#### WHAT YOU CAN DO!

- Know the National Minimum Wage and the sectoral phased in rates.
- Keep records of your hours worked and payments
- Report underpayment and unfair treatment

### **EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY**

#### Employers are required to:

- Adjust pay rates as per the new hourly wages on the effective dates.
- Maintain accurate wage and attendance records.
- Ensure compliance with all provisions of the Labour Act, 2007 (Act No. 11 of 2007).
- Allow labour inspectors access to verify compliance during inspections.
- Failure to comply with the minimum wage order constitutes an offence and may be liable to a fine not exceeding N\$10 000 or to be imprisoned for a period not exceeding two years imprisonment or to both the fine and imprisonment.

# WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE INCLUDE AND EXCLUDE?

- It includes money payable for ordinary hours of work.
- It excludes allowances, food or accomodation value, overtime,
   Sunday/public holiday pay, and other benefits.

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### **NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE ORDER**

**EFFECTIVE 01 JANUARY 2025** 

Ensuring fair pay, protecting workers, and promoting decent work for all.



## MINIMUM WAGE ADJUSTMENTS BY SECTOR

With effect of 01 January 2025, the National Minimum Wage was set at **N\$18.00** per hour, serving as the national benchmark for fair pay. To ensure a smooth transition, domestic, agricultural, and security workers will progressively reach this rate through phased annual increases up to 2027.

Domestic workers		
Effective Date	Hourly Rate (N\$)	Incremental Increase
`1 January 2025	N\$ 12.00 per hour	-
1 January 2026	N\$ 15.00 per hour	+ N\$ 3.00
1 January 2027	N\$ 18.00 per hour	+ N\$ 3.00
	Agricultural worke	rs
1 January 2025	N\$ 10.00 per hour	-
1 January 2026	N\$ 14.00 per hour	+ N\$ 4.00
1 January 2027	N\$ 18.00 per hour	+ N\$ 4.00
	Security Workers	
1 January 2025	N\$ 13.50 per hour	
1 January 2026	N\$ 16.00 per hour	+ N\$ 2.50
1 January 2027	N\$ 18.00 per hour	+ N\$ 2.00

# OVERTIME AND SUNDAY/PUBLIC HOLIDAY RATES FOR 2025, 2026 & 2027

2025 (Effective as at 01 January)		
Worker Category	Overtime (1.5x)	Sunday/Public Holiday (2x)
Any other workers	27.00/hour	36.00/hour
Domestic workers	18.00/hour	24.00/hour
Agriculture workers	15.00/hour	20.00/hour
Security workers	20.25/hour	27.00/hour
202	6 (Effective as at 01 Ja	anuary)
Any other workers	27.00/hour	36.00/hour
Domestic workers	22.50/hour	30.00/hour
Agriculture workers	21.00/hour	28.00/hour
Security workers	24.00/hour	32.00/hour
202	7 (Effective as at 01 Ja	nuary)
Any other workers	27.00/hour	36.00/hour
Domestic workers	27.00/hour	36.00/hour
Agriculture workers	27.00/hour	36.00/hour
Security workers	27.00/hour	36.00/hour

# WHAT IS THE NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE (NMW)?

The National Minimum Wage is the lowest hourly rate an employer can legally pay an employee.

It protects workers from unfairly low pay and promotes decent living standards across all sectors.

## LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE

The National Minimum Wage is established under Section 13 of the Labour Act, 2007, through the Wage Order for Setting the National Minimum Wage for Employees.

This ensures that every worker, regardless of job type, earns a fair and regulated wage.

## WHO IS BY COVERED THE NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE?

The National Minimum Wage applies to all workers in Namibia, full-time, part-time, or temporary employees but excludes Namibian Defence Force, Police force, Prison Services and Namibian Central Intelligence Service.