

New wage increase for Taxi employees

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The government has increased the minimum wages for the taxi sector as from next month (01 July 2009), the Labour Department announced today. Department spokesperson Page Boikanyo said the increase was based on the CPIX plus two percent (2%) as it was published in the Taxi amendment of July 2008.

“The monthly rate for Taxi Drivers and administration workers will increase from R1740.53 to R1933.72 per month, while for Rank marshals will increase from R1392.42 to R1546.97; the wages for other workers not specified elsewhere will increase from R1218.38 to R1353.62. The boarding allowance will also increase from R220.00 to R240.02,” he said.

For any further information affected stakeholders can visit the Department’s website on www.labour.gov.za. Please note that the Stats SA has replaced CPIX with CPI Excluding owner’s equivalent Rent.

Table 1: Minimum wages for employees in the Taxi Sector.

Minimum rate for the period

1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

	Monthly	Weekly	Hourly
Drivers	R1933.72	R446.27	R9.29
Admin workers	R1933.72	R446.27	R9.29
Rank marshals	R1546.97	R357.02	R7.43
Workers not elsewhere specified	R1353.62	R312.39	R6.50

The CPIX rate used to calculate the minimum wage increase applicable from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 is the rate that was available 6 weeks prior to the increase becoming effective, which is the March 2009 CPI (excluding Owners Equivalent Rent) rate of 9.10% plus 2%. The minimum wage increase will therefore increase by 11.10%.