

## ONTARIO'S MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

- Ontario's current general minimum wage is \$7.45 per hour.
- The general minimum wage for Ontario workers rose to \$7.45 per hour on February 1, 2005. It will rise again to \$7.75 on February 1, 2006. A further increase will follow bringing the minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour on February 1, 2007.

<b>Ontario General Minimum Wage Rate/hr</b>	<b>Implementation Date</b>
\$6.85	January 1995
\$7.15	February 1, 2004
\$7.45	February 1, 2005
\$7.75	February 1, 2006
\$8.00	February 1, 2007

### Minimum Wage Increases for Specific Job Categories:

<b>Minimum Wage Rate</b>	<b>Previously (since 1995)</b>	<b>February 1, 2004</b>	<b>February 1, 2005</b>	<b>February 1, 2006</b>	<b>February 1, 2007</b>
General Minimum Wage	\$6.85 per hour	\$7.15 per hour	\$7.45 per hour	\$7.75 per hour	\$8.00 per hour
Students under 18 and working not more than 28 hours per week	\$6.40 per hour	\$6.70 per hour	\$6.95 per hour	\$7.25 per hour	\$7.50 per hour
Liquor server	\$5.95 per hour	\$6.20 per hour	\$6.50 per hour	\$6.75 per hour	\$6.95 per hour
Hunting and Fishing guides	\$34.25: paid this minimum rate for less than five consecutive hours in a day; \$68.50: for five or more hours in a day whether or not the hours are consecutive	\$35.75  \$71.50	\$37.25  \$74.50	\$38.75  \$77.50	\$40.00  \$80.00

Homeworkers (defined as people doing paid work in their home for an employer)	110 per cent of the general minimum wage	110 per cent of the general minimum wage	110 per cent of the general minimum wage	110 per cent of the general minimum wage	110 per cent of the general minimum wage
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