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EXPOSURE DRAFT

Aged Care Award 2016

This exposure draft has been prepared by staff of the Fair Work Commission based on the **Aged Care Award 2010** as at 17 May 2016. This exposure draft does not seek to amend any entitlements under the Aged Care Award 2010 but has been prepared to address some of the structural issues identified in modern awards.

The review of this award in accordance with s.156 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* is being dealt with in matter [AM2014/251](#). Additionally a number of common issues are being dealt with by the Commission which may affect this award. Transitional provisions have not been included in this exposure draft pending the outcome of the review.

This draft does not represent the concluded view of the Commission in this matter.

No examples have been included in this exposure draft. Parties are asked to submit [examples](#) that clarify the operation of particular provisions.

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Part 1—Application and Operation of this Award

1. Title and commencement

- 1.1 This award is the *Aged Care Award 2016*.
- 1.2 This modern award, as varied, commenced operation on 1 January 2010.
- 1.3 Neither the making of this award nor the operation of any transitional arrangements is intended to result in a reduction in the take-home pay of employees covered by the award. On application by or on behalf of an employee who suffers a reduction in take-home pay as a result of the making of this award or the operation of any transitional arrangements, the Fair Work Commission may make any order it considers appropriate to remedy the situation.

2. Definitions

In this award, unless the contrary intention appears:

Act means the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)

adult apprentice means an apprentice who is 21 years of age or over at the commencement of their apprenticeship

aged care industry means the provision of accommodation and care services for aged persons in a hostel, nursing home, aged care independent living units, aged care serviced apartments, garden settlement, retirement village or any other residential accommodation facility

all purposes means the payment will be included in the rate of pay of an employee who is entitled to the allowance, when calculating any penalties or loadings or payment while they are on annual leave

apprentice means an employee who is bound by a contract of training registered with the appropriate State or Territory training authority

casual ordinary hourly rate means the hourly rate for a casual employee for the employee's classification specified in clause 17, plus any allowances specified as being included in the employee's ordinary hourly rate

day shift means a shift worked between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm Monday to Friday

defined benefit member has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (Cth)

employee means national system employee within the meaning of the Act

employer means national system employer within the meaning of the Act

exempt public sector superannuation scheme has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth)

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NES means the National Employment Standards as contained in [sections 59 to 131](#) of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)

on-hire means the on-hire of an employee by their employer to a client, where such employee works under the general guidance and instruction of the client or a representative of the client

ordinary hourly rate means the hourly rate for the employee's classification specified in clause 17, plus any allowances specified as being included in the employee's ordinary hourly rate or payable for all purposes

standard rate means the minimum weekly rate for an Aged care employee—level 6 in clause 17.1—Minimum wages

3. The National Employment Standards and this award

3.1 The [National Employment Standards](#) (NES) and this award contain the minimum conditions of employment for employees covered by this award.

3.2 Where this award refers to a condition of employment provided for in the NES, the NES definition applies.

3.3 The employer must ensure that copies of the award and the NES are available to all employees to whom they apply, either on a notice board which is conveniently located at or near the workplace or through accessible electronic means.

4. Coverage

4.1 This industry award covers employers throughout Australia in the aged care industry and their employees in the classifications listed in clause 17—Minimum wages, to the exclusion of any other modern award.

4.2 **Aged care industry** means the provision of accommodation and care services for aged persons in a hostel, nursing home, aged care independent living units, aged care serviced apartments, garden settlement, retirement village or any other residential accommodation facility

4.3 This award covers any employer which supplies labour on an on-hire basis in the industry set out in clause 4.1 and 4.2 in respect of on-hire employees in classifications covered by this award, and those on-hire employees, while engaged in the performance of work for a business in that industry. This subclause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage in this award.

4.4 This award covers employers which provide group training services for apprentices and trainees engaged in the industry and/or parts of industry set out at clause 4.1 and 4.2 and those apprentices and trainees engaged by a group training service hosted by a company to perform work at a location where the activities described herein are being performed. This clause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage in this award.

- 4.5** The award does not cover:
- (a) an employee excluded from award coverage by the Act;
 - (b) employees who are covered by a modern enterprise award, or an enterprise instrument (within the meaning of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)), or employers in relation to those employees; or
 - (c) employees who are covered by a State reference public sector modern award, or a State reference public sector transitional award (within the meaning of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)), or employers in relation to those employees.

- 4.6** Where an employer is covered by more than one award, an employee of that employer is covered by the award classification which is most appropriate to the work performed by the employee and to the environment in which the employee normally performs the work.

NOTE: Where there is no classification for a particular employee in this award it is possible that the employer and that employee are covered by an award with occupational coverage.

5. Effect of variations made by the Fair Work Commission

A variation to this award does not affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability that a person acquired, accrued or incurred under the award as it existed prior to that variation.

6. Award flexibility for individual arrangements

- 6.1** Notwithstanding any other provision of this award, an employer and an individual employee may agree to vary the application of certain terms of this award to meet the genuine individual needs of the employer and the individual employee. The terms the employer and the individual employee may agree to vary the application of, are those concerning:

- (a) arrangements for when work is performed;
- (b) overtime rates;
- (c) penalty rates;
- (d) allowances; and
- (e) leave loading.

- 6.2** The employer and the individual employee must have genuinely made the agreement without coercion or duress. An agreement under this clause can only be entered into after the individual employee has commenced employment with the employer.

- 6.3** The agreement between the employer and the individual employee must:

- (a) be confined to a variation in the application of one or more of the terms listed in clause 6.1; and

- (b) result in the employee being better off overall at the time the agreement is made than the employee would have been if no individual flexibility agreement had been agreed to.

6.4 The agreement between the employer and the individual employee must also:

- (a) be in writing, name the parties to the agreement and be signed by the employer and the individual employee and, if the employee is under 18 years of age, the employee's parent or guardian;
- (b) state each term of this award that the employer and the individual employee have agreed to vary;
- (c) detail how the application of each term has been varied by agreement between the employer and the individual employee;
- (d) detail how the agreement results in the individual employee being better off overall in relation to the individual employee's terms and conditions of employment; and
- (e) state the date the agreement commences to operate.

6.5 The employer must give the individual employee a copy of the agreement and keep the agreement as a time and wages record.

6.6 Except as provided in clause 6.4(a) the agreement must not require the approval or consent of a person other than the employer and the individual employee.

6.7 An employer seeking to enter into an agreement must provide a written proposal to the employee. Where the employee's understanding of written English is limited the employer must take measures, including translation into an appropriate language, to ensure the employee understands the proposal.

6.8 The agreement may be terminated:

- (a) by the employer or the individual employee giving 13 weeks' notice of termination, in writing, to the other party and the agreement ceasing to operate at the end of the notice period; or
- (b) at any time, by written agreement between the employer and the individual employee.

NOTE: If any of the requirements of [s.144\(4\)](#), which are reflected in the requirements of this clause, are not met then the agreement may be terminated by either the employee or the employer, giving written notice of not more than 28 days (see [s.145](#) of the Act).

6.9 The notice provisions in clause 6.8(a) only apply to an agreement entered into from the first full pay period commencing on or after 4 December 2013. An agreement entered into before that date may be terminated in accordance with clause 6.8(a), subject to four weeks' notice of termination.

6.10 The right to make an agreement pursuant to this clause is in addition to, and is not intended to otherwise affect, any provision for an agreement between an employer and an individual employee contained in any other term of this award.

7. Facilitative provisions for flexible working practices

7.1 A facilitative provision provides that the standard approach in an award provision may be departed from by agreement between an employer and an individual employee, or an employer and the majority of employees in the enterprise or part of the enterprise concerned.

7.2 Facilitative provisions in this award are contained in the following clauses:

Clause	Provision	Agreement between an employer and:
14.2(b)	Rest breaks between rostered work	An individual employee

Part 2—Types of Employment and Classifications

8. Types of employment

8.1 Employees under this award will be employed in one of the following categories:

- (a) full-time employment;
- (b) part-time employment; or
- (c) casual employment.

8.2 At the time of engagement an employer will inform each employee whether they are employed on a full-time, part-time or casual basis.

8.3 An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties that are within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training, consistent with the respective classification.

9. Full-time employment

A full-time employee is one who is engaged to work 38 hours per week or an average of 38 hours per week pursuant to clause 13.1 of this award.

10. Part-time employment

Part-time employment provisions may be affected by [AM2014/196](#)

10.1 A part-time employee is an employee who is engaged to work less than an average of 38 hours per week and has reasonably predictable hours of work.

10.2 Before commencing employment, the employer and employee will agree in writing on a regular pattern of work including the number of hours to be worked each week, the days of the week the employee will work and the starting and finishing times each day.

10.3 Any agreed variation to the hours of work will be in writing.

- 10.4** The terms of this award will apply on a pro rata basis to part-time employees on the basis that the ordinary weekly hours for full-time employees are 38.
- 10.5** Payment in respect of personal/carer’s leave (where an employee has accumulated an entitlement) for a part-time employee will be on a pro rata basis made according to the number of ordinary hours the employee would have worked on the day or days on which the leave was taken.

11. Casual employment

Casual employment provisions may be affected by [AM2014/197](#)

- 11.1** A casual employee is an employee engaged on an hourly basis, other than as a part-time, full-time or fixed term employee, to work up to and including 38 ordinary hours per week.

Clause 11.1 refers to a ‘fixed term employee’. Should the term award include a definition of fixed term employment?

- 11.2** A casual employee will be paid per hour worked:
- (a) the ordinary hourly rate appropriate to the employee’s classification; and
 - (b) a loading of **25%** of that rate.
- 11.3** The casual loading is paid instead of the paid leave entitlements accrued by full-time employees.

12. Classifications

- 12.1** All employees covered by this award must be classified according to the structure and definitions set out in Schedule A—Classification Definitions.
- 12.2** Employers must advise their employees in writing of their classification upon commencement and of any subsequent changes to their classification.

Part 3—Hours of Work

13. Ordinary hours of work

13.1 Ordinary hours

- (a) The ordinary hours of work are:
- (i) 38 hours per week; or
 - (ii) an average of 38 hours per week worked over:
 - 76 hours per fortnight;
 - 114 hours per 21 days; or

- 152 hours per four week period.

- (b) Ordinary hours are worked in one of the following ways:
- (i) in a period of 28 calendar days of not more than 20 work days in a roster cycle;
 - (ii) in a period of 28 calendar days of not more than 19 work days in a roster cycle, with the twentieth day taken as an accrued paid day off (ADO); or
 - (iii) eight hours on a day shift or 10 hours on a night shift.

13.2 Span of hours

The ordinary hours of work for a day worker are worked between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm, Monday to Friday.

