

# Media Release

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## APPLICATIONS OPEN SOON FOR LABOUR HIRE LICENCES

Consumer and Business Services is urging labour hire companies to make sure they apply for a licence by the start of August, ahead of the mandatory licensing system for the sector that comes into effect in September.

Commissioner for Consumer Affairs Dini Soulio said that from September 1, any business that supplies workers to another person and pays the worker (either to cover wages or a part payment) will need to be licensed.

“Labour hire firms will need to meet a series of criteria – including qualification requirements and being fit and proper – to gain a licence in South Australia,” he said.

Applications will be published online for 14 days, offering government agencies, local government and industrial associations the chance to object to an application if they believe they are not a fit and proper person to be licensed.

Mr Soulio said both existing labour hire firms and any new firms wishing to do business in South Australia past 1 September, will need to have applied for their licence by 1 August at the latest.

Any labour hire firm operating in South Australia unlicensed from September 1 faces a maximum fine of \$400,000, with individuals facing penalties of up to \$140,000 or three years imprisonment.

Any business or agency that engages the services of an unlicensed labour hire firm after 1 September faces the same penalty.

CBS will be accepting applications from the start of next month.

Businesses wishing to know more can contact CBS on <https://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/labour-hire-laws/> or call 131 882.

