

Website news

[New sexual harassment protections take effect \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/new-sexual-harassment-protections-take-effect\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/new-sexual-harassment-protections-take-effect)

New protections have been included in the Fair Work Act 2009 to address sexual harassment at work.

[Loaded rates added to Hospitality Award \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/loaded-rates-added-to-hospitality-award\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/loaded-rates-added-to-hospitality-award)

On 3 September 2021, the Fair Work Commission made a decision that added loaded rate arrangements to the Hospitality Award. Find out more.

[New online training for franchises \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/new-online-training-for-franchises\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/new-online-training-for-franchises)

If you're an employer operating a franchise and need help understanding workplace laws, we have new training courses to help you.

[Temporary workplace flexibility in Restaurant Award \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/temporary-workplace-flexibility-in-restaurant-award\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/temporary-workplace-flexibility-in-restaurant-award)

From 11 August 2021, there are new temporary flexibility provisions in the Restaurant Award.

[Annual Wage Review 2021 \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/annual-wage-review-2021\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/annual-wage-review-2021)

Following the Annual Wage Review 2021, the Fair Work Commission (FWC) has announced a 2.5% increase to the national minimum wage.

[New Employer Advisory Service for small business \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/new-employer-advisory-service-for-small-business\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/new-employer-advisory-service-for-small-business)

Our new Employer Advisory Service (EAS) is a free service for small businesses that launched 1 July 2021.

[Changes to casual employment – industrial relations reforms \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/reforms\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/reforms)

On 27 March 2021, sections of the Fair Work Act relating to casual employees were amended. Find out about the changes to casual employment.

[Statement on Crown Resorts \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/statement-on-crown-resorts\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/statement-on-crown-resorts)

The Fair Work Ombudsman is conducting an investigation into Crown Resorts following its self-reported underpayments of its staff.

[Helping employers and employees solve problems at work \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-)

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Our new Workplace problems section guides you through the steps you need to take to resolve problems in the workplace and prevent them from happening again.

[JobMaker Hiring Credit scheme \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/jobmaker-hiring-credit-scheme\)](#)

Find out about the Australian Government's new JobMaker Hiring Credit scheme.

Related information

- [Media releases \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases\)](#)
- [Our role and purpose \(www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/our-role-and-purpose/default\)](#)

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