





# New clauses in Awards - effective 1 November 2018

Dear Member,

From this Thursday, 1 November 2018, 6 new clauses will be inserted into our Modern Awards by the Fair Work Commission (Commission).

These changes are a result of the 4 year review of Modern Awards.

The most substantial change that will affect our members, will be that a new clause will be inserted that governs when outstanding entitlements must be paid once the employment relationship ends.

### **New Payment on Termination of Employment Clause**

#### **MAIN POINTS**

Employers must now make the following payments no later than 7 days after the day the employment ends:

(i) the employee's wages under the Award for any complete or incomplete pay period up to the end of the day of termination;

and

(ii) all other amounts that are due to the employee under the Award and the National Employment **Standards**; such as outstanding annual leave entitlements.

Please see below links to the draft clauses:

Live Performance Award 2010;

Broadcasting, Recorded Entertainment and Cinemas Award 2010;

Amusement, Events and Recreation Award 2010;

Clerks—Private Sector Award 2010.

\*These clauses are in their draft stages and will be inserted into Awards on 1 November 2018.

## Plain Language Drafting of Standard Clauses

The Commission has also undertaken a review of standard clauses that appear in a majority of Awards in an effort to re-draft the clauses into 'Plain Language,' making them easier to understand and interpret.

As of 1 November 2018, the following standard clauses will also be inserted into Awards in plain language form:

- A. Award flexibility term
- B. Consultation about major workplace change

- C. Consultation about changes to rosters or hours of work
- D. Dispute resolution
- E. Termination of employment

### What do I need to do now?

- For any employees being terminated on or after 1 November 2018, you must ensure that
  you pay each employee any outstanding wages and entitlements no later than 7 days from
  the date that their employment ends;
- You do not need to do anything in relation to the plain language clauses. They will be inserted into the Awards by the Commission.

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