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New National Minimum Wage Regulations published

The draft *National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2006* have been laid before Parliament and will come into force on 1 October 2006. The regulations increase the principal adult rate of the national minimum wage (NMW) from £5.05 to £5.35 per hour and the development and youth rate from £4.25 to £4.45 per hour. In addition, the regulations increase the NMW rate to be paid to workers aged 16 and 17 years (i.e. those aged below 18 who have ceased to be of compulsory school age) from £3.00 to £3.20 per hour.

Finally, the regulations amend the per day value of the accommodation amount which is applicable where an employer provides a worker with living accommodation. The amendment increases the amount from £3.90 to £4.15 for each day that accommodation is provided.

