



## Privacy notice

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### Form F42 – Application for an entry permit

#### For privacy inquiries contact:

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#### Collection of your personal information

When a Form F42 – Application for an entry permit is lodged, the Fair Work Commission (Commission) collects the information in the Form and in any other documents lodged with the Form. The information collected by the Commission will include personal information about the officeholder of the registered organisation lodging the application and any personal information provided about other individuals, such as the permit holder and contact person (if any).

The Commission also collects personal information about you and other individuals when you or another person provides the Commission with further information in relation to the entry permit application. This includes information in any document lodged with the Commission, such as in a current national police certificate if the proposed permit holder is required to provide or authorise the Commission to obtain one. It also includes information 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 proceedings before the Commission. Hearings before the Commission are generally audio and video-recorded and these recordings may subsequently be transcribed into written transcript.

The Commission also collects the permit holder's personal information when it verifies their identity against the photograph of the permit holder lodged with a Form F42. Before issuing an entry permit, the Commission may require the permit holder to present their current driver's licence, Australian or foreign passport, or ImmiCard to the Commission via a Microsoft Teams video call, so that Commission staff can verify their identity. The Commission will record the video call and retain a copy of the video-recording for its records.

The Commission may also collect personal information about proposed permit holders, from a range of other sources (Third Party Sources). These Third Party Sources include:

- the Commonwealth Courts Portal;
- decisions of the Commission, the Federal Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia;
- determinations of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner;

- decisions of State courts, bodies or persons under State or Territory industrial laws or State and Territory Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) laws;
- media articles and other generally available publications (as defined in section 6 of the *Privacy Act 1988*); and
- members of the public.

The Commission collects the above information for the primary purpose of dealing with the F42 entry permit applications made under Part 3-4 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Fair Work 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 Fair Work 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 if the Commission did not collect the personal information for the above purpose may include that:

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

If 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 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 the entry permit application, to any other party to the matter and their nominated representatives (if any). If you provide the Commission with further material in relation to the application, you must send copies to the other parties to the matter (or to their representatives). If you do not do so, we may forward copies to the other parties. If a party or representative 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 publishes daily lists of conferences and hearings on its public website. If the application is listed for conference or hearing, your name may be published in such a list as a party to the proceeding.

Commission hearings are generally open to the public. If the application proceeds to hearing, the Commission or a party may disclose personal information about you and other individuals in the course of the hearing. If a transcript is produced of a hearing, it may be published on the Commission's public website.

A party to a hearing or their nominated representative may request access to an audio stream of the audio recording of the hearing via the Commission's External Audio Portal. If the request is granted, the Commission's audio recording may disclose personal information about you and other individuals provided in the course of the hearing.

Before considering the application, the Commission may publish on its public website the name of the person and the name of the organisation that made the application, the name of the proposed permit holder, that the organisation has applied for the entry permit to be issued to the permit holder, and that submissions may be made to the Commission about whether the proposed permit holder is a fit and proper person to be issued with an entry permit.

The Commission publishes its decisions and orders on its public website. If the application is the subject of a decision or an order, your personal information may appear in the decision or order. Commission decisions are also routinely republished on the Austlii website, and some decisions may also be reported on or republished on other websites or in workplace relations publications. Personal information in a decision or order may also be published in Commission resources including the Commission's benchbooks and practice notes.

The names of entry permit holders, the applicant organisations, and the issue and expiry dates of entry permits are published on the Commission's public website.

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

- the file access policy published on the Commission's [Privacy](#) webpage, which provides that members of the public may be able to inspect documents on certain types of case files;
- section 655 of the Fair Work Act, which provides that the President may disclose, or authorise the disclosure of, information acquired by the Commission in the performance of its functions if the President reasonably believes that it is necessary or appropriate to do so in the course of performing Commission functions or that it is likely to assist in the administration or enforcement of a Commonwealth or State or Territory law;
- section 329G of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*, which provides that the General Manager of the Commission as regulator of registered organisations, may disclose or authorise the disclosure of information that is obtained by the General Manager or Commission staff, if the General Manager reasonably believes that it is necessary or appropriate to do so in the course of performing or exercising the General Manager's functions or that it is likely to assist in the administration or enforcement of a Commonwealth or State or Territory law;
- an order that requires the Commission to produce documents to a court or tribunal;
- an Australian law under which the Commission may be required or authorised to disclose documents, such as the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*;
- 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 Fair Work 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 entry permit application should be kept confidential, you should make an application under section 593(3) and/or 594(1) of the Fair Work Act as soon as practicable.

## Collection, disclosure and publication of your personal information if an entry permit is issued to you

If an entry permit is issued to a permit holder, it will include the photograph that the permit holder lodged with the Form F42 and their signature from that form.

If an entry permit is issued to a permit holder, the Commission may collect further information about them as an entry permit holder, from sources including the Third-Party Sources.

The Commission collects this further information for the primary purpose of performing its functions under sections 508 and 510 of the Fair Work Act. These sections provide for Commission proceedings to restrict rights of entry and to revoke or suspend an entry permit. This further collection of information is authorised by sections 508 and 510 of the Fair Work Act.

The consequences for the proposed permit holder if the Commission did not collect the personal information for the above purpose may include that:

- the Commission would not be able to administer an entry permit issued to the permit holder, because the Commission would lack the necessary information; and
- the Commission would not be able to contact you in relation to the Commission's administration of an entry permit issued to you.

If there are Commission proceedings in relation to an entry permit issued to the proposed permit holder, the Commission may collect, disclose and publish personal information about the proposed permit holder in the same manner as described above in relation to the entry permit application.

If you consider that any information in relation to such Commission proceedings should be kept confidential, you should make an application under section 593(3) and/or 594(1) of the Fair Work Act as soon as practicable.

## 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.

## 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.