14. Rostering arrangements

14.1 Rostered days off

- (a) An employee, other than a casual employee, will be free from duty for at least:
- (i) two full days in each week;
 - (ii) four full days in each fortnight; or
 - (iii) eight full days in each 28 day cycle.
- (b) Where practicable, days off will be consecutive.

14.2 Rest breaks between rostered work

- (a) An employee will be allowed a break of at least 10 hours between the termination of one shift or period of duty and the start of another.
- (b) By mutual agreement, the 10 hour rest break may be reduced to eight hours.

14.3 Accumulation and taking of accrued days off (ADOs)

- (a) This clause only applies to full-time employees.
- (b) If an employee is entitled to an ADO in accordance with the arrangement of ordinary hours of work as set out in clause 13.1, ADOs will be taken within 12 months of the date on which the first full ADO accrued.
- (c) If an employee is terminated for any reason, accumulated ADOs will be paid to the employee at ordinary rates.
- (d) The taking of an employee's ADO will be determined, by mutual agreement between the employee and the employer, having regard to the needs of the place of employment or sections thereof. The ADO will, where practicable, be consecutive with the rostered days off prescribed in clause 14.1.
- (e) ADOs will not be rostered on public holidays.

14.4 Rosters

- (a) The ordinary hours of work for each employee will be displayed on a roster in a place conveniently accessible to employees. The roster will be displayed at least two weeks before the first working day of the roster period subject to clause 14.4(b).
- (b) It is not obligatory for the employer to display any roster of the ordinary hours of work of casual or relieving staff.
- (c) Subject to clause 30, seven days' notice will be given of a change in a roster. However, a roster may be altered at any time to enable the service of the organisation to be carried on where another employee is absent from duty on account of illness or in an emergency.
- (d) Clause 14.4 does not apply where the only change to the roster of a part-time employee is the mutually agreed addition of extra hours to be worked such that the part-time employee still has two rostered days off in that week or four rostered days off in that fortnight.
- (e) Where practicable, ADOs will be displayed on the roster.
- (f) This clause does not apply to hostel supervisors.

14.5 Minimum engagements

- (a) Full-time employees will receive a minimum payment of four hours for each engagement in respect of ordinary hours of work.
- (b) Part-time and casual employees will receive a minimum payment of two hours for each engagement.
- (c) Subject to clause 14.6, except for meal breaks, the hours of work on any day will be continuous.

14.6 Broken shifts

- (a) For the purposes of this clause, **broken shift** means a shift worked by a casual or part-time employee that includes breaks (other than a meal break) totalling not more than four hours and where the span of hours is not more than 12 hours.
- (b) A broken shift may be worked where there is mutual agreement between the employer and employee.
- (c) Payment for a broken shift will be at the ordinary hourly rate of pay plus any applicable penalty rates and shift allowances in accordance with clauses 21—Shiftwork and 22—Overtime.
- (d) Shift allowances will be determined according to the starting time of the broken shift.
- (e) All work performed beyond the maximum span of 12 hours for a broken shift will be paid at **200%** of the ordinary hourly rate.

- (f) An employee must receive a break of at least 10 hours between broken shifts rostered on successive days.

15. Sleepovers

15.1 Employees may, in addition to normal rostered shifts, be required to sleepover.

15.2 A **sleepover** means sleeping in at night in order to be on call for emergencies.

15.3 The following conditions will apply to each night of sleepover:

- (a) The span for a sleepover will be between eight and ten hours on any one night.
- (b) Employees will be provided with free board and lodging for each night on which they are required to sleepover.
- (c) Employees will be provided with a separate room with a bed and use of staff facilities or client facilities where applicable.
- (d) In addition to the provision of free board and lodging for sleepovers, the employee will be entitled to a sleepover allowance of **\$43.33** for each night on which they sleep over.
- (e) No work other than that of an emergency nature will be required to be performed during any sleepover. For the purposes of this clause an **emergency** is any unplanned occurrence or event requiring prompt action.
- (f) An employee directed to perform work other than that of an emergency nature during any sleepover will be paid the appropriate hourly rate from the start of the sleepover to the end of the non-emergency work, or from the start of the non-emergency work to the end of the sleepover, whichever is the lesser, in addition to the sleepover allowance in clause 15.3(d).

15.4 Payment for time worked during sleepover

- (a) All time worked during any sleepover will count as time worked and be paid for in accordance with the provisions of clause 15.4.

(b) Full-time employees

All time worked by a full-time employee during any sleepover will be paid for at overtime rates.

(c) Part-time employees

- (i) All time worked by a part-time employee during any sleepover will be paid for at the ordinary hourly rate plus applicable shift and weekend penalties.
- (ii) Overtime rates in clause 22.2(a) will be paid for all hours worked:
 - in excess of the total number of hours worked on any day by full-time employees or in excess of 11 hours where there are no full-time employees; and

- in excess of 38 hours in one week or in excess of 76 hours in a fortnight.

(d) Casual employees

- (i)** All time worked by a casual employee during any sleepover will be paid for at the ordinary hourly rate plus applicable shift and weekend penalties.
- (ii)** If the total number of hours worked in the week exceeds 38 hours, or exceeds 76 hours in the fortnight, the excess hours worked in that week or fortnight will be paid for at overtime rates.
- (iii)** If the employee does not have eight consecutive hours off duty between ordinary rostered duty on successive days, then the provisions of clause 15.7 will apply.

15.5 A sleepover must be rostered:

- (a)** to commence immediately at the conclusion of the employee's shift and continuous with that shift; or
- (b)** immediately prior to the employee's shift and continuous with that shift.

15.6 No employee will be required to sleepover during any part of their rostered days off or ADOs.

15.7 Breaks between shifts

- (a)** If an employee performs so much work during the sleepover periods between the end of their ordinary work on one day or shift and the start of their ordinary work on the next day or shift that they do not receive at least eight consecutive hours of duty, the employer must:
 - (i)** release the employee after the sleepover until the employee has had at least eight consecutive hours off duty; and
 - (ii)** pay the employee for any ordinary working time that falls within this period of absence.
- (b)** If the employer requires the employee to resume or continue work, and the employee has not had eight consecutive hours off duty, the employer must:
 - (i)** pay the employee at **200%** of the ordinary hourly rate until the employee is released for eight consecutive hours; and
 - (ii)** once the employee is released from duty, allow the employee 10 consecutive hours off duty and pay the employee for any ordinary working time that falls within the period of absence.

15.8 Casual employees may only be used for sleepovers when full-time employees or part-time employees are not available for that duty. In no case will casual employees be used exclusively, or almost exclusively, for sleepovers.

15.9 Nothing in this clause will stop the employer from rostering an employee to work shiftwork instead of undertaking sleepovers.

16. Breaks

16.1 Unpaid meal breaks

- (a) An employee who works more than five hours will be entitled to an unpaid meal break of between 30 and 60 minutes, to be taken at a mutually agreed time after commencing work.
- (b) If an employee is required to remain available to attend to duty or is on duty during their meal break, the employee will be paid at overtime rates for all time worked from the commencement of that meal break until such time that a meal break free from duty is taken by the employee or the employee’s shift ends (whichever occurs first).
- (c) The time worked until the meal break is taken will be counted as an employee’s ordinary time.

16.2 Paid rest breaks

- (a) In addition to meal breaks, an employee who works an ordinary shift of 7.6 hours or more is entitled to two separate 10 minute rest breaks.
- (b) Where less than 7.6 ordinary hours are worked, employees are entitled to one 10 minute rest break in each four hour period worked.
- (c) Subject to mutual agreement, two 10 minute rest breaks may be taken as one 20 minute rest break.
- (d) Rest breaks are paid and will count as time worked.

Part 4—Wages and Allowances

17. Minimum wages

17.1 Minimum wages—Aged Care Employee

Employee classification	Minimum weekly rate \$	Minimum hourly rate \$
Aged care employee—level 1	698.40	18.38
Aged care employee—level 2	727.30	19.14
Aged care employee—level 3	756.00	19.89
Aged care employee—level 4	764.90	20.13
Aged care employee—level 5	790.70	20.81
Aged care employee—level 6	833.30	21.93
Aged care employee—level 7	848.30	22.32

See Schedule B for a summary of hourly rates of pay including overtime and penalties.

17.2 Cooking apprentices

An employee apprenticed in the cooking trade will be paid the percentage of Level 4 set out in the following table:

Year of apprenticeship	% of Level 4 rate
1st year	55
2nd year	65
3rd year	80
4th year	95

17.3 Gardening apprentices

(a) An employee apprenticed in the gardening and landscaping trade prior to 1 January 2015 will be paid the percentage of Level 4 set out in the following table:

Year of apprenticeship	Apprentices who have not completed year 12	Apprentices who have completed year 12
% of Level 4 rate		
1st year	50	52.5
2nd year	60	65
3rd year	75	75
4th year	95	95

(b) An employee apprenticed in the gardening and landscaping trade on or after 1 January 2015 will be paid the percentage of Level 4 set out in the following table:

Year of apprenticeship	Apprentices who have not completed year 12	Apprentices who have completed year 12
% of Level 4 rate		
1st year	50	55
2nd year	60	65
3rd year	75	75
4th year	95	95

17.4 Adult apprentices

(a) An adult apprentice who commenced their apprenticeship on or after 1 January 2014 and is in the first year of their apprenticeship must be paid the greater of:

- (i) **80%** of the minimum wage for Level 4; or
- (ii) the rate prescribed by clause 17.2 or 17.3 for the relevant year of the apprenticeship.

- (b) An adult apprentice who commenced their apprenticeship on or after 1 January 2014 and is in the second and subsequent years of their apprenticeship must be paid the greater of:
 - (i) the rate for the lowest adult classification in clause 17.1; or
 - (ii) the rate prescribed by the relevant apprenticeship clause 17.2 or 17.3 for the relevant year of the apprenticeship.
- (c) A person employed by an employer under this award immediately prior to entering into a training agreement as an adult apprentice with that employer must not suffer a reduction in their minimum wage by virtue of entering into the training agreement, provided that the person has been an employee in that enterprise for at least:
 - (i) six months as a full-time employee; or
 - (ii) 12 months as a part-time or regular and systematic casual employee, immediately prior to commencing the apprenticeship.
- (d) For the purpose only of fixing a minimum wage, the adult apprentice must continue to receive the minimum wage that applies to the classification specified in clause 17.1 in which the adult apprentice was engaged immediately prior to entering into the training agreement.

