

2024 AWARD NEGOTIATIONS - PERMANENT AWARD FBEU LOG OF CLAIMS

1. Wages, Allowances & Renumeration

- 8% pay increase on 26 February 2024, with further 6% increases on 26 February 2025 & 26 February 2026.
- Annual lump sum CPI Inflation Adjustment Payment payable from 31 March 2024, 2025, and 2026.
- Increase of Superannuation to 15%.
- A Remuneration Taskforce to investigate and report within 2 months of the making of the Award on the role of a Modern Day Firefighter and appropriate Work Value. Where agreement cannot be reached via the taskforce on the work value amount, consent arbitration to occur.
- New allowances including:
 - o In Water Rescue Allowance
 - Land Based Flood Rescue Allowance
 - Vertical Rescue Allowance
 - Urban Search and Rescue Allowance
 - o Trench Rescue Allowance
 - Hazmat Servicing Allowance
 - GSA Allowance
 - o Partial Structural Collapse Allowance
 - Large Animal Rescue Allowance
 - Compressed Air Foam System Pumper Allowance
 - o Remotely Piloted Aircraft System Allowance
- All allowances, unless otherwise specified, to be qualification allowances payable for all purposes.
- Licence Reimbursement of Heavy Rigid Licence.
- Childcare Reimbursement in specific circumstances.

2. Term of the Award, Renegotiation, Consultation etc.

- 3 Year Award Expiring 25 February 2027.
- Expanded renegotiation period to commence negotiations 9 months prior to expiry.
- New Objectives provision.
- Consent variation clause to insert trial consultative mechanism into the Award post 18 month trial.
- Additional Consultation provisions on:
 - MOUs and Interstate Agreements
 - o Legislation and Reform
 - o Technological Change
 - o FRNSW Policies

3. Leave Entitlements

- Increase compassionate leave to four shifts/four days.
- Union Leave to include Interstate/International Firefighter Union Conferences,
 May Day events, Regional Trades Hall meeting and conference.
- Military Leave

- Councillors Leave
- Therapeutic Medical Donation Leave
- Jury Duty Leave
- Pressing Necessity Leave
- Cultural and Ceremonial Leave
- Study Leave
- Anzac Day Leave
- Leave to attend FRNSW official events including sport competitions, award ceremonies, graduations etc.

4. Additional Conditions

- Clarified and Updated Travelling Compensation clause regarding travel cost compensation.
- Clarified and Updated Recall to Duty provisions to provide for automatic double times for all overtime and minimum 4 hours payment along with clarified travel entitlements.
- New On-Call/Availability Allowance.
- New After Hours Disturbance Allowance.
- New Accommodation Allowance for inadequate accommodation standards on deployment.
- Any activation of DART or AUS-02 to be paid in accordance with deployment entitlements.
- Insertion of Rest and Recline provisions.
- Insertion of an agreed Training Framework to be developed under the 2023
 Award aligning qualifications to ranks and to ensure nationally recognized qualifications are issued at appropriate ranks.
- Insertion of new Promotional Pathways system to be developed under the 2023 Award including:
 - Agreed minimum periods of service at a below rank prior to being able to seek promotion;
 - A requirement for employees to pass a standard knowledge based prequalifying assessment prior to being able to seek promotion;
 - A structured promotional development program that is capability based with nationally accredited units of competency and qualifications awarded as a result;
 - Multiple pathways of promotion by merit inclusive of selection on a promotional program, merit selection into a non-station based role and merit selection into second round advertisements/hard to fill roles;
 - clear and defined pathways for promotion with relevant and agreed tenures applied where necessary along with pausing at number 1 on transfer lists during tenure periods in non-station based positions;
 - Streamlining of promotional programs to deliver full qualification at the leading ranks;
 - Transfers into substantive operational roles via an agreed promotional register;
- New Conduct Resolution, Reports and Charges clause.
- New Merit Selection Disputes Panel.
- New Disturbance Allowance for all Station Relocations, Redevelopments and Renovations.

5. Health and Safety

- New Health and Safety in the Workplace clause.
- New provision to provide for Rehabilitation and Hygiene Units.

- New provision regarding Registry of Attended Calls and Exposures.
- New provision regarding Water for Training.
- New provision regarding Washing Machines/Dryers in workplaces.
- New provision re Voluntary Health and Fitness Programs.
- New provision for the Health Screening Program to be inserted by consent following the 36 Month Trial.

6. Additional Conditions for Specific Groups

- Toll reimbursement for travel to and from work for all Instructors, Training position, Fire Investigator positions & Fire Safety positions.
- Insertion of Safe Minimum Staffing Levels for Training and Instructors, Fire Investigation, Fire Safety, Communications and Executive Officers.
- New Certificate IV Training and Assessment Allowance for all Training/Instructor positions and access to a Diploma of Training and Assessment with a further allowance payable for Training/Instructor provisions with this Diploma.
- New Driving Instructor Allowance.
- New Fire Investigation Allowance
- New provision regarding Fire Investigation Vehicles
- New Fire Safety Qualification Allowance and access to Bachelor of Engineering with a further allowance payable for Fire Safety staff with an Engineering Degree.
- New Communications Trainers/Instructor Allowance.
- New provision regarding Executive Officer Vehicles