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New national minimum wage rises announced.

The Department for Trade and Industry has announced the new rates of the national minimum wage (NMW) that will take effect from 1 October 2007. For workers aged 22 and over, the rate will rise from the current £5.35 to £5.52 per hour. For workers aged 18-21 and those subject to the development rate, it will rise from £4.45 to £4.60 per hour. Finally, for workers aged 16 and 17 it will rise from £3.30 to £3.40 per hour. These rates were recommended by the independent Low Pay Commission

The new rates, which this time match the current rate of growth in average earnings, means the NMW has gone up by almost 30% more than inflation since it was introduced in 1999.

The Government estimates that more than one million workers stand to benefit from the October 2007 uprating of the NMW.

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