17.5 Apprentice conditions of employment

- (a) Except as provided in this clause or where otherwise stated, all conditions of employment specified in this award apply to apprentices.
- (b) **Payment for block release training**
 - (i) Where an apprentice is required to attend block release training for training identified in or associated with their training contract, and such training requires an overnight stay, the employer must pay for the excess reasonable travel costs incurred by the apprentice in the course of travelling to and from such training.
 - (ii) Clause 17.5(b)(i) will not apply where the apprentice could attend an alternative Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and the use of the more distant RTO is not agreed between the employer and the apprentice.
 - (iii) For the purposes of clause 17.5(b)(i), excess reasonable travel costs include the total costs of reasonable transportation (including transportation of tools where required), accommodation costs incurred while travelling (where necessary) and reasonable expenses incurred while travelling, including meals, which exceed those incurred in travelling to and from work.
 - (iv) For the purposes of clause 17.5(b)(i), excess travel costs do not include payment for travelling time or expenses incurred while not travelling to and from block release training.

(c) Reduction in payment for block release training

The amount payable by an employer under clause 17.5(b) may be reduced by an amount the apprentice is eligible to receive for travel costs to attend block release training under a Government apprentice assistance scheme. This will only apply if an apprentice has either received such assistance or their employer has advised them in writing of the availability of such assistance.

(d) All training fees charged by an RTO for prescribed courses and the cost of all prescribed textbooks (excluding those textbooks which are available in the employer's technical library) for the apprenticeship, which are paid by an apprentice shall be reimbursed by the employer within six months of the commencement of the apprenticeship or the relevant stage of the apprenticeship, or within three months of the commencement of the training provided by the RTO, whichever is the later, unless there is unsatisfactory progress.

(e) An employer may meet its obligations under 17.5(d) by paying any fees and/or cost of textbooks directly to the RTO.

(f) Attendance at block release training

(i) An apprentice is entitled to be released from work without loss of continuity of employment and to payment of the appropriate wages to attend any training and assessment specified in, or associated with, the training contract.

(ii) Time spent by an apprentice in attending any training and/or assessment specified in, or associated with, the training contract is to be regarded as time worked for the employer for the purposes of calculating the apprentice's wages and determining the apprentice's employment conditions. This subclause operates subject to the provisions of clause 2—Definitions.

(iii) No apprentice will, except in an emergency, work or be required to work overtime or shiftwork at times which would prevent their attendance at training consistent with their training contract.

17.6 Payment of wages

(a) Wages must be paid weekly or fortnightly, by:

(i) cash; or

(ii) electronic funds transfer into the bank or financial institutional account nominated by the employee.

(b) Where an employee resigns or is terminated, payment of all wages and other monies owing to an employee will be made to the employee by no later than the last day of the formal notice period.

(c) The employer will not be held liable for any unforeseen event outside the control of the employer which prevents the employer's ability to meet the requirements of clause 17.6, for example bank error or delay.

NOTE: Regulations 3.33(3) and 3.46(1)(g) of *Fair Work Regulations 2009* set out the requirements for pay records and the content of payslips including the requirement to separately identify any allowance paid.

17.7 Higher duties

- (a) An employee engaged in any duties carrying a higher wage rate than the classification in which they are ordinarily employed, for two hours or less, in any one day or shift will be paid at the higher wage rate for the time so worked at the higher classification.
- (b) An employee engaged at a higher classification for more than two hours in any day or shift will be paid the higher rate for the full day or shift.

17.8 Supported wage system

For employees who because of the effects of a disability are eligible for a supported wage, see Schedule D—Supported Wage System.

17.9 School-based apprentices

For school-based apprentices, see Schedule E—School-based Apprentices.

17.10 National training wage

For employees undertaking a traineeship, see Schedule F—National Training Wage.

18. Allowances

18.1 Employers must pay to an employee the allowances the employee is entitled to under this clause. See Schedule C for a summary of monetary allowances and method of adjustment.

18.2 Wage related allowances

(a) All purpose allowances

Allowances paid for **all purposes** are included in the rate of pay of an employee who is entitled to the allowance, when calculating any penalties or loadings or payment while they are on annual leave. The leading hand allowance (clause 18.2(b)) is paid for all purposes under this award.

(b) Leading hand allowance

- (i) A leading hand is an employee whose classification does not include supervisory responsibility and who is placed in charge of two or more employees of a substantially similar classification.
- (ii) A leading hand will be paid a weekly allowance, based on the number of employees supervised, according to the following scale:

Leading hand in charge of:	\$ per week
2–5 other employees	22.25
6–10 other employees	31.75
11–15 other employees	40.08

Leading hand in charge of:	\$ per week
16 or more other employees	49.00

- (iii) This allowance will be part of salary for all purposes of this award.
- (iv) An employee who works less than 38 hours per week will be entitled to the allowance on a pro rata basis.

(c) Nauseous work allowance

- (i) An allowance of **\$0.42** per hour or part hour is payable to an employee engaged in:
 - handling linen of a nauseous nature that is not sealed in airtight containers; and/or
 - work that is of an unusually dirty or offensive nature having regard to the duties normally performed by employees in the same classification.
- (ii) An employee entitled to the allowance in clause 18.2(c)(i) must be paid a minimum weekly payment of **\$2.25**.

18.3 Expense related allowances

(a) Clothing and equipment

- (i) Where the employer requires an employee to wear a uniform, the employer must:
 - supply the employee with an adequate number of uniforms free of cost appropriate to the occupation; and
 - launder and maintain the uniforms.
- (ii) Any uniforms provided by the employer to an employee remain the property of the employer and must be provided to the employee and laundered free of charge.

(iii) Uniform allowance

Instead of providing uniforms to employees under clause 18.3(a)(i), the employer and employee may agree that the employer will pay the employee the lesser of:

- **\$1.23** per shift or part shift on duty; or
- **\$6.24** per week.

(iv) Laundry allowance

Where the uniform is not laundered by or at the expense of the employer, the employee will be paid the lesser of:

- **\$0.32** per shift or part shift on duty; or
- **\$1.49** per week.

- (v) The uniform allowance, but not the laundry allowance, will be paid during all absences on paid leave, except absences on long service leave and absence on personal/carer's leave beyond 21 days.
- (vi) Where, prior to the taking of leave, an employee was paid a uniform allowance other than at the weekly rate, the rate to be paid during absence on leave will be the average of the allowance paid during the four weeks immediately preceding the taking of leave.
- (vii) Where an employer requires an employee to wear rubber gloves, special clothing or where safety equipment is required for the work performed by an employee, the employer must provide the special clothing or safety equipment or reimburse the employee for the cost of purchasing the special clothing or safety equipment.

(b) Meal allowance

- (i) Where an employee is required to work at least one hour past the usual finishing time or, in the case of shiftworkers, where overtime work on any shift is more than one hour, the employee will be paid:
 - a meal allowance of **\$12.21**; and
 - if the overtime work exceeds four hours, another meal allowance of **\$11.00**.
- (ii) The allowances in clause 18.3(b)(i) will be paid in addition to any overtime payments.
- (iii) Clause 18.3(b)(i) will not apply when:
 - the employee could reasonably return home for a meal within the meal break; or
 - the employer has adequate cooking and dining facilities and provides the employee with an adequate meal.
- (iv) If requested by the employee, the meal allowance will be paid on the same day as the overtime is worked.

(c) Tool allowance

A chef or cook will be paid **\$11.00** per week for the supply and maintenance of tools if the employer does not provide that chef or cook with all necessary tools.

(d) Travelling, transport and fares

- (i) An employee required and authorised to use their own motor vehicle in the course of their duties will be paid an allowance of **\$0.78** per kilometre.
- (ii) When an employee is involved in travelling on duty, and the employer cannot provide appropriate transport, all reasonably incurred expenses for fares, meals and accommodation will be paid for by the employer. The

employer will reimburse the employee upon production of receipted account(s) or other evidence acceptable to the employer.

- (iii) An employee is not entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred under clause 18.3(d)(ii) if the expenses incurred exceed the mode of transport, meals or standard of accommodation that was agreed to with the employer.

See Schedule C for a summary of monetary allowances.

19. Superannuation

19.1 Superannuation legislation

- (a) Superannuation legislation, including the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (Cth), the *Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act 1992* (Cth), the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth) and the *Superannuation (Resolution of Complaints) Act 1993* (Cth), deals with the superannuation rights and obligations of employers and employees. Under superannuation legislation individual employees generally have the opportunity to choose their own superannuation fund. If an employee does not choose a superannuation fund, any superannuation fund nominated in the award covering the employee applies.
- (b) The rights and obligations in these clauses supplement those in superannuation legislation.

19.2 Employer contributions

An employer must make such superannuation contributions to a superannuation fund for the benefit of an employee as will avoid the employer being required to pay the superannuation guarantee charge under superannuation legislation with respect to that employee.

19.3 Voluntary employee contributions

- (a) Subject to the governing rules of the relevant superannuation fund, an employee may, in writing, authorise their employer to pay on behalf of the employee a specified amount from the post-taxation wages of the employee into the same superannuation fund as the employer makes the superannuation contributions provided for in clause 19.2.
- (b) An employee may adjust the amount the employee has authorised their employer to pay from the wages of the employee from the first of the month following the giving of three months' written notice to their employer.
- (c) The employer must pay the amount authorised under clauses 19.3(a) or (b) no later than 28 days after the end of the month in which the deduction authorised under clauses 19.3(a) or (b) was made.

19.4 Superannuation fund

Unless, to comply with superannuation legislation, the employer is required to make the superannuation contributions provided for in clause 19.2 to another superannuation fund that is chosen by the employee, the employer must make the superannuation contributions provided for in clause 19.2 and pay the amount authorised under clauses 19.3(a) or (b) to one of the following superannuation funds or its successor:

- (a) First State Super;
- (b) Health Industry Plan (HIP);
- (c) Health Employees Superannuation Trust of Australia (HESTA);
- (d) Catholic Super (CSF);
- (e) Mercy Super;
- (f) Sunsuper;
- (g) Tasplan;
- (h) CareSuper;
- (i) NGS Super;
- (j) AustralianSuper;
- (k) any superannuation fund to which the employer was making superannuation contributions for the benefit of its employees before 12 September 2008, provided the superannuation fund is an eligible choice fund and is a fund that offers a MySuper product or is an exempt public sector superannuation scheme; or
- (l) a superannuation fund or scheme which the employee is a defined benefit member of.

Part 5—Overtime and Penalty Rates

20. Weekend penalties

20.1 An employee whose ordinary hours include work on a weekend will be paid for all ordinary hours worked on the weekend at the following rates:

- (a) between midnight Friday and midnight Saturday—**150%** of the ordinary hourly rate; and
- (b) between midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday—**175%** of the ordinary hourly rate.

20.2 The penalty rates in clause 20.1 are in substitution for and not cumulative upon the shift premiums prescribed in clause 21—Shiftwork.

20.3 Casual employees will be paid in accordance with clause 20.1. The rates prescribed in clause 20.1 will be in substitution for and not cumulative upon the casual loading prescribed in clause 11.2.

21. Shiftwork

21.1 A **shiftworker** is an employee who is regularly rostered to work their ordinary hours outside the ordinary hours of work of a day worker, as defined in clause 13.2.

