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Fair Work Australia orders pay increase for community sector

1 February 2012

The workplace tribunal, Fair Work Australia, has today ruled that workers in the community and disability sectors are to receive equal pay to public service workers doing similar jobs.

The tribunal found that workers in these sectors were underpaid for work of equal or comparable value by comparison with workers in state and local government employment. The tribunal also found that gender has been important in creating the gap between pay in the community sector and pay in comparable state and local government employment.

Workers in the SCHCADS industry will receive a pay increase of 19% to 41%, phased-in over eight years, in nine equal instalments, commencing on 1 December 2012 and ending on 1 December 2020. This extends the implementation period proposed by ASU by two years.

The text of the ruling is available on the [ABC news website](#). The Federation will send a more comprehensive bulletin including the pay schedule as soon as it is released.

Residential Tenancies Act Seminar – emerging issues for social housing

Tuesday 14th February 2012

Places for the RTA seminar are filling up quickly. To avoid missing out on this session, please register asap.

This seminar will explore the impact of the RTA changes and how the legislation is being applied when matters are taken to the CTTT particularly in relation to family violence, water charging, no cause evictions and good

decision making.

Confirmed speakers include Virginia McKay from Fair Trading NSW, Lynden Esdaile from HAC and Grant Arbuthnot from the Tenants Union.

Dr Clive Morgan from the Community Housing Division will be detailing the new water charges ministerial guidelines and directions about no cause evictions.

Margaret Balding – Deputy Chairperson (Determinations) from the CTTT will discuss issues of evidence, particularly in relation to anti social behaviour and family violence. It will be a chance to hear how a member makes decisions.

Venue: Mitchell Theatre
Sydney Mechanics School of Arts
280 Pitt Street Sydney

Cost: \$95 Lunch will be provided.

To register, please complete a registration [here](#)

Registrations close **Friday 11th February.**

For further information about this seminar, please contact Lam Huynh on 9281 7144 ext 203 or lamh@communityhousing.org.au

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