



NATIONAL BARGAINING COUNCIL FOR THE CLOTHING MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

NORTHERN CHAMBER

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TO : ALL EMPLOYERS SUBJECT TO PART E OF THE COUNCIL'S NATIONAL MAIN COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT (**NORTHERN REGION (KNITTING)**) WITHIN THE "METRO" AREAS ONLY OF THE NORTHERN CHAMBER OF THE NATIONAL BARGAINING COUNCIL FOR THE CLOTHING MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY)

Dear Sir/Madam

INFORMATION CIRCULAR TO THE INDUSTRY FOLLOWING THE 2016 ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS

METRO AREAS ONLY

(i.e. those Garment Knitting establishments situated within the Municipal Area of Pretoria and the Magisterial Districts of Alberton, Benoni, Germiston, Johannesburg and Roodepoort)

The Parties to the National Bargaining Council have concluded a **two year** Collective Agreement in terms of which the total labour cost increase for all "Metro" regions amounts to **8%** with effect from and backdated to 1 September 2016, for the 1st year of the agreement. For the 2nd year of the agreement, a further total labour cost increase of CPI plus 1% provided that in the event of CPI plus 1% resulting in the total labour cost increase being less than the rand value increase for 2017, the adjustment shall be the rand equivalent of the 2016/2017 total labour cost increase. Should the CPI plus 1% for the second year 2017, exceed this, the parties shall renegotiate the total labour cost quantum.

This circular summarises the outcome of the Industry negotiations.

The Agreement will be submitted to the Minister of Labour with a request that it be extended to employers and employees in the Industry, other than those who are party to the Agreement, i.e. to all Non-Parties.

Party companies are automatically covered by the terms of the signed Agreement.

Details of the negotiated settlement in respect of the Free State/Northern Cape Region (Parts E of the Council's National Main Collective Agreement) are set out below.

1. INCREASE TO TOTAL LABOUR COST

The increase to total labour cost for all current employees (inclusive of those previous employees who rejoin the industry after less than 3 years absence from the industry) shall be **8%**, for each of the job categories prescribed for these areas with effect from 1 September 2016, **rounded** to the nearest 50 cents. (The increase shall be back dated to 1 September 2016 and back pay will be due). The new wage schedules incorporating the new wage rates after the 2016/2017 agreed increases are attached. Please note that there are **two** enclosed sets of **Wage Schedules, Group A & Group B**, one applicable to those companies that **HAVE** registered a productivity agreement with the Bargaining Council, another applicable to those companies that **HAVE NOT** registered a productivity agreement and **new wage rates** applicable to the new employees on the Incentivised Wage Scheme which became effective from 1 September 2012.

2. CONTRIBUTIONS

2.1 Sick Pay Fund

The employee contribution rate to the Sick Pay Fund remains unaltered at R3, 07 per week, whilst the employer contribution rate increases from **R6.18 to R6.67** per week. These now are:

Employee : R3.07
Employer : R6.67

2.2 Medical Benefit Society

The employee contribution rate to the Medical Benefit Society remains unaltered at R8,91 per week, whilst the employer contribution rate increases from **R19.77 to R21.35** per week. These now are:

Member Employee : R8.91
Employer : R21.35

Spouse Employee : R8.91
Employer : R21.35

2.3 Provident Fund

The employer contribution rate to the Provident Fund remains unaltered for the period 2016/2017 and employee contribution rate remains unaltered for the period 2016/2017 as:

Employee : 5.75%
Employer : 7%

NB: The current employer contribution levels for metro which is part of the employer total labour cost shall be improved by 0.5% from 1 September 2017.

Please note that the Provident Fund contributions are payable for the full 52 weeks of the year.

2.4 Bargaining Council Levy

The Bargaining Council levy payable by the employee shall be **R2.45** per week deducted from each employee's wage and the Bargaining Council Levy payable by the employer shall be **R2.65**.

