



NEW MINIMUM WAGES FOR THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SECTOR

As from 1 February 2006, the minimum wage for workers in the wholesale and retail sector has increased. For the first time, the increase is the same throughout the country, including workers employed in the former Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei.

These workers had a separate wage dispensation in the previous Sectoral Determination.

Workers are entitled to different minimum wages, depending on the occupational category, and the location of their workplace. For example, a Sales Assistant in an urban area should earn R2 289,30

per month, while one who works in a rural area should earn R1 719,90 per month.

If a worker already earns more than the minimum wage, then his or her salary cannot be reduced.

An increase will be introduced annually on 1 February to the minimum wages for the wholesale and retail industry.

For more information on minimum wages in the wholesale and retail industry, or to find out more about what the law says about working conditions in this industry, call the Department of Labour at (012) 309 4067 or 309 4889, or log on to www.labour.gov.za. You can also visit one of the Department of Labour offices, nationwide.



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