



DETERMINATION

Fair Work Act 2009

s.156—4 yearly review of modern awards

4 yearly review of modern awards—plain language re-drafting—shutdown provisions

(AM2016/15)

PLUMBING AND FIRE SPRINKLERS AWARD 2020

[MA000036]

Plumbing industry

JUSTICE HATCHER, PRESIDENT

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COMMISSIONER HUNT

SYDNEY, 3 MARCH 2023

4 yearly review of modern awards – plain language re-drafting – shutdown provisions – Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers Award 2020 – variation to clause 24.4.

A. Further to the decision issued by the majority of the Full Bench on 22 December 2022 [\[\[2022\] FWC FB 246\]](#), the above award is varied as follows:

1. By deleting clause 24.4 and inserting the following:

24.4 Direction to take annual leave during shutdown

- (a) Clause 24.4 applies if an employer:
 - (i) intends to shut down all or part of its operation for a particular period in conjunction with the Christmas/New Year period for the purpose of giving the whole of the annual leave due to all, or the majority of their employees qualified for such leave (**temporary shutdown period**); and
 - (ii) wishes to require affected employees to take paid annual leave during that period.
- (b) The employer must give the affected employees two months' written notice of a temporary shutdown period, or any shorter period agreed between the employer and the majority of relevant employees.
- (c) The employer must give written notice of a temporary shutdown period to any employee who is engaged after the notice is given under clause 24.4(b) and who

will be affected by that period, as soon as reasonably practicable after the employee is engaged.

- (d) The employer may direct the employee to take a period of paid annual leave to which the employee has accrued an entitlement during a temporary shutdown period.
- (e) A direction by the employer under clause 24.4(d):
 - (i) must be in writing; and
 - (ii) must be reasonable.
- (f) The employee must take paid annual leave in accordance with a direction under clause 24.4(d).
- (g) In respect of any part of a temporary shutdown period which is not the subject of a direction under clause 24.4(d), an employer and an employee may agree, in writing, for the employee to take leave without pay during that part of the temporary shutdown period.
- (h) An employee may take annual leave in advance during a temporary shutdown period in accordance with an agreement under clause 24.5.
- (i) In determining the amount of paid annual leave to which an employee has accrued an entitlement, any period of paid annual leave taken in advance by the employee, in accordance with an agreement under clause 24.5, to which an entitlement has not been accrued, is to be taken into account.
- (j) Clauses 24.7 to 24.9 do not apply to a period of annual leave that an employee is required to take during a temporary shutdown period in accordance with clause 24.4.

2. By updating the cross-references accordingly.

B. This determination comes into operation on 1 May 2023. In accordance with s.165(3) of the *Fair Work Act 2009* this determination does not take effect in relation to a particular employee until the start of the employee's first full pay period that starts on or after 1 May 2023.



PRESIDENT

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