2.5 Across-the-board Increases in Employer Contributions

The following levies and contributions payable by the Employer has been increased by the agreed Total Labour Cost increase of 8%:

Category	Old Rate	New Rate (p.w. per employee)
Industry Protection Fund	17c	18c
SACTWU HIV/AIDS Project	52c	56c
SACTWU Bursary Fund	34c	37c

3. TRADE UNION DEDUCTIONS

The **Trade Union Subscription** rate for its members changes to 1% of the member's basic wage rate with a *new minimum* of **R8.53** per week and a *new maximum* of **R15.64** per week, effective 1 September 2016 together with the funeral scheme contribution of R1,80 per week which remains unchanged, bringing the *total new minimum* to **R10.33** per week (i.e. the R8.53 plus the R1,80) and the *total new maximum* to **R17.44** per week (i.e. the R15.64 plus the R1,80). Companies are to ensure that the correct union fee deductions are implemented and transmitted to the Bargaining Council as part of your monthly returns.

NB: For all Non-Union Members, an Agency Fee deduction of 1% of the basic weekly wage with the minimum of **R8.53** per week and the maximum of **R15.64** per week is applicable. Companies are to

ensure that the correct agency fee deductions are implemented and transmitted to the bargaining council as part of your monthly returns.

4. **EMPLOYER AGENCY SHOP FEE**

The Employer Agency Shop Fee is payable by employers who are not members of the Employers' Association and remains unaltered for employers who employ 60 or less employees is **R250.00** per month and it is **R4.25** per employee per month for employers who employ more than 61 and more employees.

5. **FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY LEAVE**

5.1. An employer must grant an employee, during each annual leave cycle, three (3) days paid family responsibility leave, two (2) days' pay from 1 September 2016, and the remaining one (1) day's pay effective from 1 September 2017.

5.2. This clause applies to an employee –

- a) Who has been in employment for a period of four months; and
- b) Who works for at least four days a week for that employer.

6. **SHOP STEWARDS TIME OFF**

6.1 For all areas, paid time off for head shop stewards for union activities shall be improved by 1 additional day's pay per annum.

6.2 Any day or part thereof used for attending bargaining council or related meetings shall not be debited from normal shop stewards time off for trade union activities. Payment for such days or hours shall be the responsibility of the relevant regional chamber of the NBC.

7. **GRADING SYSTEM**

The NBC Main Agreement job grades and job categories specified in the various industry agreements shall be reviewed to accommodate new forms of work and work organisation which has arisen as a result of technology changes in the industry. It shall set new specific wage levels for such job categories. It is recorded that the discussion on this matter shall take place under the Developmental Matters Agenda.

8. **MACHINIST QUALIFYING PERIOD**

The proposal that the qualifying period for a machinist is to be reduced from 18 months to 14 months shall be discussed under the Developmental Matters agenda.

9. **DEVELOPMENTAL MATTERS**

The developmental matters as set out in the 2010/2011 Substantive Agreement under clause 7 shall be finalised as per the provisions of sub-clauses 7.1 and 7.2 of the 2010/2011 Substantive Agreement and the task team referred to in clause 7.1 of the said Substantive Agreement shall be decided at the first NBC Council meeting following the signing of this agreement.

10. **BLACK INDUSTRIALISTS**

It is recorded that the discussion on this matter shall be referred to the Bargaining Council Productivity and Training Institute for prioritised attention and resolution. The Director of the NBC PTI shall provide the parties with relevant background information on this prior to the commencement of the first meeting of the working group. The Director of the NBC PTI shall act as convener of this working group.

11. COMPANIES ON THE PLANT LEVEL INCENTIVISED WAGE DISPENSATION

The current 80% plant level incentivised scheme dispensation shall be amended to provide for an individual employee cycle commencing 1 September 2016, in terms of which such employees will, in year two, progress from 80% to 90% of their respective gazetted wages and in year three to 100% of their wage.

12. JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

The joint and several liability provisions regarding sub-contracting by compliant companies to non-compliant companies shall apply to all factories that pay below 80% of the full gazetted NBC wage rates. Companies paying between 80% and 100% of the gazetted wage rates may apply to the NBC for specific level B compliance registration, in which case the joint and several liability provisions would not apply.

13. INDUSTRY SUMMIT

The parties to the Council agreed to convene and host an industry summit. A task team has to be appointed to do some preparatory work for the summit which shall take place under the auspices of the NBC Productivity & Training Institute.

14. BACKPAY

14.1 The parties agree that all employers in the industry should implement the terms of this agreement, backdated to its effective date, especially regarding (but not restricted to) the implementation of the wage increases consented to in this agreement.

14.2 The NBC is required, as soon as possible after the effective date of this agreement but no longer than 4 weeks after the gazettal date, to conduct an industry survey to determine the extent of implementation of the wage increases envisaged in this agreement.

14.3 The following provision shall be submitted for gazettal, unless a different mechanism is agreed to:

“all employers covered by the registered scope of the NBC shall implement the wage increases agreed to at NBC level”; or

“all employers covered by the registered scope of the NBC who have not implemented the wage increases agreed to at NBC level shall implement a 10% wage increase for metro areas and the rand equivalent of the Durban qualified machinist’s rate, for non-metro areas with effect from 1 September each year” .

15. OTHER CONDITIONS

15.1 All other previously agreed terms and conditions not specifically varied by the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in force and effect, unless agreed otherwise through collective bargaining between the parties, at NBC level.

15.2 The parties have accepted that the terms agreed to are hereby formalised in this final written agreement concluded and signed under the auspices of the NBC, subject to ratification by their respective members.

15.3 All other unresolved matters as identified in the plenary sessions of this year’s substantive negotiations are referred for further bilateral discussions between the parties.

15.4 The parties agree to support the establishment of a Fashion Council and undertake to progress discussions on the details of such a Fashion Council, with a view to conclude it prior to the expiry date of this agreement.

16. SCHEDULE OF DEDUCTIONS

A revised schedule of weekly deductions and contributions is enclosed.

17. NON-METRO AREAS (for the purposes of this circular, means all areas of the old Province of the Transvaal not covered by Parts D (Clothing) and E (Knitting) of the Council's National Main Collective Agreement for the Northern Region)

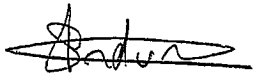
A separate circular is being distributed to all establishments in the non-metro areas, nationally.

18. COUNCIL'S WEBSITE (www.nbc.org.za)

The Council's website on the Internet is regularly being updated. Those who have access to the Internet can view and download the Main & Provident Fund Collective Agreements of the various "metro" and non-metro areas. These are in the form of consolidated agreements i.e. the original published agreements, updated for subsequent **published** amendments. This notice will also be added to the Council's website.

Any enquiries from employers who are members of any of the Employers' Associations should be directed to their Association. In the case of non-party establishments, enquiries should be directed to this Chamber's **Labour Affairs Department** on telephone no .011 402-2737.

Yours faithfully



SICELO NDUNA
ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY



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INFORMATION SCHEDULE

KNITTING SECTOR

**DEDUCTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS DUE TO THE NORTHERN CHAMBER OF THE COUNCIL, ITS FUNDS AND THE TRADE UNION
(NOT applicable to employers & employees who are subject to the provisions of Part I of the Council's National Main Collective Agreement pertaining to the Non-Metro Areas)**

DEDUCTIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS - EFFECTIVE FROM
1 SEPTEMBER 2016 TO 31 AUGUST 2017

COUNCIL LEVIES	PROVIDENT FUND		INDUSTRY PROTECTION FUND	SACTWU SUBS. <i>(for Union members ONLY)</i>	SACTWU HIV/AIDS PROJECT	EMPLOYER AGENCY SHOP FEE
	Employee	Employer				
Employee: R2.45 per week	5,75% of each individual contributor's basic weekly wage, calculated to the nearest cent.	7% of each individual contributor's basic weekly wage, calculated to the nearest cent.	12 cents per week Payable by the Employer by means of a deduction from an Employee's wages	1% of each individual Trade Union member's basic wage rate plus R1,80 with a minimum of R10.33 per week and a maximum of R17.44 per week	56 cents per week Payable by EMPLOYER ONLY	60 or fewer employees: Lump sum of R250.00 p.m. (incl VAT) 61 and more employees: R4.25 per employee p.m. (incl VAT)
Employer R2.65 per week						
No deduction made if contributor has worked for less than 20 hours in the week in which the deduction falls due.						

MEDICAL BENEFIT SOCIETY		SICK PAY FUND	
Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer
R8.91 per week	R21.35 per week	R3.07 per week	R6.67 per week

ALL THE ABOVE PAYMENTS TO THE BARGAINING COUNCIL DUE BY 7TH DAY OF ENSUING MONTH:

	PAYABLE TO:	PAYMENT METHOD :
Council Levies	The Secretary National Bargaining Council for the Clothing Manufacturing Industry (Northern Areas Chamber) P O Box 5101 Johannesburg 2000	Cheques payable to: NBC Clothing – Northern Areas OR direct deposit into bank account, as follows: Bank: Nedbank Branch: Siemert Road Branch Code: 19 52 05 Account No: 1923053833
Medical Benefit Society Contributions		
Sick Pay Fund Contributions		
Industry Protection Fund		
Agency Shop Fee		
SACTWU Subscriptions, Bursary Fund & HIV/AIDS Project Contributions		

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NORTHERN REGION (KNITTING) NEW WAGE RATES NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES
FOR THE PERIOD 01 SEPTEMBER 2016 TO 31 AUGUST 2017**

WAGES	GROUP A (i.e. employees on the 0.5% Productivity Incentive Scheme)					
DESCRIPTION	Wage per Week from 01 Sep 2015 to 31 Aug 2016	New Employees on Incentivised Scheme Effective 1 September 2015 = 80%	Across the Board Increase 8%	Wage per Week from 01 Sep 2016 to 31 Aug 2017	New Employees on Incentivised Scheme Effective 1 September 2016 = 80%	
	R	R	R	R	R	
(i) Foreman:	1925.60	1 540.50	154.00	2079.60	1 663.70	
(ii) Dyer: (See (iv) below)						
(iii) Storeman:						
(i) Qualified:	1853.50	1 482.80	148.30	2001.80	1 601.40	
(ii) Learners:						
first six months of experience	669.20	535.40	53.50	722.70	578.20	
second six months of experience	965.30	772.20	77.20	1042.50	834.00	
third six months of experience	1261.30	1 009.00	100.90	1362.20	1 089.80	
next four months of experience	1557.50	1 246.00	124.60	1682.10	1 345.70	
Thereafter, the wage specified in (iii)(i) i.e.	1853.50	1 482.80	148.30	2001.80	1 601.40	
(iv) Mechanic/Dyer:						
(i) Qualified:	1925.60	1 540.50	154.00	2079.60	1 663.70	
(ii) Learners:						
first six months of experience	669.20	535.40	53.50	722.70	578.20	
second six months of experience	794.70	635.80	63.60	858.30	686.60	
third six months of experience	920.40	736.30	73.60	994.00	795.20	
fourth six months of experience	1046.10	836.90	83.70	1129.80	903.80	
fifth six months of experience	1171.70	937.40	93.70	1265.40	1 012.30	
sixth six months of experience	1297.10	1 037.70	103.80	1400.90	1 120.70	
seventh six months of experience	1422.90	1 138.30	113.80	1536.70	1 229.40	
eighth six months of experience	1548.50	1 238.80	123.90	1672.40	1 337.90	
ninth six months of experience	1673.90	1 339.10	133.90	1807.80	1 446.20	
next four months of experience	1800.20	1 440.20	144.00	1944.20	1 555.40	
Thereafter, the wage specified in (iv)(i) i.e.	1925.60	1 540.50	154.00	2079.60	1 663.70	
(v) Mechanic's Assistant:						
(i) Qualified:	1260.90	1 008.70	100.90	1361.80	1 089.40	
(ii) Learners:						
first six months of experience	669.20	535.40	53.50	722.70	578.20	
second six months of experience	727.70	582.20	58.20	785.90	628.70	
third six months of experience	773.70	619.00	61.90	835.60	668.50	
fourth six months of experience	846.30	677.00	67.70	914.00	731.20	
fifth six months of experience	905.80	724.60	72.50	978.30	782.60	
sixth six months of experience	965.40	772.30	77.20	1042.60	834.10	
seventh six months of experience	1024.10	819.30	81.90	1106.00	884.80	
eighth six months of experience	1083.70	867.00	86.70	1170.40	936.30	
ninth six months of experience	1142.50	914.00	91.40	1233.90	987.10	
next four months of experience	1202.00	961.60	96.20	1298.20	1 038.60	
Thereafter, the wage specified in (v)(i) i.e.	1260.90	1 008.70	100.90	1361.80	1 089.40	

