

The best way to begin working towards a menopause-friendly workplace is to think creatively about when inclusion and accommodation for menopausal transition might be embedded into existing policies and practices. This quick healthcheck will allow you to think about where you already have practices that can be explicitly referred to as 'menopause-friendly', or where you might wish to make some minor adjustments to policy.

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FLEXIBLE WORKING POLICIES Those experiencing menopausal transition are considered eligible for and mentioned in flexible working policies.	Measure/ action in place	Minor changes required	Significant changes required
On Site Presence			
No extended periods without a planned non-working day (for shiftworkers)			
Flexible start and finish time			
Flexible distribution of hours across working week			
Full-time to part-time working possible			
Working from home arrangements available to menopausal women			
Physical Working Environments			
Fixed positions available as required (not hotdesking)			
Employees able to change work spaces as required			
Relaxation rooms available on site			
CULTURE			
Photos of menopausal-age women included in flexible working policy materials			
Information on menopausal transition available through the organization's online/hard copy resources			
Health recognition days (such as International Women's Day, International Day of Older Persons, RU OK? Day and World Menopause Day) used for awareness raising on menopausal transition			
Older worker or 'age management' policies consider reproductive and life stage changes			
Gendered ageism referred to in diversity and Inclusion policies and statements			



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HEALTH AND SAFETY	in place	required	required
Menopause incorporated into broader health and wellbeing initiatives			
Menopause-friendly uniforms used (multilayered and breathable fabric)			
Mental health campaigns and initiatives integrate conversations on life stage experiences			
Workstation assessors aware of menopausal symptoms			
Clear and fast procedure for employees to access desk fans			
Clear and fast procedure for employees to access mobile/hand fans			
Localized temperature control considered during building and renovations			
MEETING POLICY Meetings take place in rooms where temperature can be controlled by participants			
Meetings are kept to time (to ensure individuals can plan toilet or comfort breaks appropriately)			
Meeting participants are notified of nearest toilets and water stations as part of chair's opening remarks			
Teleconferencing option available to those experiencing menopausal symptoms			
HUMAN RESOURCES			
HR Contact appointed for menopause-related policy and procedural questions			
Menopausal transition included as a characteristic eligible for reasonable adjustment requests			
Clear organization-wide procedures for menopausal disclosure			
Induction programme references support for life stage health experiences			
Employee Assistance Programme providers are aware of menopause symptoms			
Existing diversity and inclusion policies updated as required to include menopausal considerations			
Training to include awareness of age-related health experiences			
Absence systems provide opportunity to attribute menopausal transition as reason			
Leave requests include option to nominate menopause-related leave (similar to pre-natal leave policies)			