21.2 Shiftwork rates

- (a) Subject to 21.2(b), employees working afternoon or night shift will be paid at the following rates for all shiftwork:
- (i) Afternoon shift starting between 10.00 am and 12:59 pm—**110%** of the ordinary hourly rate
 - (ii) Afternoon shift starting between 1.00 pm and 3:59 pm—**112.5%** of the ordinary hourly rate
 - (iii) Night shift starting between 4.00 pm and 3:59 am—**115%** of the ordinary hourly rate
 - (iv) Night shift starting between 4.00 am and 5:59 am—**110%** of the ordinary hourly rate
- (b) Employees who work less than 38 hours per week will only be entitled to the shiftwork rates where their shift starts before 6.00 am or finishes after 6.00 pm.

21.3 An employee entitled to a shift allowance under clause 21.2, will be paid the shift allowance for the entire shift.

22. Overtime

22.1 Full-time employees

- (a) A full-time employee will be paid the following for all work done in addition to their rostered ordinary hours on any day:
- (i) for all authorised overtime on Monday to Friday, payment will be made at the rate of **150%** of the ordinary hourly rate for the first two hours and **200%** of the ordinary hourly rate thereafter;
 - (ii) for all authorised overtime on a Saturday or Sunday, payment will be made at the rate of **200%** of the ordinary hourly rate; and
 - (iii) for all authorised overtime on a public holiday, payment will be made at the rate of **250%** of the ordinary hourly rate.
- (b) Overtime rates under this clause are in substitution for, and not cumulative upon, the shift premiums prescribed in clause 21.1.

22.2 Part-time and casual employees

- (a) A part-time or casual employee who works more than 38 hours per week or 76 hours per fortnight must be paid at the following rates:
 - (i) Monday to Friday—**150%** of the ordinary hourly rate for the first two hours and **200%** of the ordinary hourly rate thereafter;
 - (ii) Saturday or Sunday—**200%** of the ordinary hourly rate; and
 - (iii) Public holidays—**250%** of the ordinary hourly rate.
- (b) A part-time or casual employee who works more than 10 hours per day will be paid at the following rates:
 - (i) Monday to Saturday—**150%** of the ordinary hourly rate for the first two hours and **200%** of the ordinary hourly rate thereafter;
 - (ii) Saturday or Sunday—**200%** of the ordinary hourly rate; and
 - (iii) Public holidays—**250%** of the ordinary hourly rate.
- (c) For a part-time employee, all time worked in excess of their rostered hours on any one day (unless an agreement has been entered into under clause 10.3), will be overtime and paid at the rates prescribed by clause 22.2(a).

22.3 Time off instead of payment for overtime

This provision may be affected by [AM2014/300](#) – see [draft determination](#)

By mutual agreement, a full-time or a part-time employee may be compensated by way of time off instead of payment of overtime (time for time) on the following basis:

- (a) Time off instead of payment for overtime must be taken at ordinary rates within three months of it being accrued.
- (b) Where it is not possible for an employee to take the time off, instead of payment for overtime, within the three month period, it is to be paid out at the appropriate overtime rate based on the rates of pay applying at the time payment is made.
- (c) An employee cannot be compelled to take time off instead of receiving payment for overtime.

22.4 Rest period after overtime

- (a) If a full-time or part-time employee works so much overtime between the end of ordinary hours on one day and the start of ordinary hours on the next day that they do not have a break of at least 10 consecutive hours, the employer must:
 - (i) release the employee after the end of the overtime until the employee has had at least 10 consecutive hours off duty; and
 - (ii) pay the employee for any ordinary working time that falls within the period of absence.

- (b) If the employer requires the employee to resume or continue work, and the employee has not had 10 consecutive hours off duty, the employer must:
 - (i) pay the employee at **200%** of the ordinary hourly rate until the employee is released for 10 consecutive hours; and
 - (ii) once the employee is released from duty, pay the employee for any ordinary working time that falls within the period of absence.

22.5 Recall to work overtime

- (a) An employee recalled to work overtime after leaving the employer's premises will be paid for a minimum of four hours' work at the appropriate rate for each time they are recalled.
- (b) If the work required is completed in less than four hours, the employee will be released from duty.

22.6 Meal breaks during overtime

- (a) An employee recalled to work overtime after leaving the employer's premises and who is required to work for more than four hours will be entitled to a 20 minute meal break.
- (b) The employee will be entitled to an additional 20 minute meal break after each subsequent four hours of overtime.
- (c) Meal breaks taken during overtime will be paid and counted as time worked.
- (d) Meal allowances are payable in accordance with clause 18.3(b). Where the facility provides the employee with a meal, the meal must be provided to the employee free of charge.

Part 6—Leave and Public Holidays

23. Annual leave

This annual leave provision may be affected by [AM2014/47](#) – see [draft determination](#)

23.1 Annual leave is provided for in the NES. This clause contains additional provisions.

23.2 Additional leave for certain shiftworkers

- (a) For the purposes of the NES a shiftworker is defined as an employee who:
 - (i) is regularly rostered to work their ordinary hours outside the ordinary hours of work as a day worker as defined in clause 13.2; or
 - (ii) works for more than four ordinary hours on 10 or more weekends.

Parties are asked to comment on whether clause 23.2(a)(ii) should clarify over what period this is counted (e.g. 10 or more weekends over the course of a year).

- (b) For the purpose of the clause 23.2(a), a weekend means work in ordinary time on a Saturday or a Sunday in any one calendar week.

23.3 Annual leave loading

- (a) In addition to their ordinary pay, an employee, other than a shiftworker, will be paid an annual leave loading of **17.5%** of their ordinary rate of pay.
- (b) Shiftworkers, in addition to their ordinary pay, will be paid the higher of:
 - (i) annual leave loading of **17.5%** of their ordinary rate of pay; or
 - (ii) the weekend and shift penalties the employee would have received had they not been on leave during the relevant period.

NOTE: Where an employee is receiving overaward payments such that the employee's base rate of pay is higher than the rate specified under this award, the employee is entitled to receive the higher rate while on a period of paid annual leave (see ss.16 and 90 of the Act).

24. Personal/carer's leave and compassionate leave

Personal/carer's leave and compassionate leave are provided for in the NES.

25. Parental leave and related entitlements

Parental leave and related entitlements are provided for in the NES.

26. Public holidays

This public holiday provision may be affected by [AM2014/301](#)

26.1 Public holiday entitlements are provided for in the NES. This clause contains additional provisions.

26.2 Full-time and part-time employees

- (a) A full-time or part-time employee who works on a public holiday will elect to receive one of the following:
 - (i) payment at the rate of **250%** of the ordinary hourly rate for all hours worked; or
 - (ii) the same number of hours worked added to their annual leave.
- (b) The election in clause 26.2(a) will be made on the commencement of employment and then on the anniversary date each year. The employee may not alter such election during the year except with the agreement of the employer.

- (c) A part-time employee will only be entitled to payment for those public holidays that fall on days they are normally rostered to work.
- (d) A full-time employee who does not work on a public holiday and a part-time employee who is rostered off on a public holiday they would ordinarily work will be paid their ordinary pay for that day.
- (e) Payments under this clause are instead of any additional rate for shift or weekend work which would otherwise be payable had the shift not been a public holiday.

26.3 Casual employees

- (a) A casual employee will be paid only for those public holidays they work at **250%** of the ordinary hourly rate for hours worked.
- (b) Payments under clause 26.3(a) are instead of and replace any casual loading otherwise payable under this award.
- (c) Payments under this clause are instead of any addition rate for shift or weekend work which would otherwise be payable had the shift not been a public holiday.

26.4 Part-day public holidays

For provisions in relation to part-day public holidays see Schedule G—2015 Part-day Public Holidays.

27. Community service leave

Community service leave is provided for in the NES.

28. Ceremonial leave

An employee who is legitimately required by Aboriginal tradition to be absent from work for Aboriginal ceremonial purposes will be entitled to up to 10 working days unpaid leave in any one year, with the approval of the employer.

Part 7—Consultation and Dispute Resolution

29. Consultation about major workplace change

29.1 Employers to notify

- (a) Where an employer has made a definite decision to introduce major changes in production, program, organisation, structure or technology that are likely to have significant effects on employees, the employer must notify the employees who may be affected by the proposed changes and their representatives, if any.
- (b) **Significant effects** include termination of employment; major changes in the composition, operation or size of the employer's workforce or in the skills

required; the elimination or diminution of job opportunities, promotion opportunities or job tenure; the alteration of hours of work; the need for retraining or transfer of employees to other work or locations; and the restructuring of jobs. Provided that where this award makes provision for alteration of any of these matters an alteration is deemed not to have significant effect.

29.2 Employers to discuss change

- (a) The employer must discuss with the employees affected and their representatives, if any, the introduction of the changes referred to in clause 29.1, the effects the changes are likely to have on employees and measures to avert or mitigate the adverse effects of such changes on employees and must give prompt consideration to matters raised by the employees and/or their representatives in relation to the changes.
- (b) The discussions must commence as early as practicable after a definite decision has been made by the employer to make the changes referred to in clause 29.1.
- (c) For the purposes of such discussion, the employer must provide in writing to the employees concerned and their representatives, if any, all relevant information about the changes including the nature of the changes proposed, the expected effects of the changes on employees and any other matters likely to affect employees provided that no employer is required to disclose confidential information the disclosure of which would be contrary to the employer's interests.

30. Consultation about changes to rosters or hours of work

30.1 Where an employer proposes to change an employee's regular roster or ordinary hours of work, the employer must consult with the employee or employees affected and their representatives, if any, about the proposed change.

30.2 The employer must:

- (a) provide to the employee or employees affected and their representatives, if any, information about the proposed change (for example, information about the nature of the change to the employee's regular roster or ordinary hours of work and when that change is proposed to commence);
- (b) invite the employee or employees affected and their representatives, if any, to give their views about the impact of the proposed change (including any impact in relation to their family or caring responsibilities); and
- (c) give consideration to any views about the impact of the proposed change that are given by the employee or employees concerned and/or their representatives.

30.3 The requirement to consult under this clause does not apply where an employee has irregular, sporadic or unpredictable working hours.

30.4 These provisions are to be read in conjunction with other award provisions concerning the scheduling of work and notice requirements.

