

National Minimum Wage entitlement

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.

1. 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 2019
25 and over	£8.21
21 to 24	£7.70
18 to 20	£6.15
Under 18	£4.35
Apprentice	£3.90

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

Who gets the apprentice rate

You're entitled to the apprentice rate if you're an apprentice aged:

- under 19
- 19 or over, and in the first year of your current apprenticeship agreement

If you're 19 or over and have completed the first year of your current apprenticeship, you're entitled to the minimum wage for your age.