

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES MALAYSIA

THE MINIMUM WAGES POLICY







Minimum Wages
Integrated Nationwide Clinics

Kuching, Sarawak 24 February 2014

COMMITMENT BY MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES

'Minimum Wages is here to stay for good and there is no turning back'.

by, YB Dato' Sri Richard Riot Anak Jaem, Minister of Human Resources

Date: 25 June 2013

WHAT IS MINIMUM WAGES?

Minimum Wages is BASIC WAGES, excluding any allowances and other payments.

MINIMUM WAGES ORDER 2012

Commencement Date:

1 January 2013 – 6
employees & above
and
Under MASCO

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Commencement Date:

1 July 2013 – 5 employees & below

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Application for Deferment

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Non-application to Domestic Servant 5

MW Rate: Monthly: RM900/ 800 Hourly: RM4.33/ 3.85 6

Reduced rate for Probationers

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Negotiation for restructuring of wages **before commencement date**

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Revocation of Orders made under Wages Council Act 1947 (Act 195) 9

Wages Council Orders under Act 195 continue to apply until the Order under Act 732 comes into operation (eg. For Security Guards)

CONCESSIONS FROM GOVERNMENT

- Deferments
- Restructuring of Wages in the Order
- Extension of Deferment Application date to 30th
 June 2013
- Blanket Deferment for SMEs (for foreign Workers only) till end Dec. 2013
- Foreign workers levy can be deducted
- Deduction for Cost of Accommodation
- 2014 BUDGET SPEECH Double Tax Deduction
- Repackaging of Financing for SMEs
- Enhancing Dissemination of Information on MWs

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- Full enforcement started on 1.1.2014 to all employers
- Minimum Wages Portal launched on 3 December 2013 (www.minimumwages.gov.my)
- MIDA exit policy for foreign labour intensive industries (9 Sept 2013)
- Minimum Wages Clinics

CHALLENGES IN MINIMUM WAGES

- Present MWs Rate too low!
- Separate MWs for Foreign Workers.
- MWs in SMEs / Micro-enterprises.
- MWs for workers in Places of Worship / Welfare Homes, etc.
- MWs for PWDs & Elderly workers.
- No Probation period for Foreign Workers JKKPA-PATI.
- Same MWs rate throughout the country!

REVIEW OF MINIMUM WAGES ORDER 2012

- Act 732 mandates MWO to be reviewed ONCE IN EVERY 2 YEARS.
 - In 2014 MWO 2012 to be reviewed for a new MWO effective in 2015
 - Review of the MWs Rate, coverage, date of enforcement, etc....

Parties are urged to submit <u>Views, Inputs and</u> <u>Recommendations, together with supporting data / reports</u> to -

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before 30 April 2014

