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Nunavut to increase minimum wage to $19/hour

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 6, 2023) – The Government of Nunavut is increasing the territorial minimum wage from $16.00 to $19.00 per hour effective January 1, 2024.

The Department of Justice recommended the rate increase after a comprehensive survey and consultations with businesses and employees during the summer of 2023.

“We recognize that the minimum wage needs to work for employers and employees and reflect the realities of living and working in Nunavut,” said Minister of Justice, David Akeeagok. “I am confident that the increase strikes the appropriate balance for our territory, while also helping to address the impact of inflation and cost of living increases for those earning minimum wage in Nunavut.”

The Department of Justice is also reviewing a new method of calculating the minimum wage to allow for annual incremental increases, providing greater certainty to Nunavut businesses while helping Nunavummiut keep up with costs.

Quick Facts

- At $19.00 per hour, Nunavut will once again have the highest minimum wage rate in Canada.
- The last increase to Nunavut’s minimum wage was on April 1, 2020, when it was increased from $13.00 to $16.00 per hour.

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