

**\$19.40 or 3.4 per cent weekly minimum wage increase announced**

The Fair Work Australia Minimum Wage Panel (the Panel) has today handed down the 2010-11 Annual Wage Review Decision.

Modern minimum weekly wages will be increased by 3.4 per cent from the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2011, with commensurate increases in hourly rates on the basis of a 38 hour week.

The increase applies to minimum wages for junior employees, employees to whom training arrangements apply, employees with a disability, and to piece rates.

The national minimum wage order includes:

(a) a national minimum wage of \$589.30 per week or \$15.51 per hour based on a 38 hour week. This represents an increase of \$19.40 per week or 51 cents per hour.

(b) a minimum wage of \$589.30 per week or \$15.51 per hour for employees with a disability whose productivity is not affected. For employees with a disability whose productivity is affected, an assessment under the supported wage system is required, subject to a minimum payment.

(c) wages for award and agreement free junior employees will be based on the percentages for juniors in the *Miscellaneous Award 2010*.

(d) award and agreement free apprentices and employees under the National Training Wage Schedule in the *Miscellaneous Award 2010* will not receive less than the national minimum wage; and

(e) a casual loading of 22 per cent for award/agreement free employees.

Members are reminded that this Minimum Wage Decision applies only to **national system employers**. A separate decision will be handed down for state system employers by the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission. CCI will advise members when the state wage decision is delivered.

CCI will provide updated federal wage schedules as soon as possible.

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