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(vi)	Supervisor:	1333.20	1 066.60	106.70	1439.90	1 151.90
(vii)	Final Examiner of fully-fashioned garments:	1237.80	990.20	99.00	1336.80	1 069.40
(viii)	Factory Clerk, Despatch Clerk, Stores Clerk:					
	(i) Qualified	1212.10	969.70	97.00	1309.10	1 047.30
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	669.20	535.40	53.50	722.70	578.20
	second six months of experience	804.70	643.80	64.40	869.10	695.30
	third six months of experience	940.50	752.40	75.20	1015.70	812.60
	next four months of experience	1076.50	861.20	86.10	1162.60	930.10
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (viii)(i) i.e.	1212.10	969.70	97.00	1309.10	1 047.30
(ix)	Knitting Machine Operator, Warp Knitting Machine Operator, Dyer's Assistant, Colouring Mass-Measurer and/or Cutter or Shaper of fully-fashioned garments, Handyman and Warper:					
	(i) Qualified:	1212.10	969.70	97.00	1309.10	1 047.30
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	669.20	535.40	53.50	722.70	578.20
	second six months of experience	759.40	607.50	60.80	820.20	656.20
	third six months of experience	849.70	679.80	68.00	917.70	734.20
	fourth six months of experience	940.50	752.40	75.20	1015.70	812.60
	fifth six months of experience	1030.90	824.70	82.50	1113.40	890.70
	next four months of experience	1121.60	897.30	89.70	1211.30	969.00
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (ix)(i) i.e.	1212.10	969.70	97.00	1309.10	1 047.30
(x) (a)	Loader of magazine or comb, Linker, Overlocker other than an overlocker of seconds in socks, Mender and Plain Sewer:					
	(i) Qualified:	1057.60	846.10	84.60	1142.20	913.80
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	669.20	535.40	53.50	722.70	578.20
	second six months of experience	765.80	612.60	61.30	827.10	661.70
	third six months of experience	863.10	690.50	69.00	932.10	745.70
	next four months of experience	960.60	768.50	76.80	1037.40	829.90
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (x)(i) i.e.	1057.60	846.10	84.60	1142.20	913.80
(x) (b)	Sewing Machinist including a button, buttonhole and hemming machinist:					
	(i) Qualified:	1057.60	846.10	84.60	1142.20	913.80
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	669.20	535.40	53.50	722.70	578.20
	second six months of experience	765.80	612.60	61.30	827.10	661.70
	third six months of experience	863.10	690.50	69.00	932.10	745.70

