

## Shiftworkers

A shiftworker is an employee who works shifts and gets an extra payment for working shift hours.

An award, enterprise agreement or other registered agreement ([www.fairwork.gov.au/Dictionary.aspx?TermID=2034](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/Dictionary.aspx?TermID=2034)) can have a specific definition of what a shiftworker is, and what type of shifts they can work.

Find information about shiftworkers in your award by selecting from the list below.

Based on what you've told us, it looks like you're covered by the Clerks - Private Sector Award [MA000002].

An employee is a shiftworker when they work the following shifts:

- an afternoon shift - ends after 7pm and at or before midnight
- a night shift - ends after midnight and at or before 7am
- a permanent night shift - a night shift that doesn't rotate with other shifts and continues for at least 4 weeks in a row.

For more information on the:

- ordinary hours of work for shiftworkers, go to Hours of work ([www.fairwork.gov.au/Employee-entitlements/hours-of-work-breaks-and-rosters/Hours-of-work/default](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/Employee-entitlements/hours-of-work-breaks-and-rosters/Hours-of-work/default))
- meal and rest breaks for shiftworkers, go to Breaks ([www.fairwork.gov.au/Employee-entitlements/hours-of-work-breaks-and-rosters/breaks](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/Employee-entitlements/hours-of-work-breaks-and-rosters/breaks))
- overtime for shiftworkers, go to When overtime applies ([www.fairwork.gov.au/Employee-entitlements/hours-of-work-breaks-and-rosters/Hours-of-work/when-overtime-applies](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/Employee-entitlements/hours-of-work-breaks-and-rosters/Hours-of-work/when-overtime-applies)) .

To find out more about who this award applies to, go to the Clerks Award summary ([www.fairwork.gov.au/awards-and-agreements/awards/award-summary/ma000002-summary](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/awards-and-agreements/awards/award-summary/ma000002-summary)) .

Source reference: Clerks - Private Sector Award [MA000002] clause 25.1 [☞](http://awardviewer.fwo.gov.au/award/show/MA000002) (<http://awardviewer.fwo.gov.au/award/show/MA000002>)

### Think a mistake might have been made?

Mistakes can happen. The best way to fix them usually starts with talking.

Check out our Fixing a workplace problem ([www.fairwork.gov.au/workplace-problems/fixing-a-workplace-problem/default](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/workplace-problems/fixing-a-workplace-problem/default)) section for practical advice on:

- figuring out if a mistake has been made
- talking to your employer or employee about fixing it
- getting help from us if you can't resolve it.

### What to do next

- Search the Fair Work Commission (<https://www.fwc.gov.au/awards-and-agreements/agreements>) [☞](#) website for an agreement

### Help for small business

Find tools, resources and information you might need in our Small business showcase ([www.fairwork.gov.au/small-business-showcase/default](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/small-business-showcase/default)) .

### You might also be interested in

- Penalty rates and allowances ([www.fairwork.gov.au/pay/penalty-rates-and-allowances/default](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/pay/penalty-rates-and-allowances/default))
- Annual leave for shiftworkers in Annual leave ([www.fairwork.gov.au/leave/annual-leave/default](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/leave/annual-leave/default))

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For TTY: 13 36 77. Ask for the Fair Work Infoline 13 13 94

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