

Registering to work as an Exempt Escort?

YOU CAN WORK LEGALLY AS AN ESCORT. RHED CAN HELP YOU TO REGISTER.

You need to apply for a SWA (Sex Work Act) number from the BLA (Business Licencing Authority). You register as a small owner-operator (exempt sex work service provider). Registration is free.

The BLA needs:

- > Your name, address, phone number and date of birth
- > Identification documents
- > Any other name you have been known as
- > An ABN (Australian Business Number) if you have one.

After you are registered

- > The BLA will send your SWA number. Your name is on a register that is closed to the public. If government bodies (police, tax office and immigration) want to read the register they must apply in writing, with a reason, to the BLA.
- > The BLA send you an Annual Statement every 12 months and you must return it (by post or online) to say you intend to continue working as an exempt escort. The BLA sends this to your nominated address, so it's very important to contact the BLA if you move house.
- > You can remove your name and details from the register at any time.

What exempt escorts can do

What you can do

You can apply for a Sex Work Act (SWA) number.

Outcalls – you can visit a client at their home or a hotel/motel where a booking has been made *in the client's name*.

You can use a driver.

You can take phone calls from clients, manage your own bookings, manage finances and manage safety.

You can work with only 1 other worker, so you can share one SWA number. You both need to register and your name and contact details with the BLA.

You can advertise your services online and in the local paper. Talk to RhED about other advertising options (your ad must include your SWA number).

You can use photos in an ad but only headshots and shoulders. If the photo is not of you then you need that person's written permission.

An ad can include your sexual orientation. For example, you might say 'Gay male clients only' or 'Male escorts only'.

The ad can say that safe sex is practiced and that condoms are always used.

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