

Engaging your own support workers

Checklist – Contractor



ABN or Statement by Supplier

1. If they have an ABN, your contractor should provide you with a document with their ABN on it (for example, an invoice) that you then pay using your funding. Please keep these documents for your records.



www.ato.gov.au/Business/PAYG-withholding/Payments-you-need-to-withhold-from/Withholding-from-suppliers/Documents-quoting-supplier-s-ABN

2. If your contractor does not have an ABN, the contractor may provide you with a Statement by Supplier form as an alternative (to providing an ABN). Please keep this form for your records. It is good practice to keep a document from your contractor (for example an invoice) as a written record of the transaction.
3. Your contractor may complete this form if the work they do is wholly of a private or domestic nature for the contractor.



www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn

(See the ATO guidance note about who can complete a Statement by Supplier form)

4. Your contractor decides whether they need an ABN or can use a Statement by Supplier form, not you.





Taxation

1. Contractors are responsible for declaring their own income and paying any tax owing to the ATO.
 2. You do not have to withhold tax for your contractor unless your contractor does NOT provide you with an ABN or a Statement by Supplier form. In this case, you may be required to withhold tax from the payment you make to the contractor and provide the amount you withheld to the ATO.
- ➔ www.ato.gov.au/forms/statement-by-a-supplier-not-quoting-an-abn
 - ➔ www.ato.gov.au/business/payg-withholding/payments-you-need-to-withhold-from/withholding-from-suppliers



Superannuation Guarantee

1. Your contractor may be entitled to get the Superannuation Guarantee (Super) from you.
2. Determine if you need to pay your contractor Super.
 - ➔ www.ato.gov.au/business/super-for-employers/work-out-if-you-have-to-pay-super
3. If Super is payable, you can choose to use the ATO's free Small Business Superannuation Clearing House (SBSCH) to pay it.
 - ➔ www.ato.gov.au/Business/super-for-employers/paying-super-contributions/how-to-pay-super/small-business-superannuation-clearing-house
4. To access the SBSCH you use an ABN or a Withholding Payer Number (WPN).
 - ➔ www.ato.gov.au/Business/super-for-employers/paying-super-contributions/how-to-pay-super/small-business-superannuation-clearing-house/#Accessingtheclearinghouse1
5. You can apply for a WPN by completing a Register a PAYG withholding account form NAT 3377.
 - ➔ www.ato.gov.au/forms/application-to-register-a-payg-withholding-account
6. The SBSCH is accessed through your MyGov account.
 - ➔ www.ato.gov.au/Business/super-for-employers/paying-super-contributions/how-to-pay-super/small-business-superannuation-clearing-house/#Accessingtheclearinghouse1
7. If Super is payable, you can use the ATO's Superannuation Standard Choice form to advise your contractor of your nominated fund and for them to tell you of their choice of fund.
 - ➔ 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.
 - ➔ www.ato.gov.au/Business/Super-for-employers/Paying-super-contributions/Super-payment-due-dates



Workers' Compensation Insurance

1. Workers need to be covered by Workers' Compensation insurance.
 - ➔ 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 96010.



Health & Safety

1. Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.
 - ➔ www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/safety-regulation/main-responsibilities-and-duties-under-whs
2. Discuss with your contractor about Health and Safety as both of you need to ensure your contractor works in a healthy and safe environment.
 - ➔ www.commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/home-based-care-information-and-checklist



Checks

1. If you require your contractor to obtain a National Police Certificate, it is recommended that you check the currency of the worker's National Police Certificate and keep a copy for your records.
 - ➔ www.police.wa.gov.au/Police-Direct/National-Police-Certificates

Or, you might choose to ask your worker to have a NDIS Worker Screening check.

 - ➔ www.ndiscommission.gov.au/about/ndis-worker-screening-check



Records

- 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.
- ➔ www.commerce.wa.gov.au/labour-relations/long-service-leave-0
 - ➔ www.commerce.wa.gov.au/labour-relations/employment-records-employer-obligations

2. Your contractor 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.
 - ➔ <https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au/employers-organisations/the-checking-process/who-needs-a-wwc-check>
3. Get a copy of evidence of COVID vaccination, as per current State guidelines.
 - ➔ ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/COVID19-vaccination-program/Mandatory-COVID19-vaccination



Fact Sheet:

What self managers need to know

www.ndiscommission.gov.au/document/2676

Please note that this is intended as a general information guide. It is recommended that this guide be used in conjunction with the WAiS Engaging Your Own Support booklet, which provides general information about your legal considerations when Hiring Your Own Workers or you can get your own legal advice.



<https://waindividualisedservices.org.au/resources/engaging-your-own-supports>

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