

# ENGAGING YOUR OWN SUPPORT WORKERS

## CHECKLIST – EMPLOYEE

### If you have decided you are engaging an EMPLOYEE...

Please note that this is a general checklist. It is recommended that this is used in conjunction with *WAI'S Engaging Your Own Support* booklet which provides general information about your legal considerations when Hiring Your Own Workers.

➔ <http://waindividualisedservices.org.au/home/national-disability-insurance-scheme/self-management/engaging-your-own-supports/>

### Pay and Taxation

1. Apply to Register a PAYG withholding account (Form NAT 3377) to the ATO – you will receive a letter with your Withholding Payer Number (WPN) for this account.  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/application-to-register-a-payg-withholding-account/>
2. Each of your employees completes a Tax File Number declaration form.  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/Forms/TFN-declaration/>
3. Decide how often you will pay your employees (weekly, fortnightly, monthly).
4. Decide if you would like to provide payslips to your employees and what they will look like. It is good practice to provide a payslip to your employees as this may help to avoid confusion and disputes if queries arise.  
➔ <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/labour-relations/payslip-requirements>
5. You can use the ATO Tax Tables or online calculator to help you calculate the tax withheld each time you pay your employees.  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-tools/Tax-withheld-calculator/>  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/Rates/Tax-tables/>
6. If you are required to or choose to pay quarterly PAYG instalments, the ATO will send you an activity statement at the end of each quarter and you will need to pay the amount due.  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/General/PAYG-instalments/How-often-you-lodge-and-pay/Quarterly-instalments/>
7. At the end of the financial year, complete an Annual Payment Summary for each individual employee.  
➔ [https://www.ato.gov.au/uploadedFiles/Content/MEI/downloads/0046-01.2017\\_PAYG%20payment%20summary%20individual%20non%20business.pdf](https://www.ato.gov.au/uploadedFiles/Content/MEI/downloads/0046-01.2017_PAYG%20payment%20summary%20individual%20non%20business.pdf)
8. At the end of the financial year, complete a PAYG Summary Statement for the ATO.  
➔ [https://www.ato.gov.au/uploadedFiles/Content/MEI/downloads/3447-02.2014\\_PAYG%20payment%20summary%20statement.pdf](https://www.ato.gov.au/uploadedFiles/Content/MEI/downloads/3447-02.2014_PAYG%20payment%20summary%20statement.pdf)



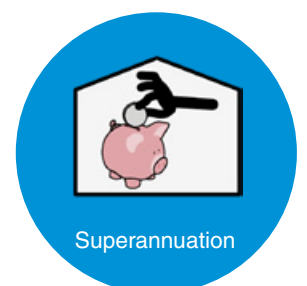
## Industrial Relations

1. Decide if your employee is casual, part time or full time and; if they are on a permanent or on a fixed term contract. If you have more than one employee, they may each have a different employment status depending on your work arrangement with them.  
➔ <https://www.fairwork.gov.au/employee-entitlements/types-of-employees/casual-part-time-and-full-time>
2. Decide what rate of pay and conditions of employment you are offering each of your employees.  
➔ [https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/atoms/files/minimum\\_conditions\\_of\\_employment\\_booklet.pdf](https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/atoms/files/minimum_conditions_of_employment_booklet.pdf)
3. Decide if you want to have a written employment contract.
4. If your employees have paid leave entitlements (such as annual leave or sick leave), at each pay period you calculate accruals for each leave type.



## Superannuation Guarantee

1. Your employee may be entitled to get the Superannuation Guarantee (Super) from you.
2. Determine if you need to pay your employee Super.  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/business/super-for-employers/working-out-if-you-have-to-pay-super/>  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Super-for-employers/Run-a-quick-check-of-your-super-obligations/>
3. If Super is payable, you can choose to use the ATO's free Small Business Superannuation Clearing House (SBSCH).  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/business/super-for-employers/paying-super-contributions/small-business-superannuation-clearing-house/>
4. To access the SBSCH you use an ABN or a Withholding Payer Number (WPN).  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Super-for-employers/In-detail/Small-Business-Superannuation-Clearing-House/How-to-access-the-SBSCH-via-online-services/>
5. You can apply for a WPN by completing a Register a PAYG withholding account form NAT 3377  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/forms/application-to-register-a-payg-withholding-account/>
6. The SBSCH is accessed through your MyGov account.  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Super-for-employers/In-detail/Small-Business-Superannuation-Clearing-House/How-to-access-the-SBSCH-via-online-services/#oletraderoranindividualwhoemploysothers>
7. If Super is payable, you can use the ATO's Superannuation Standard Choice form to advise your employee of your nominated fund and for them to tell you of their choice of fund.  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/Forms/Superannuation-%28super%29-standard-choice-form/>
8. If Super is payable, you must make the payments by the quarterly due dates.  
➔ <https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Super-for-employers/Paying-super-contributions/When-to-pay-super/>



## Workers' Compensation Insurance

1. Workers need to be covered by Workers' Compensation insurance.

➔ <https://www.workcover.wa.gov.au/employers/understanding-your-rights-obligations/>

2. The relevant category of insurance is called 'Private households employing staff (regular)' and the ANZSIC code is 97000.



## Health & Safety

1. Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

➔ <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/your-rights-and-responsibilities-0>

2. Discuss with your employee about Health and Safety as you need to ensure your employee works in a healthy and safe environment.

➔ [https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/atoms/files/home\\_based\\_care.pdf](https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/atoms/files/home_based_care.pdf)



## Checks

1. If you require your employee to obtain a National Police Certificate as a term of their contract with you, it is recommended that you check the currency of the employee's National Police Certificate and keep a copy for your records.

➔ <https://www.police.wa.gov.au/Police-Direct/National-Police-Certificates>

2. Your employee must have a Working with Children's check, if they are working with children when they work for you. Please check the currency of this and keep a copy for your records. For further information, please go to:

➔ <https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au/employers-organisations/the-checking-process/who-needs-a-wwc-check>

## Records

1. Employers must keep employment records for at least 7 years after they are made, for both current and past employees. Please seek guidance relating to your particular employment arrangement regarding your obligations to keep employment records related to

long service leave. For further information, please go to:

➔ <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/labour-relations/long-service-leave-0>;

➔ <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/labour-relations/record-keeping-requirements>



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