



Stolen Wages Settlement

Update 16, 18 September 2020

Welcome to our sixteenth Stolen Wages Settlement email update to claimants (workers under the Stolen Wages practices) and registered representatives (for deceased claimants).

Federal Court makes changes

The administrators on 20 August 2020 applied to the Federal Court to make some changes to the Stolen Wages Settlement Distribution Scheme (SDS). Justice Murphy on 8 September 2020 ordered changes to the SDS and made some other orders. Two of the important changes are set out below.

A full copy of Justice Murphy's orders and the changes to the SDS are available at www.stolenwages.com.au under the *Documents* tab.

Registered claimants that have passed away since 21 November 2019

Some claimants that registered a claim before 21 November 2019 have unfortunately passed away and they did not have a will. The Federal Court has

amended the SDS to allow a living spouse (husband or wife), or if there is no living spouse, a living child to register to continue the claim of the deceased claimant. No other relatives are eligible to register to continue such a claim.

A living spouse or living child, if there is no living spouse, must complete a *Continuing registration form - deceased Claimant*, which can be downloaded from the website, www.stolenwages.com.au under the *Documents* tab or obtained by contacting the Stolen Wages Information Centre. The completed form and supporting documents must be received by the Stolen Wages Information Centre before 5.00pm on 9 October 2020.

Deadline reset

There are still over 3,000 claimants and registered representatives who have not provided the required information and documents (claim data) to the Stolen Wages Information Centre. Most claimants and registered representatives have already provided their claim data.

The Federal Court has extended the time to provide claim data to the Stolen Wages Information Centre. Claimants and registered representatives now have until **5.00pm on 9 October 2020** to provide their address, bank account details and identity verification document (photo ID). The list of suitable identity verification documents can be found under the FAQ tab on the website, www.stolenwages.com.au.

If an address, bank account details and identity verification document (photo ID) are not provided to support a claim a claimant or registered representative may not receive a payment.

The administrators last week wrote for the second time to all claimants and registered representatives that haven't provided all of their claim data to tell them that they have until 9 October 2020 to provide any missing claim data. The Federal court has approved a new deadline to submit information to the Stolen Wages Information Centre.

To assist people who have not yet provided their information a final round of community visits will be undertaken to locations including Mareeba, Yarrabah, Palm Island, Normanton, Thursday Island and Boigu Island. Please monitor the Stolen Wages website www.stolenwages.com.au which will be updated once the dates, times and venues of these visits have been confirmed.

Distribution Statements will now be issued to all eligible claimants and registered representatives after 9 October 2020.

The date of payments hasn't been changed by the Federal Court and it is still planned to make payments before 6 December 2020.

Our website - www.stolenwages.com.au - is the place to go to for accurate and up to date information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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