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TO ALL EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

GOVERNMENT: NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE FROM 1 MARCH 2026

The Minister of Employment and Labour has, in terms of section 6(5) of the National Minimum Wage Act, 2018 (Act 9 of 2018), announced an increase in the national minimum wage.

The new national minimum wage shall be R30-23 for each ordinary hour worked and shall become effective on **1 March 2026**.

Please note: The National Minimum Wage Act, 2018 (Act 9 of 2018) overrides our Collective Agreements and consequently affects all the hourly wage rates of pay below this national minimum wage rate. The Government made it law that **NO** employee may be remunerated less than the National Minimum Wage.

Prescribed minimum hourly rate of pay effective from 1 March 2026.

Occupation Skills Level	Occupation Skills Level Code	Prescribed minimum hourly rate of pay effective from 1 March 2026
General worker	05	R30-23 per hour

Kindly ensure that all provisions of this Circular are complied with. Please contact the Council's Inspectorate Department should you require any additional information or clarity regarding this Circular.

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