

# About the F10C application form

## Application to resolve a dispute about flexible working arrangements

#### Complete this form if:

- you are **an employee** entitled to request flexible working arrangements under the National Employment Standards
- on or after 6 June 2023 you requested flexible working arrangements because:
  - you are a parent of a child who is school-age or younger, or are responsible for the care of a child who is school-age or younger
  - o you are a carer
  - o you have a disability
  - o you are aged 55 or older
  - o you are pregnant
  - you are experiencing family and domestic violence, or you provide care or support to a member of your immediate family or household who is experiencing family or domestic violence
- your employer has refused your request, or your employer has not responded to your request and it has been more than 21 days since you made your request
- you have tried to resolve the dispute about your request, by discussions with your employer,
- you want the Fair Work Commission to assist you to resolve the dispute.

#### This form asks sensitive questions about your personal circumstances.

If you need support our website has information on support for your health and wellbeing.

#### After completing this form:

• Sign and lodge your form and any attachments. There are instructions on the last page.

We will send a copy of this form and any attachments to your employer and your employer's representative (if your employer has one). This is so they can understand your side of the case.

If you are worried about particular information being passed on, don't include it yet. Lodge your completed form and then contact us to talk about whether you should provide the information.

You can find out more about requesting flexible working arrangements on our website.

If you need help completing this form visit our website to contact us.

# Form F10C – Application to resolve a dispute about flexible working arrangements

Fair Work Act 2009, s.65B

This is an application to the Fair Work Commission to deal with a dispute under Part 2-2 of the <u>Fair Work Act 2009</u>.

## **About you (the Applicant)**

#### 1. Your contact details

Given name

Family r	name			
Email a	ddress			
Phone r	number			
Postal a	ddress			
Suburb				
State or	territory		Postcode	
2. Do you	it in another	rouble accessing th	•	ontact us. We can arrange to provide p in your language on our website.
-	ou need any sp ulties)?	pecial assistance if	we hold a conference or	r hearing (eg do you have hearing
[ ] Y	es – What will	you need?		
١	We will contact	you to see if there	is anything else we can i	reasonably do to help you.

#### 4. Do you have a representative?

A **representative** is a person who speaks for you in your case, such as a union official, or a lawyer or another kind of paid agent. You don't need to have a representative. You can read more about whether or not to have a representative on our website.

A representative is different from a support person. A support person is someone you bring with you to a legal proceeding who can give you emotional support, such as a family member or friend.

[ ] No I don't have a representative — Go to question 5

[ ] Yes I do have a representative — Fill in their contact details below

You will need permission to be represented by a lawyer or paid agent if a Commission Member holds a conference or hearing about your case. Our lawyers and paid agents practice note explains when you need to ask for permission to be represented.

Name of person representing you

Firm, company or organisation

representanta year			
Firm, company or organisation			
Email address			
Phone number			
Postal address			
Suburb			
State or territory		Postcode	
Is your representative a lav	vyer or paid agent?		
[ ] Yes			
[ ] No			

## Your employment

## 5. Your employer

You can generally find the legal name of your employer on your pay slips, PAYG payment summary, appointment letter or employment contract. You can use the <u>Australian Business Register</u> website to find their ABN.

We will send a copy of this form and any attachments to your employer.

E	mployer name			
	Legal name			
	ACN (if a company) and ABN			
C	Contact person			
	Name			
	Position/role			
	Email address			
	Phone number			
A	Address of employer			
	Street address or PO Box			
	Suburb			
	State or territory		Postcode	
	Are you a full-time, part-time o	or casual employee?		
	[ ] Full-time			
	[ ] Part-time			
	[ ] Casual			
	What date did you begin worki	king for your employer?		

8.	. What industry do you work in?			
9.	How	many employees does the business have?		
This	doesr	I't have to be exact. It helps us understand if you work for a small or large business.		
You	ur red	quest		
10.	What	was the reason for your request to your employer for flexible work arrangements		
Plea	se tick	all that apply.		
	[]	I have a child who is school-age or younger, or I am responsible for the care of a child who is school-age or younger		
	[]	I am a carer		
	[]	I have a disability		
	[]	I am 55 or older		
	[]	I am pregnant		
	[]	I am experiencing family and domestic violence		
	[]	I provide care or support to a member of my immediate family or household who is experiencing family and domestic violence.		
	[]	None of these reasons — You may not be eligible to make this application. Please seek advice. You can visit our website to find out where to get legal help.		
Ren	nembe	r You can find out about support for your health and wellbeing on our website.		
11.	What	date did you make your request for flexible work arrangements?		
Plea	se lod	ge a copy of your written request with your form.		

12.	Did your employer respond to your request?
	[ ] Yes – describe below what date your employer responded, and how they responded
	(eg in writing, by phone, etc.)
	[ ] No – Go to question 16
13.	What reasons did your employer give for refusing your request?
If th	ney gave you a response in writing, please lodge a copy of the written response with your form.
4.4	
	Have you tried to resolve the issues directly with your employer?
	The Commission can only assist in resolving this dispute if you and your employer have first tried to resolve the matter by discussions at the workplace level.
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	[ ] Yes – Describe below what discussions you have had with your employer, including
	whether you talked about any alternative working arrangements to those you requested.
	[ ] No – You may not be eligible to make this application. Please seek advice. You can visit
	our website to find out <u>where to get legal help</u> .

15.	Are there are exce	ptional circumstances	that justify	the Commission	going strai	ght to arbitration?

The Commission must try to assist you to resolve your dispute with your employer by methods such as mediation or conciliation before it can arbitrate and make a binding decision unless there are exceptional circumstances. [ ] Yes – Describe the exceptional circumstances below [ ] No The outcome you want 16. What outcome do you want from this case? For example, you may want your employer to: respond to your request in writing (if your employer hasn't done that) or respond in more detail grant your request, if you think it should have been granted, or change the flexible arrangements your employer has offered you, if the arrangements your employer has offered don't accommodate your circumstances.

# Sign your form

Read the <u>Privacy notice</u> to find out what personal information we collect, why we collect it, a	nd
what we do with it.	

Signature
If you can use an electronic signature, please insert it below. If you do not have an electronic signature, you can type your name in the signature box.
Name
Date
Authority to sign
Leave this blank if you are the Applicant. If you are completing and signing this form on behalf of the Applicant, explain your authority to do so.
Consent to contact by researchers
The Commission undertakes research with participants in disputes about requests for flexible
working arrangements, to ensure a high quality process. Some research may be undertaken by external providers on behalf of the Commission.
Do you consent to the contact details you have given in this form being provided to an external
provider of research services for the purpose of inviting you to participate in research?
[ ] Yes
[ ] No

### Lodge your form

You can lodge your form by:

- Emailing it to <a href="mailto:lodge@fwc.gov.au">lodge@fwc.gov.au</a>
- Posting or faxing it to your nearest Commission office.

#### What happens next

We will contact you to let you know what you need to do next. You don't need to do anything until then.

After we receive your form, we will let your employer know that you have started a dispute case about your request for flexible working arrangements.

We will send a copy of this form as well as any other documents you have sent us to your employer. This is so your employer can understand your side of the case.

Your case will then be allocated to a Commission Member, who will decide how your case will proceed. They might decide to hold a conference or hearing, or may ask you for more information.

Visit our website to find out more about requesting flexible work arrangements.