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	Thereafter, the wage specified in (x)(i) i.e.	1057.60	846.10	84.60	1142.20	913.80
(xi)	Driver of a Motor Vehicle, the unladen mass of which, together with the unladen mass of any trailer or trailers drawn by such vehicle—:					
	(a) does not exceed 453,5 kg	1011.10	808.90	80.90	1092.00	873.60
	(b) exceeds 453,5 kg but not 2 721 kg	1193.80	955.00	95.50	1289.30	1 031.40
	(c) exceeds 2 721 kg but not 4 535 kg	1271.20	1 017.00	101.70	1372.90	1 098.30
	(d) exceeds 4 535 kg	1379.60	1 103.70	110.40	1490.00	1 192.00
(xii)	Security Officer:	1544.40	1 235.50	123.60	1668.00	1 334.40
(xiii)	Watchman:	1191.60	953.30	95.30	1286.90	1 029.50
(xiv)	Employee not elsewhere specified:					
	(i) Qualified:	1240.80	992.60	99.30	1340.10	1 072.10
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	669.20	535.40	53.50	722.70	578.20
	second six months of experience	811.80	649.40	64.90	876.70	701.40
	third six months of experience	954.90	763.90	76.40	1031.30	825.00
	next four months of experience	1097.60	878.10	87.80	1185.40	948.30
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (xiv)(i)	1240.80	992.60	99.30	1340.10	1 072.10
(xv)	Seamer, Mender of socks, Sorter, Cleaner (i.e. an employee engaged in cleaning garments and/or fabrics), Grader, Sampler (i.e. an employee engaged in the making up of sample cards), Winder, Overlocker for seconds in socks and/or Examiner of knitted fabrics and articles, Backwinder, Drawthreader, Pre-and Post-boarder or Former, Precutter, Presser, Turner, Operator of calender, slitting, setting or steaming machine, Operator of brushing, raising and/or cropping machine, Operator of dye machine, Operator of drying and/or hydro-extracting machine, employee engaged in Transferring and/or Labelling, Trimming off surplus threads, Folding, Carding and/or Packing, Waxring Maker, Boiler Attendant, Creeler, Teamaker, Despatch Packer, Parcel Maker, General Worker and Floor Walker/Runner:	1009.90	807.90	80.80	1090.70	872.60
(xvi)	General Worker/Traveller's Assistant, Cloakroom Supervisor and/or Attendant, Teamaker employed after 30-06-1987:	869.30	695.40	69.50	938.80	751.00

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(xvii)	All employees classified in (xv) and who were employed after 30-06-1987, other than general worker, traveller's assistant, cloakroom supervisor and/or attendant and teamaker:					
	(i) Qualified:	869.30	695.40	69.50	938.80	751.00
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	669.20	535.40	53.50	722.70	578.20
	second six months of experience	735.50	588.40	58.80	794.30	635.40
	third six months of experience	802.90	642.30	64.20	867.10	693.70
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (xvii) (i)	869.30	695.40	69.50	938.80	751.00
<p style="text-align: center;">NB: All employers who employed staff on 2011/2012 New Entry Wage Dispensation, must with effect from 1 September 2016, Increase the Weekly Wage for those employees by the agreed Wage Increase of 8% Across-the-Board.</p>						

