

National Minimum Wage Effective 1st October 2011

There are three rates of National Minimum Wage (NMW). They are based on recommendations of an independent body, the Low Pay Commission.

The main (adult) rate applies to workers aged 21 and over and is currently £6.08 per hour.

The NMW development rate applies to 18 to 20-year-olds and is currently £4.98 per hour.

The third NMW rate applies to 16 to 17-year-old workers who are above school leaving age. It is currently £3.68 per hour.

A minimum wage has also been introduced for Apprentices under 19, or over 19 and in the first year of their apprenticeship. This rate is £2.60 per hour.

The above rates are likely to be in force until October 2012.