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CHANGES TO EMPLOYMENT LAW FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2007

As from the 1st October 2007, the national minimum wage has increased as follows:

For workers aged 22 and over, the rate has increased from £5.35 to **£5.52** per hour.

For workers aged between 18 and 21, the rate has risen from £4.45 to **£4.60** per hours.

And for those workers below 18 who have ceased to be of compulsory school age, the rate has increased from £3.30 to **£3.40** per hour.

Also from the 1st October 2007, workers are entitled to 4.8 weeks paid annual leave each year. This equates to 24 days for a worker who works five days per weeks.

The entitlement will rise again to 5.6 weeks on the 1st April 2009.

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