31. Dispute resolution

- 31.1** In the event of a dispute about a matter under this award, or a dispute in relation to the NES, in the first instance the parties must attempt to resolve the matter at the workplace by discussions between the employee or employees concerned and the relevant supervisor. If such discussions do not resolve the dispute, the parties will endeavour to resolve the dispute in a timely manner by discussions between the employee or employees concerned and more senior levels of management as appropriate.
- 31.2** If a dispute about a matter arising under this award or a dispute in relation to the NES is unable to be resolved at the workplace, and all appropriate steps under clause 31.1 have been taken, a party to the dispute may refer the dispute to the Fair Work Commission.
- 31.3** The parties may agree on the process to be utilised by the Fair Work Commission including mediation, conciliation and consent arbitration.
- 31.4** Where the matter in dispute remains unresolved, the Fair Work Commission may exercise any method of dispute resolution permitted by the Act that it considers appropriate to ensure the settlement of the dispute.
- 31.5** An employer or employee may appoint another person, organisation or association to accompany and/or represent them for the purposes of this clause.
- 31.6** While the dispute resolution procedure is being conducted, work must continue in accordance with this award and the Act. Subject to applicable occupational health and safety legislation, an employee must not unreasonably fail to comply with a direction by the employer to perform work, whether at the same or another workplace, that is safe and appropriate for the employee to perform.

Part 8—Termination of Employment and Redundancy

32. Termination of employment

32.1 Notice of termination is provided for in the NES.

32.2 Notice of termination by an employee

The notice of termination required to be given by an employee is the same as that required of an employer except that there is no requirement on the employee to give additional notice based on the age of the employee concerned. If an employee fails to give the required notice the employer may withhold from any monies due to the employee on termination under this award or the NES, an amount not exceeding the amount the employee would have been paid under this award in respect of the period of notice required by this clause less any period of notice actually given by the employee.

33. Redundancy

Redundancy pay is provided for in the NES.

34. Transfer to lower paid job on redundancy

Where an employee is transferred to lower paid duties by reason of redundancy, the same period of notice must be given as the employee would have been entitled to if the employment had been terminated and the employer may, at the employer's option, make payment instead of an amount equal to the difference between the former ordinary time rate of pay and the ordinary time rate of pay for the number of weeks of notice still owing.

35. Employee leaving during redundancy notice period

An employee given notice of termination in circumstances of redundancy may terminate their employment during the period of notice. The employee is entitled to receive the benefits and payments they would have received under clause 33—Redundancy had they remained in employment until the expiry of the notice, but is not entitled to payment instead of notice.

36. Job search entitlement

36.1 Job search entitlement for notice of termination of employment

Where an employer has given notice of termination to an employee, an employee must be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay for the purpose of seeking other employment. The time off is to be taken at times that are convenient to the employee after consultation with the employer.

36.2 Job search entitlement—redundancy

(a) Time off for seeking other employment

An employee given notice of termination in circumstances of redundancy must be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay during each week of notice for the purpose of seeking other employment.

(b) Proof of attendance

If the employee has been allowed paid leave for more than one day during the notice period for the purpose of seeking other employment, the employee must, at the request of the employer, produce proof of attendance at an interview or they will not be entitled to payment for the time absent. For this purpose a statutory declaration is sufficient.

Schedule A—Classification Definitions

A.1 Aged care employee—level 1

Entry level:

An employee who has less than three months’ work experience in the industry and performs basic duties.

An employee at this level:

- works within established routines, methods and procedures;
- has minimal responsibility, accountability or discretion;
- works under direct or routine supervision, either individually or in a team; and
- requires no previous experience or training.

Indicative tasks performed at this level are:

General and administrative services	Food services
General clerk	Food services assistant
Laundry hand	
Cleaner	
Assistant gardener	

A.2 Aged care employee—level 2

An employee at this level:

- is capable of prioritising work within established routines, methods and procedures;
- is responsible for work performed with a limited level of accountability or discretion;
- works under limited supervision, either individually or in a team;
- possesses sound communication skills; and
- requires specific on-the-job training and/or relevant skills training or experience.

Indicative tasks performed at this level are:

General and administrative services	Food services	Personal care
General clerk/Typist (between 3 months’ and less than 1 years’ service)	Food services assistant	Personal care worker grade 1
Laundry hand		
Cleaner		
Gardener (non-trade)		
Maintenance/Handyperson (unqualified)		
Driver (less than 3 ton)		

A.3 Aged care employee—level 3

An employee at this level:

- is capable of prioritising work within established routines, methods and procedures (non admin/clerical);
- is responsible for work performed with a medium level of accountability or discretion (non admin/clerical);
- works under limited supervision, either individually or in a team (non admin/clerical);
- possesses sound communication and/or arithmetic skills (non admin/clerical);
- requires specific on-the-job training and/or relevant skills training or experience (non admin/clerical); and
- In the case of an admin/clerical employee, undertakes a range of basic clerical functions within established routines, methods and procedures.

Indicative tasks performed at this level are:

General and administrative services	Food services	Personal care
General clerk/Typist (second and subsequent years of service)	Cook	Personal care worker grade 2
Receptionist		Recreational/Lifestyle activities officer (unqualified)
Pay clerk		
Driver (less than 3 ton) who is required to hold a St John Ambulance first aid certificate		

A.4 Aged care employee—level 4

An employee at this level:

- is capable of prioritising work within established policies, guidelines and procedures;
- is responsible for work performed with a medium level of accountability or discretion;
- works under limited supervision, either individually or in a team;
- possesses good communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills; and
- requires specific on-the-job training, may require formal qualifications and/or relevant skills training or experience.
- In the case of a Personal care worker, is required to hold a relevant Certificate III qualification.

Indicative tasks performed at this level are:

General and administrative services	Food services	Personal care
Senior clerk Senior receptionist Maintenance/Handyperson (qualified) Driver (3 ton and over) Gardener (trade or TAFE Certificate III or above)	Senior cook (trade)	Personal care worker grade 3

A.5 Aged care employee—level 5

An employee at this level:

- is capable of functioning semi-autonomously, and prioritising their own work within established policies, guidelines and procedures;
- is responsible for work performed with a substantial level of accountability;
- works either individually or in a team;
- may assist with supervision of others;
- requires a comprehensive knowledge of medical terminology and/or a working knowledge of health insurance schemes (admin/clerical);
- may require basic computer knowledge or be required to use a computer on a regular basis;
- possesses administrative skills and problem solving abilities;
- possesses well developed communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills; and
- requires substantial on-the-job training, may require formal qualifications at trade or certificate level and/or relevant skills training or experience.

Indicative tasks performed at this level are:

General and administrative services	Food services	Personal care
Secretary interpreter (unqualified)	Chef	Personal care worker grade 4

A.6 Aged care employee—level 6

An employee at this level:

- is capable of functioning with a high level of autonomy, and prioritising their work within established policies, guidelines and procedures;
- is responsible for work performed with a substantial level of accountability and responsibility;
- works either individually or in a team;
- may require comprehensive computer knowledge or be required to use a computer on a regular basis;
- possesses administrative skills and problem solving abilities;
- possesses well developed communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills; and
- may require formal qualifications at post-trade or Advanced Certificate or Associate Diploma level and/or relevant skills training or experience.

Indicative tasks performed at this level are:

General and administrative services	Food services
Maintenance tradesperson (advanced) Gardener (advanced)	Senior chef

A.7 Aged care employee—level 7

An employee at this level:

- is capable of functioning autonomously, and prioritising their work and the work of others within established policies, guidelines and procedures;
- is responsible for work performed with a substantial level of accountability and responsibility;
- may supervise the work of others, including work allocation, rostering and guidance;
- works either individually or in a team;
- may require comprehensive computer knowledge or be required to use a computer on a regular basis;
- possesses developed administrative skills and problem solving abilities;
- possesses well developed communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills; and
- may require formal qualifications at trade or Advanced Certificate or Associate Diploma level and/or relevant skills training or experience.

Indicative tasks performed at this level are:

General and administrative services	Food services	Personal care
Clerical supervisor Interpreter (qualified) Gardener superintendent General services supervisor	Chef /Food services supervisor	Personal care worker grade 5

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Schedule B—Summary of Hourly Rates of Pay

NOTE: Employers who meet their obligations under this schedule are meeting their obligations under the award.

B.1 Ordinary hourly rate

B.1.1 Ordinary hourly rate is the minimum hourly rate of pay for an employee plus any allowance payable for all purposes to which the employee is entitled. Where an allowance is payable for all purposes in accordance with clause 18.2(a), this forms part of the employee’s ordinary hourly rate and must be added to the minimum hourly rate prior to calculating penalties and overtime.

B.1.2 The rates in the tables below are based on the **minimum hourly rates** in accordance with clause 17.

B.2 Full-time and part-time employees

B.2.1 Full-time and part-time employees—ordinary and penalty rates

	Ordinary hours	Saturday	Sunday	Public holiday
% of ordinary hourly rate				
	100%	150%	200%	250%
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Level 1	18.38	27.57	32.17	45.95
Level 2	19.14	28.71	33.50	47.85
Level 3	19.89	29.84	34.81	49.73
Level 4	20.13	30.20	35.23	50.33
Level 5	20.81	31.22	36.42	52.03
Level 6	21.93	32.90	38.38	54.83
Level 7	22.32	33.48	39.06	55.80

B.2.2 Full-time and part-time shiftworkers—ordinary and penalty rates

	Day	Afternoon shift		Night shift	
		Commencing at 10.00am and before 1.00pm	Commencing at 1.00pm and before 4.00pm	Commencing at 4.00pm and before 4.00am	Commencing at 4.00am and before 6.00am
% of ordinary hourly rate					
	100%	110%	112.5%	115%	110%
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Level 1	18.38	20.22	20.68	21.14	20.22
Level 2	19.14	21.05	21.53	22.01	21.05
Level 3	19.89	21.88	22.38	22.87	21.88
Level 4	20.13	22.14	22.65	23.15	22.14
Level 5	20.81	22.89	23.41	23.93	22.89
Level 6	21.93	24.12	24.67	25.22	24.12
Level 7	22.32	24.55	25.11	25.67	24.55

B.3 Casual employees

B.3.1 Casual employees other than shiftworkers—ordinary and penalty rates

	Day	Saturday	Sunday	Public holiday
% of ordinary hourly rate				
	125%	150%	200%	250%
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Level 1	22.98	27.57	32.17	45.95
Level 2	23.93	28.71	33.50	47.85
Level 3	24.86	29.84	34.81	49.73
Level 4	25.16	30.20	35.23	50.33
Level 5	26.01	31.22	36.42	52.03
Level 6	27.41	32.90	38.38	54.83
Level 7	27.90	33.48	39.06	55.80

B.3.2 Casual shiftworkers—ordinary and penalty rates

	Day	Afternoon shift		Night shift	
		Commencing at 10.00am and before 1.00pm	Commencing at 1.00pm and before 4.00pm	Commencing at 4.00pm and before 4.00am	Commencing at 4.00am and before 6.00am
% of ordinary hourly rate					
	125%	135%	137.5%	140%	135%
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Level 1	22.98	24.81	25.27	25.73	24.81
Level 2	23.93	25.84	26.32	26.80	25.84
Level 3	24.86	26.85	27.35	27.85	26.85
Level 4	25.16	27.18	27.68	28.18	27.18
Level 5	26.01	28.09	28.61	29.13	28.09
Level 6	27.41	29.61	30.15	30.70	29.61
Level 7	27.90	30.13	30.69	31.25	30.13

B.4 Apprentice rates—apprentices other than adult apprentices commencing on or after 1 January 2014

The apprentice rate is based on a percentage of the Level 4 adult rate, in accordance with clauses 17.2 and 17.3.

