

Latest news for registered organisations

Registered Organisations Education and Support Program Event – Hobart

The Registered Organisations Services Branch (ROSB) of the Fair Work Commission is hosting in-person information sessions as part of our Registered Organisations Education and Support Program.

We are holding an event in Hobart on Wednesday 26 March 2025. This follows the earlier sessions we held in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide last year.

We are also planning a mid-year event in Canberra. Stay tuned for an announcement about this event!



Release of Model Rules

Since March 2024, we have been working with stakeholders and expert consultant Peter Punch of Carroll & O'Dea Lawyers to draft a set of annotated Model Rules. These rules will assist organisations to understand the complex legal concepts underpinning rules in a practical way.

The Model Rules will:

- provide best practice examples of individual rules
- explain the importance of particular rules and the law around them
- give organisations a place to start their research when they want to introduce a new rule

Stage 1 of the Model Rules and an accompanying Guidance Note will be released by the end of this month. Stay tuned for this announcement!



SAVE THE DATE

Webinar on the Model Rules
Thursday 1 May 2025



Interim administration of HSU Victoria No. 1 Branch

On 10 September 2024, the National Office of the Health Services Union (HSU) applied to the Federal Court of Australia under section 323 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act) to place its Victorian No. 1 Branch, also known as the Health Workers Union (HWU), into administration.

On 23 December 2024, the HWU was placed under a scheme of interim administration pending the hearing and determination of the HSU's application. Former NUW national secretary Charlie Donelly has been appointed as the interim administrator.

The HSU's substantive case is listed for trial beginning 28 April 2025.



CFMEU Administration – Anti-avoidance provision under the RO Act

While the Construction and General Division of the CFMEU is under administration, section 323P of the RO Act makes it unlawful to obstruct the administration.

Civil or criminal penalties apply for breaching the anti-avoidance provision of the RO Act. The Commission has published a fact sheet providing further information about the [operation of the anti-avoidance provision and examples of avoidance conduct](#), which can be accessed on the website.

On 5 December 2024 the General Manager commenced an investigation into a former officer of the Construction and General Division's NSW Divisional Branch of the CFMEU. The Commission was referred the complaint by the Administrator of the Construction and General Division of the CFMEU.



New podcast episodes released

We have released new episodes of our podcast, 'RO pod – talking about the governance of registered organisations'.

[Episode 56: Compliance snapshot and setting up for a successful holiday season](#)

The [2024 compliance snapshot](#) is a point-in-time document presenting different statistics relevant to registered organisations. It includes statistics relating to annual returns, elections, permits, education activities and the timeframes for processing lodgements.

In this episode, we break down what the statistics in the snapshot mean for your organisation. This includes how you can use the snapshot to monitor your performance against other organisations, along with reminders of important upcoming deadlines. We also discuss the education activities we have planned for 2025.

[Episode 57: Developing an Internal Whistleblower Policy](#)

In this episode, we examine how registered organisations can develop and implement an internal whistleblower policy to handle matters raised. We discuss the key elements to be included in such policy and the templates available to assist you. In addition, we address the barriers in building trust within the organisation and making people feel comfortable speaking up.

New episodes, and most of our previous episodes are available on [Spotify](#) and [Apple](#), as well as on as well as on our [podcast page](#).

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