



Communications

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Government sets out new national minimum wage rates to apply from 1 October 2013

The Government has accepted the Low Pay Commission's (LPC) recommendations for this year's adult and youth national minimum wage (NMW) rates. However, the Government has concluded that the apprentice rate should be increased rather than frozen as recommended by the LPC.

The following rates will come into force from 1 October 2013:

- The adult rate will increase by 12p from £6.19 to £6.31 per hour.
- The rate for 18-20 year olds will increase by 5p from £4.98 to £5.03 per hour.
- The rate for 16-17 year olds will increase by 4p from £3.68 to £3.72 per hour.
- The apprentice rate will increase by 3p from £2.65 to £2.68 per hour.
- The accommodation offset will increase from £4.82 to £4.91.

The LPC recommended that the apprentice NMW rate should not be raised due to evidence that a significant number of employers are not complying with paying it. However, the Government decided that the apprentice rate would instead be raised in line with the youth rates so that apprenticeships continue to be attractive to young people.

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