



National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage rates



The hourly rate for the minimum wage depends on your age and whether you're an apprentice. You must be at least:

- school leaving age to get the National Minimum Wage
- aged 25 to get the National Living Wage - the minimum wage will still apply for workers aged 24 and under

Current rates - These rates are for the National Living Wage and the National Minimum Wage. The rates change every April.

Year	25 and over	21 to 24	18 to 20	Under 18	Apprentice
April 2018 (current)	£7.83	£7.38	£5.90	£4.20	£3.70
April 2019	£8.21	£7.70	£6.15	£4.35	£3.90

Apprentices - Apprentices are entitled to the apprentice rate if they're either:

- aged under 19
- aged 19 or over and in the first year of their apprenticeship

Example An apprentice aged 22 in the first year of their apprenticeship is entitled to a minimum hourly rate of £3.70.

Apprentices are entitled to the minimum wage for their age if they both:

- are aged 19 or over
- have completed the first year of their apprenticeship

Example An apprentice aged 22 who has completed the first year of their apprenticeship is entitled to a minimum hourly rate of £7.38.

Previous rates - The following rates were for the National Living Wage and the National Minimum Wage from April 2016.

Year	25 and over	21 to 24	18 to 20	Under 18	Apprentice
April 2017 to March 2018	£7.50	£7.05	£5.60	£4.05	£3.50
October 2016 to March 2017	£7.20	£6.95	£5.55	£4.00	£3.40
April 2016 to September 2016	£7.20	£6.70	£5.30	£3.87	£3.30