

Cancer in the workplace: other support

A guide for managers and human resource professionals

Support is available from a wide range of organisations. Cancer Council offers a range of free support services for people with cancer and their family, friends and colleagues. There are also specific resources available for carers.

Support from Cancer Council

Cancer Council Information and Support
13 11 20

Our confidential telephone service staffed by trained health professionals can provide information about any aspect of cancer. The 13 11 20 consultants can send you printed information, connect you with counselling and support services in your local area, and provide emotional support for people with cancer and their families.

Your local Cancer Council website
see next page for addresses

Provides evidence-based information about more than 30 types of cancer, as well as information about cancer treatment and side effects, living with cancer, prevention, research and advocacy. Information can be read online or downloaded as PDFs and often as ebooks. You can also find links to a range of support services for people affected by cancer.

Cancer Council Legal, Financial, Small Business and Workplace Referral Services
13 11 20

These services support people affected by cancer needing advice about financial, legal, small business or workplace issues. Available in most states and territories.

Cancer Council Online Community
cancercouncil.com.au/OC

This moderated site hosts an online community for people affected by cancer, their families and carers. It is a safe place to connect with others and chat about treatment, specific cancer types, carers' issues, survivorship, and grief and loss.

Support from other organisations

Australian Human Rights Commission
humanrights.gov.au | 1300 656 419

Provides information and resources about preventing discrimination and promoting fairness in the workplace.

Cancer Australia
canceraustralia.gov.au

Provides information about cancer control and care.

Carers Australia
carersaustralia.com.au | 1800 242 636

Provides information, advice and support about combining work and caring responsibilities, and what workplaces can do to become carer-friendly.

Fair Work Commission
fwc.gov.au | 1300 799 675

The national workplace tribunal. Can also hear workplace bullying claims.

Fair Work Ombudsman
fairwork.gov.au | 13 13 94

Information on pay, National Employment Standards, leave, termination/dismissal and complaints.

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Support from other organisations – continued

JobAccess jobaccess.gov.au 1800 464 800	Provides information to support the employment of people with cancer.
Macmillan Cancer Support macmillan.org.uk	A UK website providing information about cancer, including a useful section on work and cancer.
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner oaic.gov.au 1300 363 992	Information for businesses on a range of privacy topics.
Work After Cancer workaftercancer.com.au	Information about working during cancer treatment and returning to work after treatment.
Working Carers Gateway workingcarers.org.au	A website to help people juggling working and caring.

Where to get help and information

Call **Cancer Council 13 11 20** for more information about cancer in the workplace. You can also ask for free copies of our booklets, or download digital copies from your local Cancer Council website.

Cancer Council websites

ACT..... actcancer.org
 NSW cancercouncil.com.au
 NT..... nt.cancer.org.au
 Queensland cancerqld.org.au
 SA..... cancersa.org.au
 Tasmania cancertas.org.au
 Victoria cancervic.org.au
 WA..... cancerwa.asn.au
 Australia..... cancer.org.au

Useful websites

Bernie Banton Foundation (mesothelioma and asbestos-related support) berniebantton.com.au
 Brain Tumour Alliance Australia..... btaa.org.au
 Breast Cancer Network Australia bcna.org.au
 Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation..... accf.org.au
 Kidney Health Australia kidney.org.au
 Leukaemia Foundation leukaemia.org.au
 Lung Foundation Australia lungfoundation.com.au
 Melanoma Institute Australia melanoma.org.au
 Myeloma Australia..... myeloma.org.au
 Ovarian Cancer Australia..... ovariancancer.net.au
 Australian Pancreatic Cancer
 Genome Initiative..... pancreaticcancer.net.au
 Prostate Cancer Foundation
 of Australia prostate.org.au

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For information and support on cancer-related issues, call **Cancer Council 13 11 20**. This is a confidential service.