

# National Minimum Wage entitlement

## 1. What is the minimum wage

The government sets a minimum amount workers must get paid on average for the hours they work. This is called the National Minimum Wage (NMW) or the National Living Wage (NLW) if you're aged 25 or over.

### Current rates for the minimum wage

The minimum wage rate varies depending on your age and whether you are an apprentice.

Wage band	Rates from 1 April 2018
25 and over	£7.83
21 to 24	£7.38
18 to 20	£5.90
Under 18	£4.20
Apprentice	£3.70

### April 2019 rate increase

The minimum wage rates will increase in April 2019.

Wage band	Rates from 1 April 2019
25 and over	£8.21
21 to 24	£7.70
18 to 20	£6.15
Under 18	£4.35
Apprentice	£3.90

See the [previous minimum wage rates on GOV.UK](#).