



**Australian Government**

**Registered Organisations Commission**

## What is a registered organisation?

A 'registered organisation' is an association of employers or employees that has been formally registered by the Fair Work Commission under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act).

The Registered Organisations Commission (ROC) is the independent regulator of registered organisations.

Following registration, an organisation is able to represent its members in the national workplace relations system. For example, it can:

- represent its members before the Fair Work Commission;
- hold free elections of officers conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission; and
- sue or be sued in its registered name.

Please [click here for a list of organisations](#) currently registered under the RO Act, and please [click here for the legislation that governs](#) a registered organisation.

## Registering as a registered organisation

The ROC is not responsible for the registration of organisations.

An association of employers or employees that wishes to register must apply to the Fair Work Commission. For more information on registration, please visit the [Fair Work Commission website](#).

## Other types of organisations

The ROC is not responsible for the general registration or regulation of other types of organisations such as charitable organisations or companies. For more information about these types of entities please visit the following links:

- **Companies:** the [Australian Security and Investment Commission \(ASIC\)](#)

- **Charitable organisations:** the [Australian Charity and Not-for-profits Commission \(ACNC\)](#)