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(i)	Foreman:	1934.50	1 547.60	154.80	2089.30	1 671.40
(ii)	Dyer: (See (iv) below)					
(iii)	Storeman:					
	(i) Qualified:	1862.10	1 489.70	149.00	2011.10	1 608.90
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	672.30	537.80	53.80	726.10	580.90
	second six months of experience	969.70	775.80	77.60	1047.30	837.80
	third six months of experience	1267.20	1 013.80	101.40	1368.60	1 094.90
	next four months of experience	1564.60	1 251.70	125.20	1689.80	1 351.80
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (iii)(i) i.e.	1862.10	1 489.70	149.00	2011.10	1 608.90
(iv)	Mechanic/Dyer:					
	(i) Qualified:	1934.50	1 547.60	154.80	2089.30	1 671.40
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	672.30	537.80	53.80	726.10	580.90
	second six months of experience	798.30	638.60	63.90	862.20	689.80
	third six months of experience	924.60	739.70	74.00	998.60	798.90
	fourth six months of experience	1050.80	840.60	84.10	1134.90	907.90
	fifth six months of experience	1177.20	941.80	94.20	1271.40	1 017.10
	sixth six months of experience	1303.20	1 042.60	104.30	1407.50	1 126.00
	seventh six months of experience	1429.60	1 143.70	114.40	1544.00	1 235.20
	eighth six months of experience	1555.80	1 244.60	124.50	1680.30	1 344.20
	ninth six months of experience	1681.60	1 345.30	134.50	1816.10	1 452.90
	next four months of experience	1808.60	1 446.90	144.70	1953.30	1 562.60
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (iv)(i) i.e.	1934.50	1 547.60	154.80	2089.30	1 671.40
(v)	Mechanic's Assistant:					
	(i) Qualified:	1266.70	1 013.40	101.30	1368.00	1 094.40
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	672.30	537.80	53.80	726.10	580.90
	second six months of experience	730.90	584.70	58.50	789.40	631.50
	third six months of experience	791.30	633.00	63.30	854.60	683.70
	fourth six months of experience	850.20	680.20	68.00	918.20	734.60
	fifth six months of experience	910.10	728.10	72.80	982.90	786.30
	sixth six months of experience	969.80	775.80	77.60	1047.40	837.90
	seventh six months of experience	1029.00	823.20	82.30	1111.30	889.00
	eighth six months of experience	1088.40	870.70	87.10	1175.50	940.40
	ninth six months of experience	1147.80	918.20	91.80	1239.60	991.70
	next four months of experience	1207.50	966.00	96.60	1304.10	1 043.30
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (v)(i) i.e.	1266.70	1 013.40	101.30	1368.00	1 094.40
(vi)	Supervisor:	1339.50	1 071.60	107.20	1446.70	1 157.40
(vii)	Final Examiner of fully-fashioned garments:	1243.70	995.00	99.50	1343.20	1 074.60

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		R	R	R	R	R
(viii)	Factory Clerk, Despatch Clerk, Stores Clerk:					
	(i) Qualified	1217.90	974.30	97.40	1315.30	1 052.20
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	672.30	537.80	53.80	726.10	580.90
	second six months of experience	808.40	646.70	64.70	873.10	698.50
	third six months of experience	944.80	755.80	75.60	1020.40	816.30
	next four months of experience	1081.60	865.30	86.50	1168.10	934.50
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (viii)(i) i.e.	1217.90	974.30	97.40	1315.30	1 052.20
(ix)	Knitting Machine Operator, Warp Knitting Machine Operator, Dyer's Assistant, Colouring Mass-Measurer and/or Cutter or Shaper of fully-fashioned garments, Handyman and Warper:					
	(i) Qualified:	1217.90	974.30	97.40	1315.30	1 052.20
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	672.30	537.80	53.80	726.10	580.90
	second six months of experience	762.60	610.10	61.00	823.60	658.90
	third six months of experience	853.50	682.80	68.30	921.80	737.40
	fourth six months of experience	944.80	755.80	75.60	1020.40	816.30
	fifth six months of experience	1035.90	828.70	82.90	1118.80	895.00
	next four months of experience	1126.70	901.40	90.10	1216.80	973.40
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (ix)(i) i.e.	1217.90	974.30	97.40	1315.30	1 052.20
(x) (a)	Loader of magazine or comb, Linker, Overlocker other than an overlocker of seconds in socks, Mender and Plain Sewer:					
	(i) Qualified:	1062.50	850.00	85.00	1147.50	918.00
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	672.30	537.80	53.80	726.10	580.90
	second six months of experience	769.40	615.50	61.60	831.00	664.80
	third six months of experience	867.00	693.60	69.40	936.40	749.10
	next four months of experience	965.00	772.00	77.20	1042.20	833.80
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (x)(i) i.e.	1062.50	850.00	85.00	1147.50	918.00
(x) (b)	Sewing Machinist including a button, buttonhole and hemming machinist:					
	(i) Qualified:	1062.50	850.00	85.00	1147.50	918.00
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	672.30	537.80	53.80	726.10	580.90
	second six months of experience	769.40	615.50	61.60	831.00	664.80
	third six months of experience	867.00	693.60	69.40	936.40	749.10
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (x)(i) i.e.	1062.50	850.00	85.00	1147.50	918.00