B.4.1 Cooking apprentices—ordinary and penalty rates

	Ordinary hours	Public holidays
	% of apprentice hourly rate	
	100%	250%
	\$	\$
1st year	11.07	27.68
2nd year	13.08	32.70
3rd year	16.10	40.25
4th year	19.12	47.80

B.4.2 Cooking apprentices—shiftwork rates

	Afternoon shift		Night shift		Saturday	Sunday	Public holidays
	% of apprentice hourly rate						
	110%	112.5%	115%	110%	150%	175%	250%
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1st year	12.18	12.45	12.73	12.18	16.61	19.37	27.68
2nd year	14.39	14.72	15.04	14.39	19.62	22.89	32.70
3rd year	17.71	18.11	18.52	17.71	24.15	28.18	40.25
4th year	21.03	21.51	21.99	21.03	28.68	33.46	47.80

B.4.3 Cooking apprentices—overtime rates

	Monday to Friday		Saturday and Sunday	Public holidays
	First 2 hours	After 2 hours	All hours	All hours
	% of apprentice hourly rate			
	150%	200%	200%	250%
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1st year	16.61	22.14	22.14	27.68
2nd year	19.62	26.16	26.16	32.70
3rd year	24.15	32.20	32.20	40.25
4th year	28.68	38.24	38.24	47.80

B.4.4 Gardening apprentices commencing before 1 January 2015—ordinary and penalty rates

	Ordinary hours	Public holidays
	% of apprentice hourly rate	
	100%	250%
	\$	\$
Have not completed year 12		
1st year	10.07	25.18
2nd year	12.08	30.20
3rd year	15.10	37.75
4th year	19.12	47.80

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	Ordinary hours	Public holidays
	% of apprentice hourly rate	
	100%	250%
	\$	\$
Have completed year 12		
1st year	10.57	26.43
2nd year	13.08	32.70
3rd year	15.10	37.75
4th year	19.12	47.80

B.4.5 Gardening apprentices commencing before 1 January 2015—shiftwork rates

	Afternoon shift		Night shift		Saturday	Sunday	Public holidays
	% of apprentice hourly rate						
	110%	112.5%	115%	110%	150%	175%	250%
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Have not completed year 12							
1st year	11.08	11.33	11.58	11.08	15.11	17.62	25.18
2nd year	13.29	13.59	13.89	13.29	18.12	21.14	30.20
3rd year	16.61	16.99	17.37	16.61	22.65	26.43	37.75
4th year	21.03	21.51	21.99	21.03	28.68	33.46	47.80
Have completed year 12							
1st year	11.63	11.89	12.16	11.63	15.86	18.50	26.43
2nd year	14.39	14.72	15.04	14.39	19.62	22.89	32.70
3rd year	16.61	16.99	17.37	16.61	22.65	26.43	37.75
4th year	21.03	21.51	21.99	21.03	28.68	33.46	47.80

B.4.6 Gardening apprentices commencing before 1 January 2015—overtime rates

	Monday to Friday		Saturday and Sunday	Public holidays
	First 2 hours	After 2 hours	All hours	All hours
	% of apprentice hourly rate			
	150%	200%	200%	250%
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Have not completed year 12				
1st year	15.11	20.14	20.14	25.18
2nd year	18.12	24.16	24.16	30.20
3rd year	22.65	30.20	30.20	37.75
4th year	28.68	38.24	38.24	47.80
Have completed year 12				
1st year	15.86	21.14	21.14	26.43
2nd year	19.62	26.16	26.16	32.70
3rd year	22.65	30.20	30.20	37.75
4th year	28.68	38.24	38.24	47.80

B.4.7 Gardening apprentices commencing on or after 1 January 2015—ordinary and penalty rates

	Ordinary hours	Public holidays
	% of apprentice hourly rate	
	100%	250%
	\$	\$
Have not completed year 12		
1st year	10.07	25.18
2nd year	12.08	30.20
3rd year	15.10	37.75
4th year	19.12	47.80
Have completed year 12		
1st year	11.07	27.68
2nd year	13.08	32.70
3rd year	15.10	37.75
4th year	19.12	47.80

B.4.8 Gardening apprentices commencing on or after 1 January 2015—shiftwork rates

	Afternoon shift		Night shift		Saturday	Sunday	Public holidays
	% of apprentice hourly rate						
	110%	112.5%	115%	110%	150%	175%	250%
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Have not completed year 12							
1st year	11.08	11.33	11.58	11.08	15.11	17.62	25.18
2nd year	13.29	13.59	13.89	13.29	18.12	21.14	30.20
3rd year	16.61	16.99	17.37	16.61	22.65	26.43	37.75
4th year	21.03	21.51	21.99	21.03	28.68	33.46	47.80
Have completed year 12							
1st year	12.18	12.45	12.73	12.18	16.61	19.37	27.68
2nd year	14.39	14.72	15.04	14.39	19.62	22.89	32.70
3rd year	16.61	16.99	17.37	16.61	22.65	26.43	37.75
4th year	21.03	21.51	21.99	21.03	28.68	33.46	47.80

B.4.9 Gardening apprentices commencing on or after 1 January 2015—overtime rates

	Monday to Friday		Saturday and Sunday	Public holidays
	First 2 hours	After 2 hours	All hours	All hours
	% of apprentice hourly rate			
	150%	200%	200%	250%
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Have not completed year 12				
1st year	15.11	20.14	20.14	25.18
2nd year	18.12	24.16	24.16	30.20
3rd year	22.65	30.20	30.20	37.75
4th year	28.68	38.24	38.24	47.80
Have completed year 12				
1st year	16.61	22.14	22.14	27.68
2nd year	19.62	26.16	26.16	32.70
3rd year	22.65	30.20	30.20	37.75
4th year	28.68	38.24	38.24	47.80

B.5 Apprentice rates—adult apprentices commencing on or after 1 January 2014

The apprentice rate is based on the lowest adult classification or a percentage of the Level 4 adult rate, whichever is the greater, in accordance with clause 17.4.

B.5.1 Cooking and gardening adult apprentices—ordinary and penalty rates

	Ordinary hours	Public holidays
	% of apprentice hourly rate	
	100%	250%
	\$	\$
1st year	16.10	40.25
2nd year	18.38	45.95
3rd year	18.38	45.95
4th year	19.12	47.80

B.5.2 Cooking and gardening adult apprentices—shiftwork rates

	Afternoon shift		Night shift		Saturday	Sunday	Public holidays
	% of apprentice hourly rate						
	110%	112.5%	115%	110%	150%	175%	250%
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1st year	17.71	18.11	18.52	17.71	24.15	28.18	40.25
2nd year	20.22	20.68	21.14	20.22	27.57	32.17	45.95
3rd year	20.22	20.68	21.14	20.22	27.57	32.17	45.95
4th year	21.03	21.51	21.99	21.03	28.68	33.46	47.80

B.5.3 Cooking and gardening adult apprentices—overtime rates

	Monday to Friday		Saturday and Sunday	Public holidays
	First 2 hours	After 2 hours	All hours	All hours
	% of apprentice hourly rate			
	150%	200%	200%	250%
1st year	24.15	32.20	32.20	40.25
2nd year	27.57	36.76	36.76	45.95
3rd year	27.57	36.76	36.76	45.95
4th year	28.68	38.24	38.24	47.80

Schedule C—Summary of Monetary Allowances

See clause 18 for full details of allowances payable under this award.

C.1 Wage related allowances

The wage related allowances in this award are based on the standard rate as defined in clause 2 as the minimum weekly rate for an Aged care employee—level 6 in clause 17.1 = **\$833.30**

Allowance	Clause	% of standard rate	\$ per week unless stated otherwise
Sleepover allowance	15.3(d)	5.20	43.33 per night
Leading hand allowance ¹	18.2(b)(ii)		
2 to 5 employees		2.67	22.25
6 to 10 employees		3.81	31.75
11 to 15 employees		4.81	40.08
16 or more employees		5.88	49.00
Nauseous work allowance	18.2(c)		
Per hour or part thereof		0.05	0.42 per hour or part thereof
Minimum payment per week		0.27	2.25

¹This allowance applies for all purposes of this award.

C.1.1 Adjustment of wage related allowances

Wage related allowance are adjusted in accordance with increased to wages and are based on a percentage of the standard rate as specified.

C.2 Expense related allowances

The following expense related allowances will be payable to employees in accordance with clause 18.3:

Allowance	Clause	\$
Uniform allowance—the lesser of	18.3(a)(iii)	
Per shift or part thereof; or		1.23 per shift or part thereof
Per week		6.24 per week
Laundry allowance—the lesser of	18.3(a)(iv)	
Per shift or part thereof; or		0.32 per shift or part thereof
Per week		1.49 per week
Meal allowance—overtime	18.3(b)(i)	12.21 per occasion
Further four hours' overtime		11.00 per occasion

Allowance	Clause	\$
Tool allowance—chefs and cooks who are not provided with necessary tools by employer	18.3(c)	11.00 per week
Vehicle allowance	18.3(d)(i)	0.78 per km

C.2.1 Adjustment of expense related allowances

- (a) At the time of any adjustment to the [standard rate](#), each expense related allowance will be increased by the relevant adjustment factor. The relevant adjustment factor for this purpose is the percentage movement in the applicable index figure most recently published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics since the allowance was last adjusted.
- (b) The applicable index figure is the index figure published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the Eight Capitals Consumer Price Index (Cat No. 6401.0), as follows:

Allowance	Applicable CPI figure
Meal allowance	Take away and fast foods sub-group
Clothing and equipment allowance	Clothing and footwear group
Tool allowance	Tools and equipment for house and garden component of the household appliances, utensils and tools sub-group
Vehicle allowance	Private motoring sub-group

Schedule D—Supported Wage System

D.1 This schedule defines the conditions which will apply to employees who because of the effects of a disability are eligible for a supported wage under the terms of this award.

