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WAGE ORDER FOR SETTING NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE FOR EMPLOYEES: LABOUR ACT, 2007

Under section 13 of the Labour Act, 2007 (Act No. 11 of 2007), I have, after considering the report and recommendations of the Wages Commission, made the wage order setting the national minimum wage for employees as set out in the Schedule.

U. NUJOMA
MINISTER OF LABOUR, INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT CREATION

Windhoek, 24 July 2024

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Definitions

1. In this Order, a word or expression to which a meaning has been given in the Act has that meaning, and unless the context otherwise indicates –

“agricultural worker” means a person working for an agricultural undertaking or an agricultural employer for any period of time;

“domestic worker” means a person engaged in domestic work in an employment relationship, including a child-minder, cook, driver, gardener or housekeeper;

“the Act” means the Labour Act, 2007 (Act No. 11 of 2007); and

“this Order” means the Wage Order for Setting a National Minimum Wage for Employees.

Purpose of Order

2. (1) The purpose of this Order is to effectively contribute to the reduction of poverty and inequality by –

- (a) setting fair wage standards; and
- (b) promoting equitable economic opportunities for all employees, and to work progressively to attain the goal of a living wage set out in Article 95(i) of the Namibian Constitution.

Application of Order

3. (1) This Order applies to all employees and their employers including employees placed by a private employment agency as defined in section 1 of the Employment Services Act, 2011 (Act No. 8 of 2011).

(2) This Order does not apply to members of the Namibian Defence Force, Namibian police force, municipal police service established as contemplated in section 43C of the Police Act, 1990 (Act No. 19 of 1990), Namibia Central Intelligence Service and Namibia Correctional Service.

Effect of Order

4. (1) Every employee is entitled to payment of a wage in an amount no less than the national minimum wage.

(2) Every employer must pay wages to its employees that are no less than the national minimum wage.

(3) The national minimum wage constitutes a term of every contract of employment except to the extent that a contract of employment, collective agreement or law provides a wage that is more favourable to the employee.

(4) This Order supersedes the existing Wage Order for Domestic Workers published under Government Notice No. 258 of 29 September 2017 and the Collective Agreement between the Agricultural Employer’s Association and the Namibian Farmers’ Union in so far as it relates to the rate of minimum wage.

Minimum wage for employees

5. (1) With effect from 1 January 2025 the minimum wage for employees is N\$18.00 per hour.

- (2) Despite subsection (1) –
 - (a) domestic workers are entitled to:
 - (i) N\$12.00 per hour with effect from 1 January 2025;
 - (ii) N\$15.00 per hour from 1 January 2026; and
 - (iii) N\$18.00 per hour from 1 January 2027.
 - (b) agriculture workers are entitled to:
 - (i) N\$10.00 per hour with effect from 1 January 2025;
 - (ii) N\$14.00 per hour from 1 January 2026; and
 - (iii) N\$18.00 per hour from 1 January 2027.

Duty to pay full monetary remuneration

6. An employer –
- (a) must pay an employee the full amount of the minimum wage contemplated in paragraph 5 of this Order; or
 - (b) a higher wage agreed on minus lawful deductions as contemplated in section 12 of the Act and may not deduct from the monetary remuneration the value of in-kind payments or contributions such as food, clothing or housing.

Calculation of minimum wage

7. (1) Despite any contract or law to the contrary, the calculation of a wage for this Order is the amount payable in money for ordinary hours of work excluding –

- (a) any payment made to enable an employee to perform his or her duties, including equipment, tools, food or accommodation allowance;
- (b) allowances related to travel, subsistence, housing, motor vehicles, transport and professional matters;
- (c) gratuities, including bonuses, tips or gifts;
- (d) pay for overtime work;
- (e) additional pay for work on a Sunday or a public holiday;
- (f) additional pay for night work; or
- (g) payments in respect of pension, annuity, medical benefits or insurance.

Review period

8. This Order must be reviewed by the Wages Commission every two years in addition to any annual inflationary increase provided for in the Act.
