



INCREASE TO FEDERAL MINIMUM **WAGE RATES**



The Minimum Wage Panel of Fair Work Australia has today announced increases to pay rates which are to commence 1 July 2010.

The outcome of the review **in relation to modern award minimum wages** is that from the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2010 minimum wages are increased by \$26 per week and 69 cents per hour (on the basis of a 38 hour week). The increase applies to minimum wages for junior employees, employees to whom training arrangements apply and employees with disability and to piece rates through the operation of the methods applying to the calculation of those wages.

The national **minimum wage for adult award / agreement free employees** will be \$569.90 per week or \$15 per hour.

The standard **casual loading in modern awards** will be maintained at 25 per cent, subject where relevant to the operation of the transitional provisions in the awards.

The **casual loading for award / agreement free employees** has been brought into line with the standard casual loading in modern awards and has been set at 21%.

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