



Privacy notice

Form F79 – Application for the Commission’s assistance to promote cooperative and productive workplaces and prevent disputes

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Collection of your personal information

When you lodge a Form F79 – Application for the Commission’s assistance to promote cooperative and productive workplaces and prevent disputes, the Fair Work Commission (Commission) collects the information in the Form and in any other documents you lodge with the Form. The information collected by the Commission will include personal information about you and any personal information you provide about other individuals.

The Commission also collects personal information about you and other applicants or parties when you or another applicant or party to the matter provides the Commission with further information in relation to the application. This includes information in any document lodged with the Commission or in correspondence sent to the Commission, information provided orally to the Commission in discussing the application, and information provided orally or in a document in the course of training or facilitation provided as a result of the F79 application.

The Commission collects the above information for the primary purpose of dealing with the application under section 576(2)(aa) of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (FW Act). The information collected by the Commission will be included in the relevant case file.

Collection of the above information is authorised by section 590 of the FW Act, which states that the Commission may inform itself in relation to any matter before it in such manner as it considers appropriate.

The consequences for you if the Commission did not collect your personal information for the above purpose may include that:

- the Commission would not be able to deal with the application under the FW Act because it would lack the necessary information; and
- the Commission would not be able to contact you in relation to the application.

When you attend the Commission in person, the Commission may also collect personal information about you in CCTV recordings made for security purposes.

Giving notice to individuals from whom you obtain personal information

If you obtain personal information from or about another individual and provide it to the Commission, the Commission will generally not be able to notify the individual that it has collected the personal information.

To ensure that the individual is aware of the Commission's practices in collecting and disclosing personal information, you should provide the individual with a copy of this notice.

Disclosure and publication of your personal information

The Commission will usually disclose the personal information about you and others that it collects in relation to your application to any other applicant or party to the matter. If a party or applicant is based outside Australia, this may involve disclosure to an overseas recipient.

If you provide the Commission with personal information about someone other than yourself, the Commission may disclose your name to that individual in order to meet its privacy notification obligations.

The Commission may also disclose personal information about you and other individuals to members of the public or specified persons or bodies pursuant to:

- an order that requires the Commission to produce documents to a court or tribunal;
- an Australian law under which it may be required or authorised to disclose documents, such as the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* or under section 655 of the FW Act;
- section 112 of the *Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity Act) 2016*, which requires the General Manager to notify the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner of every application lodged with the Commission or the General Manager which relates to a matter that involves a building industry participant or building work, and the outcome of each such application;
- a contract under which the Commission engages a contracted service provider to assist the Commission in performing its operations, such as language interpreters, court recording and transcription service providers, information technology providers and legal advisers; and
- other purposes or circumstances permitted by the *Privacy Act 1988*.

Your personal information may also be accessed by Commission staff or Members on a confidential basis for professional development purposes, conducting research projects related to the Commission's functions, or in order to identify improvements to Commission processes and procedures.

Confidentiality (non-publication) orders

Sections 593(3) and 594(1) of the FW Act allow the Commission in some circumstances to make orders for a hearing to be held in private or orders prohibiting or restricting the publication of: the names and addresses of persons appearing at a hearing or making a submission in relation to a matter; certain information given in evidence in relation to a matter or contained in documents lodged with the Commission, or the whole or any part of the Commission's decision or reasons in relation to a matter.

If you consider that any information in this Form or in relation to the application should be kept confidential, you should make an application under sections 593(3) and/or 594(1) of the FW Act at the time of lodging this Form.

Accessing your personal information

The Commission's [Privacy policy](#) contains information about how you and other individuals can access personal information that is held by the Commission and seek correction of such information. You can also email the chambers of the Commission Member dealing with your matter to request a copy of a document on your file. Due to the confidential nature of matters dealt with under section 576(2)(aa) of the FW Act, documents on closed files will not be disclosed other than to persons who are named in the application as parties (or nominated representatives of named parties) and will only be disclosed if all parties named in the application consent, unless disclosure is required or authorised by law.

Complaints

The Commission's [Privacy policy](#) contains information about how you and other individuals can complain about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles, and how the Commission will deal with the complaint.