

ABSCONDING

THE RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES



VISA CONDITIONS FOR WORKERS

Your Australian visa is linked to the employer listed in your Offer of Employment.

If you leave your job and don't intend to return, you are breaking the conditions of your visa. This is called absconding and is a very serious matter.

Be wary of people who may promise you better work, more money or a visa to live permanently in Australia. This may be a scam and you need to understand the risks if you leave your job.

RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES OF ABSCONDING:

- ▶ your visa may be cancelled
- ▶ your employer will stop arranging payment of your health insurance
- ▶ no guaranteed accommodation
- ▶ no welfare support
- ▶ you could be mistreated by dishonest employers who do not provide fair working conditions that meet Australian laws
- ▶ you may not be able to work in Australia again (this may include your family and community members)
- ▶ you may damage the relationship between your country and the employer, and
- ▶ you may bring shame to your family's reputation.

IF YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS AT WORK OR HOME OR YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO ASK

FOR HELP. Talk to your team leader, manager or liaison officer. You can also call the Fair Work Ombudsman on 13 13 94, the Pacific Labour Scheme worker welfare hotline on 1800 51 51 31 or the Seasonal Worker Programme information line on (02) 6240 5234.

