Successful Students

The Role of the Fair Work Ombudsman

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About the FWO

2016-17

fairwork.gov.au – 16 Million visits

Answered over 380,000 calls

27,000 requests for assistance
International students at work

International students working in Australia have the same workplace rights and entitlements as other workers in Australia.
Dispute forms lodged by visa holders in 2016-17

There are more student visa holders than working holiday makers and skilled migrants combined.

Estimated that 50-60% of them are employed or looking for work.

Less than 2% of formal requests to the FWO came from international students.
International Student Engagement Strategy

“International students have the same rights as all workers in Australia.”

Natalie James
The Fair Work Ombudsman
We want international students to understand they have workplace rights and we're here to give them free help. Importantly, they can seek our assistance without fear of their visa being cancelled.
How you can help

Key messages for international students:

1. *International students are entitled to the same workplace rights as every other worker in Australia.*

2. *The Fair Work Ombudsman is here to help international students.*

3. *A student should not get in trouble for asking us for help.*
Tools and resources

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- Fair Work Infoline 13 13 94
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