

Coming from overseas

Rights and responsibilities as an overseas worker


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If you are a backpacker looking for work in Australia, be sure to check out our section called [Getting Employed](#) for information about where to find work in Australia.

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