D.2 In this schedule:

approved assessor means a person accredited by the management unit established by the Commonwealth under the supported wage system to perform assessments of an individual’s productive capacity within the supported wage system

assessment instrument means the tool provided for under the supported wage system that records the assessment of the productive capacity of the person to be employed under the supported wage system

disability support pension means the Commonwealth pension scheme to provide income security for persons with a disability as provided under the *Social Security Act 1991*, as amended from time to time, or any successor to that scheme

relevant minimum wage means the minimum wage prescribed in this award for the class of work for which an employee is engaged

supported wage system means the Commonwealth Government system to promote employment for people who cannot work at full award wages because of a disability, as documented in the Supported Wage System Handbook. The Handbook is available from the following website: www.jobaccess.gov.au

SWS wage assessment agreement means the document in the form required by the Department of Social Services that records the employee’s productive capacity and agreed wage rate

D.3 Eligibility criteria

D.3.1 Employees covered by this schedule will be those who are unable to perform the range of duties to the competence level required within the class of work for which the employee is engaged under this award, because of the effects of a disability on their productive capacity and who meet the impairment criteria for receipt of a disability support pension.

D.3.2 This schedule does not apply to any existing employee who has a claim against the employer which is subject to the provisions of workers compensation legislation or any provision of this award relating to the rehabilitation of employees who are injured in the course of their employment.

D.4 Supported wage rates

D.4.1 Employees to whom this schedule applies will be paid the applicable percentage of the relevant minimum wage according to the following schedule:

Assessed capacity (clause D.5)	Relevant minimum wage
%	%
10	10
20	20

Assessed capacity (clause D.5)	Relevant minimum wage
%	%
30	30
40	40
50	50
60	60
70	70
80	80
90	90

D.4.2 Provided that the minimum amount payable must be not less than **\$81** per week.

D.4.3 Where an employee’s assessed capacity is **10%**, they must receive a high degree of assistance and support.

D.5 Assessment of capacity

D.5.1 For the purpose of establishing the percentage of the relevant minimum wage, the productive capacity of the employee will be assessed in accordance with the Supported Wage System by an approved assessor, having consulted the employer and employee and, if the employee so desires, a union which the employee is eligible to join.

D.5.2 All assessments made under this schedule must be documented in an SWS wage assessment agreement, and retained by the employer as a time and wages record in accordance with the Act.

D.6 Lodgement of SWS wage assessment agreement

D.6.1 All SWS wage assessment agreements under the conditions of this schedule, including the appropriate percentage of the relevant minimum wage to be paid to the employee, must be lodged by the employer with the Fair Work Commission.

D.6.2 All SWS wage assessment agreements must be agreed and signed by the employee and employer parties to the assessment. Where a union which has an interest in the award is not a party to the assessment, the assessment will be referred by the Fair Work Commission to the union by certified mail and the agreement will take effect unless an objection is notified to the Fair Work Commission within 10 working days.

D.7 Review of assessment

The assessment of the applicable percentage should be subject to annual or more frequent review on the basis of a reasonable request for such a review. The process of review must be in accordance with the procedures for assessing capacity under the supported wage system.

D.8 Other terms and conditions of employment

Where an assessment has been made, the applicable percentage will apply to the relevant minimum wage only. Employees covered by the provisions of this schedule will be entitled to

the same terms and conditions of employment as other workers covered by this award on a pro rata basis.

D.9 Workplace adjustment

An employer wishing to employ a person under the provisions of this schedule must take reasonable steps to make changes in the workplace to enhance the employee's capacity to do the job. Changes may involve re-design of job duties, working time arrangements and work organisation in consultation with other workers in the area.

D.10 Trial period

- D.10.1** In order for an adequate assessment of the employee's capacity to be made, an employer may employ a person under the provisions of this schedule for a trial period not exceeding 12 weeks, except that in some cases additional work adjustment time (not exceeding four weeks) may be needed.
- D.10.2** During that trial period the assessment of capacity will be undertaken and the percentage of the relevant minimum wage for a continuing employment relationship will be determined.
- D.10.3** The minimum amount payable to the employee during the trial period must be no less than **\$81** per week.
- D.10.4** Work trials should include induction or training as appropriate to the job being trialled.
- D.10.5** Where the employer and employee wish to establish a continuing employment relationship following the completion of the trial period, a further contract of employment will be entered into based on the outcome of assessment under clause D.5.

Schedule E—School-based Apprentices

- E.1** This schedule applies to school-based apprentices. A school-based apprentice is a person who is undertaking an apprenticeship in accordance with this schedule while also undertaking a course of secondary education.
- E.2** A school-based apprenticeship may be undertaken in the trades covered by this award under a training agreement or contract of training for an apprentice declared or recognised by the relevant State or Territory authority.
- E.3** The relevant minimum wages for full-time junior and adult apprentices provided for in this award, calculated hourly, will apply to school-based apprentices for total hours worked including time deemed to be spent in off-the-job training.
- E.4** For the purposes of clause E.3, where an apprentice is a full-time school student, the time spent in off-the-job training for which the apprentice must be paid is 25% of the actual hours worked each week on-the-job. The wages paid for training time may be averaged over the semester or year.
- E.5** A school-based apprentice must be allowed, over the duration of the apprenticeship, the same amount of time to attend off-the-job training as an equivalent full-time apprentice.
- E.6** For the purposes of this schedule, off-the-job training is structured training delivered by a Registered Training Organisation separate from normal work duties or general supervised practice undertaken on the job.
- E.7** The duration of the apprenticeship must be as specified in the training agreement or contract for each apprentice but must not exceed six years.
- E.8** School-based apprentices progress through the relevant wage scale at the rate of 12 months progression for each two years of employment as an apprentice or at the rate of competency-based progression, if provided for in this award.
- E.9** The apprentice wage scales are based on a standard full-time apprenticeship of four years (unless the apprenticeship is of three years duration) or stages of competency based progression, if provided for in this award. The rate of progression reflects the average rate of skill acquisition expected from the typical combination of work and training for a school-based apprentice undertaking the applicable apprenticeship.
- E.10** If an apprentice converts from school-based to full-time, the successful completion of competencies (if provided for in this award) and all time spent as a full-time apprentice will count for the purposes of progression through the relevant wage scale in addition to the progression achieved as a school-based apprentice.
- E.11** School-based apprentices are entitled pro rata to all of the other conditions in this award.

Schedule F—National Training Wage

F.1 Title

This is the *National Training Wage Schedule*.

F.2 Definitions

In this schedule:

adult trainee is a trainee who would qualify for the highest minimum wage in Wage Level A, B or C if covered by that wage level

approved training means the training specified in the training contract

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a national framework for qualifications in post-compulsory education and training

out of school refers only to periods out of school beyond Year 10 as at the first of January in each year and is deemed to:

- (a) include any period of schooling beyond Year 10 which was not part of or did not contribute to a completed year of schooling;
- (b) include any period during which a trainee repeats in whole or part a year of schooling beyond Year 10; and
- (c) not include any period during a calendar year in which a year of schooling is completed

relevant State or Territory training authority means the bodies in the relevant State or Territory which exercise approval powers in relation to traineeships and register training contracts under the relevant State or Territory vocational education and training legislation

relevant State or Territory vocational education and training legislation means the following or any successor legislation:

Australian Capital Territory: *Training and Tertiary Education Act 2003*;

New South Wales: *Apprenticeship and Traineeship Act 2001*;

Northern Territory: *Northern Territory Employment and Training Act 1991*;

Queensland: *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000*;

South Australia: *Training and Skills Development Act 2008*;

Tasmania: *Vocational Education and Training Act 1994*;

Victoria: *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*; or

Western Australia: *Vocational Education and Training Act 1996*

trainee is an employee undertaking a traineeship under a training contract

traineeship means a system of training which has been approved by the relevant State or Territory training authority, which meets the requirements of a training

package developed by the relevant Industry Skills Council and endorsed by the National Quality Council, and which leads to an AQF certificate level qualification

training contract means an agreement for a traineeship made between an employer and an employee which is registered with the relevant State or Territory training authority

training package means the competency standards and associated assessment guidelines for an AQF certificate level qualification which have been endorsed for an industry or enterprise by the National Quality Council and placed on the National Training Information Service with the approval of the Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers responsible for vocational education and training, and includes any relevant replacement training package

Year 10 includes any year before Year 10

F.3 Coverage

F.3.1 Subject to clauses F.3.2 to F.3.6 of this schedule, this schedule applies in respect of an employee covered by this award who is undertaking a traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate level is allocated to a wage level by clause F.7 to this schedule or by clause F.5.4 of this schedule.

F.3.2 This schedule only applies to AQF Certificate Level IV traineeships for which a relevant AQF Certificate Level III traineeship is listed in clause F.7 to this schedule.

F.3.3 This schedule does not apply to:

- (a) the apprenticeship system;
- (b) qualifications not identified in training packages; or
- (c) qualifications in training packages which are not identified as appropriate for a traineeship.

Parties are asked to identify “any training program which applies to the same occupation and achieves essentially the same training outcome as an existing apprenticeship in an award as at 25 June 1997” that they consider should not be covered by this Schedule.

F.3.4 This schedule does not apply to qualifications not identified in training packages or to qualifications in training packages which are not identified as appropriate for a traineeship.

F.3.5 Where the terms and conditions of this schedule conflict with other terms and conditions of this award dealing with traineeships, the other terms and conditions of this award prevail.

F.3.6 At the conclusion of the traineeship, this schedule ceases to apply to the employee.

F.4 Types of Traineeship

The following types of traineeship are available under this schedule:

F.4.1 a full-time traineeship based on 38 ordinary hours per week, with 20% of ordinary hours being approved training; and

F.4.2 a part-time traineeship based on less than 38 ordinary hours per week, with 20% of ordinary hours being approved training solely on-the-job or partly on-the-job and partly off-the-job, or where training is fully off-the-job.

