

FORCED ONTO WORK FOR THE DOLE?

If you do not want to do Work for the Dole, inform your job agent that you would prefer to do another “approved activity”, such as voluntary work, part-time study, or training. If you earn an income that reduces your Newstart payment by any amount, by law you are ineligible for Work for the Dole during that pay period.

THREATENED WITH A PENALTY?

Penalties can only be applied in very specific situations. Ask your job agent to provide official government documentation justifying any penalty. **Call the AUWU for more advice.**

PRESSURED TO SIGN A JOB PLAN?

Under the law, you are not required to sign your job plan immediately. You can only be penalized after your second refusal to sign. This gives you the right to take your plan home and look it over carefully.

WANT TO CHANGE EMPLOYMENT PROVIDERS?

You can change Providers, in a number of circumstances. For example, if you change address, your relationship with your agent breaks down, or you believe you can be better serviced elsewhere. By law you can request to change providers. **Ask us how!**

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Don't be bullied by your job agent!

As a Newstart recipient, you have rights.

Employment agencies avoid informing you of your rights so they can pressure you to do what **makes them money.**

Get informed about your rights so you can **protect yourself** against these for-profit, self-interested “employment providers”.

The **Australian Unemployed Workers' Union** is here to help. Call our national advocacy hotline on **(03) 8394 5266** today.

**Get Informed.
Get Empowered.
Join the AUWU!**

Note: To lodge an official complaint about your provider, call the Department of Employment on **1800 805 260.**

