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What if a worker provides an ABN?

The provision of an individual's Australian business number (ABN), does not change your obligation to withhold from their payments. They must provide you with their TFN.

Individual workers under a labour-hire arrangement are not entitled to an ABN (or to register for GST) if this is the only way they obtain work. However, they may have an ABN (and be registered for GST) because of other unrelated business activities.

Under the labour-hire withholding rules, individuals and sole traders are treated the same even if the sole trader:

- has a registered business name
- has a trade name
- has an ABN
- is registered for GST.

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