F.5 Minimum Wages

F.5.1 Minimum wages for full-time traineeships

(a) Wage Level A

Subject to clause F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a full-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level A by clause F.7.1 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per week	per week	per week
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	295.10	325.00	387.20
Plus 1 year out of school	325.00	387.20	450.60
Plus 2 years out of school	387.20	450.60	524.40
Plus 3 years out of school	450.60	524.40	600.40
Plus 4 years out of school	524.40	600.40	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	600.40		

(b) Wage Level B

Subject to clause F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a full-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level B by clause F.7.2 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per week	Per week	per week
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	295.10	325.00	376.80
Plus 1 year out of school	325.00	376.80	433.40
Plus 2 years out of school	376.80	433.40	508.20
Plus 3 years out of school	433.40	508.20	579.70
Plus 4 years out of school	508.20	579.70	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	579.70		

(c) Wage Level C

Subject to clause F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a full-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level C by clause F.7.3 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per week	per week	per week
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	295.10	325.00	376.80
Plus 1 year out of school	325.00	376.80	424.10
Plus 2 years out of school	376.80	424.10	473.80
Plus 3 years out of school	424.10	473.80	527.90
Plus 4 years out of school	473.80	527.90	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	527.90		

(d) AQF Certificate Level IV traineeships

- (i) Subject to clause F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a full-time AQF Certificate Level IV traineeship are the minimum wages for the relevant full-time AQF Certificate Level III traineeship with the addition of 3.8% to those minimum wages.
- (ii) Subject to clause F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for an adult trainee undertaking a full-time AQF Certificate Level IV traineeship are as follows, provided that the relevant wage level is that for the relevant AQF Certificate Level III traineeship:

Wage level	First year of traineeship	Second and subsequent years of traineeship
	per week	per week
	\$	\$
Wage Level A	623.50	647.70
Wage Level B	601.60	624.70
Wage Level C	547.50	568.20

F.5.2 Minimum wages for part-time traineeships

(a) Wage Level A

Subject to clauses F.5.2(f) and F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a part-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level A by clause F.7.1 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per hour	per hour	per hour
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	9.71	10.70	12.74
Plus 1 year out of school	10.70	12.74	14.83
Plus 2 years out of school	12.74	14.83	17.25
Plus 3 years out of school	14.83	17.25	19.74
Plus 4 years out of school	17.25	19.74	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	19.74		

(b) Wage Level B

Subject to clauses F.5.2(f) and F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a part-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level B by clause F.7.2 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per hour	per hour	per hour
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	9.71	10.70	12.40
Plus 1 year out of school	10.70	12.40	14.26
Plus 2 years out of school	12.40	14.26	16.73
Plus 3 years out of school	14.26	16.73	19.08
Plus 4 years out of school	16.73	19.08	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	19.08		

(c) Wage Level C

Subject to clauses F.5.2(f) and F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a part-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level C by clause F.7.3 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per hour	per hour	per hour
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	9.71	10.70	12.40
Plus 1 year out of school	10.70	12.40	13.95
Plus 2 years out of school	12.40	13.95	15.58
Plus 3 years out of school	13.95	15.58	17.36

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per hour	per hour	per hour
	\$	\$	\$
Plus 4 years out of school	15.58	17.36	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	17.36		

(d) School-based traineeships

Subject to clauses F.5.2(f) and F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a school-based AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Levels A, B or C by clause F.7 are as follows when the trainee works ordinary hours:

Year of schooling	
Year 11 or lower	Year 12
per hour	per hour
\$	\$
9.71	10.70

(e) AQF Certificate Level IV traineeships

(i) Subject to clauses F.5.2(f) and F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a part-time AQF Certificate Level IV traineeship are the minimum wages for the relevant part-time AQF Certificate Level III traineeship with the addition of 3.8% to those minimum wages.

(ii) Subject to clauses F.5.2(f) and F.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for an adult trainee undertaking a part-time AQF Certificate Level IV traineeship are as follows, provided that the relevant wage level is that for the relevant AQF Certificate Level III traineeship:

Wage level	First year of traineeship	Second and subsequent years of traineeship
	per hour	per hour
	\$	\$
Wage Level A	20.51	21.31
Wage Level B	19.77	20.54
Wage Level C	18.01	18.70

(f) Calculating the actual minimum wage

(i) Where the full-time ordinary hours of work are not 38 or an average of 38 per week, the appropriate hourly minimum wage is obtained by multiplying the relevant minimum wage in clauses F.5.2(a)–(e) of this

schedule by 38 and then dividing the figure obtained by the full-time ordinary hours of work per week.

- (ii) Where the approved training for a part-time traineeship is provided fully off-the-job by a registered training organisation, for example at school or at TAFE, the relevant minimum wage in clauses F.5.2(a)–(e) of this schedule applies to each ordinary hour worked by the trainee.
- (iii) Where the approved training for a part-time traineeship is undertaken solely on-the-job or partly on-the-job and partly off-the-job, the relevant minimum wage in clauses F.5.2(a)–(e) of this schedule minus 20% applies to each ordinary hour worked by the trainee.

F.5.3 Other minimum wage provisions

- (a) An employee who was employed by an employer immediately prior to becoming a trainee with that employer must not suffer a reduction in their minimum wage per week or per hour by virtue of becoming a trainee. Casual loadings will be disregarded when determining whether the employee has suffered a reduction in their minimum wage.
- (b) If a qualification is converted from an AQF Certificate Level II to an AQF Certificate Level III traineeship, or from an AQF Certificate Level III to an AQF Certificate Level IV traineeship, then the trainee must be paid the next highest minimum wage provided in this schedule, where a higher minimum wage is provided for the new AQF certificate level.

F.5.4 Default wage rate

The minimum wage for a trainee undertaking an AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate level are not allocated to a wage level by clause F.7 is the relevant minimum wage under this schedule for a trainee undertaking an AQF Certificate to Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate level are allocated to Wage Level B.

F.6 Employment conditions

- F.6.1** A trainee undertaking a school-based traineeship may, with the agreement of the trainee, be paid an additional loading of 25% on all ordinary hours worked instead of paid annual leave, paid personal/carer's leave and paid absence on public holidays, provided that where the trainee works on a public holiday then the public holiday provisions of this award apply.
- F.6.2** A trainee is entitled to be released from work without loss of continuity of employment and to payment of the appropriate wages to attend any training and assessment specified in, or associated with, the training contract.
- F.6.3** Time spent by a trainee, other than a trainee undertaking a school-based traineeship, in attending any training and assessment specified in, or associated with, the training contract is to be regarded as time worked for the employer for the purposes of calculating the trainee's wages and determining the trainee's employment conditions.

Note: The time to be included for the purpose of calculating the wages for part-time trainees whose approved training is fully off-the-job is determined by clause F.5.2(f)(ii) and not by this clause.

F.6.4 Subject to clause F.3.5 of this schedule, all other terms and conditions of this award apply to a trainee unless specifically varied by this schedule.

F.7 Allocation of Traineeships to Wage Levels

Parties are asked to review the packages listed to ensure the lists are complete and up-to-date.

The wage levels applying to training packages and their AQF certificate levels are:

F.7.1 Wage Level A

Training package	AQF certificate level
Aeroskills	II
Aviation	I, II, III
Beauty	III
Business Services	I, II, III
Chemical, Hydrocarbons and Refining	I, II, III
Civil Construction	III
Coal Training Package	II, III
Community Services	II, III
Construction, Plumbing and Services Integrated Framework	I, II, III
Correctional Services	II, III
Drilling	II, III
Electricity Supply Industry—Generation Sector	II, III (III in Western Australia only)
Electricity Supply Industry—Transmission, Distribution and Rail Sector	II
Electrotechnology	I, II, III (III in Western Australia only)
Financial Services	I, II, III
Floristry	III
Food Processing Industry	III
Gas Industry	III
Information and Communications Technology	I, II, III
Laboratory Operations	II, III
Local Government (other than Operational Works Cert I and II)	I, II, III
Manufactured Mineral Products	III
Manufacturing	I, II, III
Maritime	I, II, III

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Training package	AQF certificate level
Metal and Engineering (Technical)	II, III
Metalliferous Mining	II, III
Museum, Library and Library/Information Services	II, III
Plastics, Rubber and Cablemaking	III
Public Safety	III
Public Sector	II, III
Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Industries	III
Retail Services (including wholesale and Community pharmacy)	III
Telecommunications	II, III
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	III
Tourism, Hospitality and Events	I, II, III
Training and Assessment	III
Transport and Logistics	III
Water Industry (Utilities)	III

F.7.2 Wage Level B

Training package	AQF certificate level
Animal Care and Management	I, II, III
Asset Maintenance	I, II, III
Australian Meat Industry	I, II, III
Automotive Industry Manufacturing	II, III
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair	I, II, III
Beauty	II
Caravan Industry	II, III
Civil Construction	I
Community Recreation Industry	III
Entertainment	I, II, III
Extractive Industries	II, III
Fitness Industry	III
Floristry	II
Food Processing Industry	I, II
Forest and Forest Products Industry	I, II, III
Furnishing	I, II, III

Training package	AQF certificate level
Gas Industry	I, II
Health	II, III
Local Government (Operational Works)	I, II
Manufactured Mineral Products	I, II
Metal and Engineering (Production)	II, III
Outdoor Recreation Industry	I, II, III
Plastics, Rubber and Cablemaking	II
Printing and Graphic Arts	II, III
Property Services	I, II, III
Public Safety	I, II
Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Industries	I, II
Retail Services	I, II
Screen and Media	I, II, III
Sport Industry	II, III
Sugar Milling	I, II, III
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	I, II
Transport and Logistics	II
Visual Arts, Craft and Design	I, II, III
Water Industry	I, II

F.7.3 Wage Level C

Training package	AQF certificate level
Agri-Food	I
Amenity Horticulture	I, II, III
Conservation and Land Management	I, II, III
Funeral Services	I, II, III
Music	I, II, III
Racing Industry	I, II, III
Rural Production	I, II, III
Seafood Industry	I, II, III

Schedule G—2015 Part-day Public Holidays

The part-day public holidays schedule may be affected by [AM2014/301](#)

This schedule operates where this award otherwise contains provisions dealing with public holidays that supplement the NES.

G.1 Where a part-day public holiday is declared or prescribed between 7.00 pm and midnight on Christmas Eve (24 December 2015) or New Year’s Eve (31 December 2015) the following will apply on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve and will override any provision in this award relating to public holidays to the extent of the inconsistency:

- (a) All employees will have the right to refuse to work on the part-day public holiday if the request to work is not reasonable or the refusal is reasonable as provided for in the NES.
- (b) Where a part-time or full-time employee is usually rostered to work ordinary hours between 7.00 pm and midnight but as a result of exercising their right under the NES does not work, they will be paid their ordinary rate of pay for such hours not worked.
- (c) Where a part-time or full-time employee is usually rostered to work ordinary hours between 7.00 pm and midnight but as a result of being on annual leave does not work, they will be taken not to be on annual leave between those hours of 7.00 pm and midnight that they would have usually been rostered to work and will be paid their ordinary rate of pay for such hours.
- (d) Where a part-time or full-time employee is usually rostered to work ordinary hours between 7.00 pm and midnight, but as a result of having a rostered day off (RDO) provided under this award, does not work, the employee will be taken to be on a public holiday for such hours and paid their ordinary rate of pay for those hours.
- (e) Excluding annualised salaried employees to whom clause G.1(f) applies, where an employee works any hours between 7.00 pm and midnight they will be entitled to the appropriate public holiday penalty rate (if any) in this award for those hours worked.
- (f) Where an employee is paid an annualised salary under the provisions of this award and is entitled under this award to time off in lieu or additional annual leave for work on a public holiday, they will be entitled to time off in lieu or pro-rata annual leave equivalent to the time worked between 7.00 pm and midnight.
- (g) An employee not rostered to work between 7.00 pm and midnight, other than an employee who has exercised their right in accordance with clause G.1(a), will not be entitled to another day off, another day’s pay or another day of annual leave as a result of the part-day public holiday.

This schedule is not intended to detract from or supplement the NES.

This schedule is an interim provision and subject to further review.