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[Guide to starting a new job now online \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150227-starting-a-new-job-guide\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150227-starting-a-new-job-guide)

27 Feb 2015

Starting a new job can be daunting, especially when you're a first-time worker. To help make it easier, the Fair Work Ombudsman has created A guide to starting a new job, which aims to prepare young people for the first day at work.

[Almost \\$100,000 back-paid to workers in Melbourne's South and South-Eastern suburbs \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150226-melbourne-s-and-se\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150226-melbourne-s-and-se)

26 Feb 2015

Dozens of workers in Melbourne's South and South-Eastern suburbs have shared in more than \$93,100 back-pay after recent inquiries by the Fair Work Ombudsman revealed they had been underpaid at work.

[Harvest Trail project turns to WA wine industry \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150225-wa-vineyard-visits\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150225-wa-vineyard-visits)

25 Feb 2015

Fair Work Ombudsman inspectors are in Western Australia's Margaret River wine region this week as part of an ongoing focus on the entitlements of seasonal workers.

[Campaign of "obfuscation" results in \\$84,500 penalty for Gold Coast restaurant \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150224-the-hub-penalty\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150224-the-hub-penalty)

24 Feb 2015

The operators of a Gold Coast restaurant have been fined a total of \$84,500 after engaging in a campaign of "obfuscation" aimed at avoiding having to back-pay nine employees who had been short-changed almost \$17,000.

[Gold Coast workers back-paid \\$111,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150223-gold-coast-recoveries\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150223-gold-coast-recoveries)

23 Feb 2015

Dozens of workers on Queensland's Gold Coast have shared more than \$111,000 back-pay after recent inquiries by the Fair Work Ombudsman revealed they had been underpaid.

[\\$10,500 back-pay for Japanese backpackers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-)

[and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150220-japanese-backpackers-repaid](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150220-japanese-backpackers-repaid)

20 Feb 2015

Three Japanese backpackers who worked at a café in Sydney have been reimbursed a total of \$10,500 after the Fair Work Ombudsman found they had been underpaid.

[Spotlight on Loddon, Campaspe and Elmore \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150219-vic-loddon-elmores-campaspe-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150219-vic-loddon-elmores-campaspe-campaign)

19 Feb 2015

The Fair Work Ombudsman will visit Victoria's Loddon and Campaspe shires and the Elmore region next week to help raise awareness among employers of their obligations under federal workplace laws.

[Adelaide businesses face court over alleged workplace breaches involving 457 visa-holders \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150218-mobizone-dragon-tea-house\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150218-mobizone-dragon-tea-house)

18 Feb 2015

In an Australian first, two Adelaide businesses will face court after refusing to pay on-the-spot fines for their alleged failure to regularly issue payslips to overseas workers recruited from China and India.

[Employers urged to check wage rates after 53 Darwin cleaners underpaid \\$84,000 \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150217-darwin-cleaning-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150217-darwin-cleaning-campaign)

17 Feb 2015

Dozens of cleaners in Darwin have been underpaid tens of thousands of dollars, spot checks by the Fair Work Ombudsman have found.

[Lack of co-operation results in legal action \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150216-kleen-group-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150216-kleen-group-litigation)

16 Feb 2015

A Sydney business will face court for failing to co-operate with the Fair Work Ombudsman after it received a complaint from an employee.

[Mediation helps resolve workplace disputes early \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150213-mediation-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150213-mediation-release)

13 Feb 2015

Fair Work Ombudsman mediators are helping more employees and employers to resolve their workplace disputes voluntarily.

[Court action over failure to pay compensation \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150212-arlington-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150212-arlington-litigation)

12 Feb 2015

A Melbourne business is facing Court for allegedly ignoring a Fair Work Commission order to compensate an employee who had been unfairly dismissed.

[Sushi bar reimburses Korean backpacker, revamps workplace practices after \\$5000 underpayment \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150211-fine-food-gallery-eu-release\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150211-fine-food-gallery-eu-release)

11 Feb 2015

The operator of a sushi bar paid her staff a “market rate” after doing a ring-around of her competitors to find out what they were paying their employees.

[Darwin café to face court for allegedly underpaying overseas workers \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150210-java-spice-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150210-java-spice-litigation)

10 Feb 2015

Two overseas workers were underpaid more than \$3000 while working at a Darwin café, the Fair Work Ombudsman alleges.

[Court action after alleged underpayment of overseas worker at 7-Eleven in Brisbane \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150209-haider-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150209-haider-litigation)

9 Feb 2015

The operator of a 7-Eleven retail store in Brisbane will face court for allegedly underpaying an overseas worker more than \$21,000 and refusing to co-operate with Fair Work inspectors.

[Central Queensland earmarked for attention \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150206-central-qld-regional-campaign\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150206-central-qld-regional-campaign)

6 Feb 2015

The Fair Work Ombudsman will visit businesses in Central Queensland over the next few weeks to help raise awareness among employers of their obligations under federal workplace laws.

[Company faces second litigation for allegedly underpaying door-to-door employees \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150205-syndicate-group-litigation\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150205-syndicate-group-litigation)

5 Feb 2015

The Fair Work Ombudsman has commenced a second court case against a Melbourne business operator, alleging further employee underpayments.

[NUW signs up to workplace pact \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150204-nuw-presser\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150204-nuw-presser)

4 Feb 2015

The National Union of Workers (NUW) is joining forces with the Fair Work Ombudsman to help improve compliance with federal workplace laws.

Earn \$120k plus, said the job advertisement - but the salesman pocketed just \$7000
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150203-longridge-penalty>)

3 Feb 2015

A South Australian man took a sales position at a residential property company with an advertised potential salary of \$120,000 or more - but quit 10 months later after earning less than \$7000.

Café operators penalised \$110,000 for paying international students just \$8 an hour
(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2015-media-releases/february-2015/20150202-primeage-penalty-presser>)

2 Feb 2015

The operators of a café in Melbourne have been fined a total of \$110,500 after paying young, foreign students as little as \$8 an hour.

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