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(xi)	Driver of a Motor Vehicle, the unladen mass of which, together with the unladen mass of any trailer or trailers drawn by such vehicle—:					
	(a) does not exceed 453,5 kg	1015.70	812.60	81.30	1097.00	877.60
	(b) exceeds 453,5 kg but not 2 721 kg	1199.20	959.40	95.90	1295.10	1 036.10
	(c) exceeds 2 721 kg but not 4 535 kg	1277.20	1 021.80	102.20	1379.40	1 103.50
	(d) exceeds 4 535 kg	1386.10	1 108.90	110.90	1497.00	1 197.60
(xii)	Security Officer:	1551.50	1 241.20	124.10	1675.60	1 340.50
(xiii)	Watchman:	1197.20	957.80	95.80	1293.00	1 034.40
(xiv)	Employee not elsewhere specified:					
	(i) Qualified:	1246.50	997.20	99.70	1346.20	1 077.00
	(ii) Learners:					
	first six months of experience	672.30	537.80	53.80	726.10	580.90
	second six months of experience	815.60	652.50	65.20	880.80	704.60
	third six months of experience	959.40	767.50	76.80	1036.20	829.00
	next four months of experience	1102.80	882.20	88.20	1191.00	952.80
	Thereafter, the wage specified in (xiv)(i)	1246.50	997.20	99.70	1346.20	1 077.00
(xv)	Seamer, Mender of socks, Sorter, Cleaner (i.e. an employee engaged in cleaning garments and/or fabrics), Grader, Sampler (i.e. an employee engaged in the making up of sample cards), Winder, Overlocker for seconds in socks and/or Examiner of knitted fabrics and articles, Backwinder, Drawthreader, Pre-and Post-boarder or Former, Precutter, Presser, Turner, Operator of calender, slitting, setting or steaming machine, Operator of brushing, raising and/or cropping machine, Operator of dye machine, Operator of drying and/or hydro-extracting machine, employee engaged in Transferring and/or Labelling, Trimming off surplus threads, Folding, Carding and/or Packing, Waxring Maker, Boiler Attendant, Creeler, Teamaker, Despatch Packer, Parcel Maker. General Worker and Floor	1014.50	811.60	81.20	1095.70	876.60
(xvi)	General Worker/Traveller's Assistant, Cloakroom Supervisor and/or Attendant, Teamaker employed after 30-06-1987:	873.30	698.60	69.90	943.20	754.60
(xvii)	All employees classified in (xv) and who were employed after 30-06-1987, other than general worker, traveller's assistant, cloakroom supervisor and/or attendant and teamaker:					

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				R	R	R	R	R
			(i) Qualified:	873.30	698.60	69.90	943.20	754.60
			(ii) Learners:					
			first six months of experience	672.30	537.80	53.80	726.10	580.90
			second six months of experience	739.00	591.20	59.10	798.10	638.50
			third six months of experience	806.50	645.20	64.50	871.00	696.80
			Thereafter, the wage specified in (xvii) (i)	873.30	698.60	69.90	943.20	754.60

NB: All employers who employed staff on 2011/2012 New Entry Wage Dispensation, must with effect from 1 September 2016, increase the Weekly Wage for those employees by the agreed Wage Increase of 8% Across-the-Board.