of employment,
- \$9300 for a Richlands tradesman underpaid redundancy entitlements upon termination of employment,
- \$6800 for a Brisbane CBD worker underpaid break entitlements,
- \$6500 for a young tradesman at Richlands underpaid wages in 2010-2011,
- \$5900 for a Seventeen Mile Rocks tradesman who was incorrectly paid as an apprentice in 2011,
- \$5700 for a tradesman at Lawnton underpaid wages between 2010 and 2012, and
- \$5100 for a Murrumba Downs retail industry worker underpaid annual leave entitlements and payment in lieu of notice upon termination of employment.

Acting Fair Work Ombudsman Michael Campbell says when Fair Work inspectors identify a problem and contact a business, most employers check their records, realise a problem has occurred, and fix it immediately.



"When we find mistakes, we're here to assist and give practical advice to employers on how to voluntarily resolve issues," Mr Campbell said.

"These businesses have now corrected the errors that led to the underpayments and put processes in place to ensure they will not happen again."

Last financial year, the Fair Work Ombudsman recovered \$8.6 million in back-pay for 4906 workers in Queensland and more than 148,000 Queensland employees and employers sought advice from the Fair Work Infoline.

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