# National Minimum Wage

The National Minimum Wage is the minimum pay per hour almost all workers are entitled to by law. Use the National Minimum Wage calculator to check if you're paying a worker the National Minimum Wage or if you owe them payments from past years.

These rates apply from 1 April 2027.

| Category of worker | Hourly rate |
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| **Aged 21 and above (national living wage rate)** | £13.21 |
| **Aged 18 to 20 inclusive** | £11.27 |
| **Aged under 18 (but above compulsory school leaving age)** | £8.31 |
| **Apprentices aged under 19** | £8.31 |
| **Apprentices aged 19 and over, but in the first year of their apprenticeship** | £8.31 |

National Minimum Wage rates for previous years.