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## National Minimum

## Wage



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## Easy English

This information is written in an easy-to-read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Some words are written in bold. We explain what these words mean.

You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

You may not want to read this whole document at once.

There are 2 main sections.

You may like to read these 1 at a time.

## About this guide

This guide lets you know about your rights to earn money. It tells you who to contact if you have questions.

## Who determines minimum wages?

Minimum wage is the smallest amount of money an employer can pay an employee. This amount can be different as there are different types of work. Example: If you work in a restaurant, you will receive the Hospitality minimum wages.


The Fair Work Commission has a team of experts who review minimum wages each year.


They think about:

- information received from employers and employees
- changes in the last year
- research provided by experts.

The minimum wage may increase when the review is finished.
Employers must increase wages by $1^{\text {st }}$ July each year.

## What is the current National Minimum Wage?


$\$ 20.33$ per hour
OR
$\$ 772.60$ a week if you work 38 hours in 1 week.


If you are a casual employee you will get paid $25 \%$ more.

This is called casual loading.


Most employees are covered by a modern award

A modern award includes
information on minimum wage, your rights as an employee and information about working in a specific job or industry.

## If you have questions or concerns



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You can talk to people from Fair Work
Phone: 131394

If you have trouble hearing or
speaking, call 133677

