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Note about using this manual

The scope of this publication is to provide a quick reference for practitioners in the field of labour law. The manual is divided into two sections. The first section deals with minimum wages and the second deals with other minimum entitlements.

The rates of pay indicated in the minimum wages section refer to the minimum provided by the National Standard Order and by the relating Wage Regulation Order (WRO). The WROs regulate some employment conditions which also include the minimum rates of pay of employees who work in specific economic sectors. In cases where the manual refers to “next pages for detailed wages” is due to the fact that the relating WRO splits the minimum rates according to the category of employees and thus a detailed classification of wages is provided in the subsequent pages.

The manual is intended as a quick reference and must not replace references to the Employment and Industrial Relations Act (CAP. 452) or the relevant WRO. For further assistance about conditions of employment kindly contact the:

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MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGES FOR 2026

	16 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	17 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	18 years and over (weekly)	Hourly rate	Watchmen outdoors (weekly)	Watchmen indoors (weekly)	Part-Time Rates
National Minimum (in absence of an applicable WRO)	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata
Agriculture & Allied Industries	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€231.77	€229.44	Pro rata
Beverage Industries	See next pages for detailed wages								
Canning Industry	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata
Cargo Clearance & Forwarding Agents' (Burdnara) Employees	<i>Employment of not less than 4 hrs on any one day -- equivalent of a day's work.</i>				€238.41	€5.96			Pro rata
Cinemas & Theatres	See next pages for detailed wages								
Clay & Glass Products	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata
Construction	€220.71	€5.52	€223.29	€5.58	€234.10	€5.85	€236.43	€234.10	Pro rata
Domestic Service	See next pages for detailed wages								
Electronics Industry	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata
Food Manufacture Industries	€222.15	€5.55	€224.32	€5.61	€229.44	€5.74	€231.77	€229.44	Pro rata
Hire (Cars or Private Buses)	See next pages for detailed wages								
Hospitals & Clinics	See next pages for detailed wages								
Hotels & Clubs	See next pages for detailed wages								
Jewellery & Watches	See next pages for detailed wages								
Laundries	€220.71	€5.52	€223.29	€5.58	€229.44	€5.74	€233.52	€229.44	Pro rata
Leather Goods & Shoes Industries	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€231.77	€229.44	Pro rata

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Paper, Plastics, Chemicals & Petroleum	See next pages for detailed wages								
Printing & Publishing	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata
Private Cleaning Services	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74			Pro rata
Private Schools	See next pages for detailed wages								
Private Security Services									
-- Wardens					€261.17	€6.53			Pro rata
-- Other employees	€226.23	€5.66	€226.23	€5.66	€229.44	€5.74			Pro rata
Professional Offices	See next pages for detailed wages								
Public Transport	<i>for Employment of not less than four hours in any one day -- equivalent of a day's work.</i>				€229.44	€4.78			Pro rata on 48 hrs
Seamen	See next pages for detailed wages								
Sextons & Custodians	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74			Pro rata
Textiles & Allied Industries	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€231.77	€229.44	Pro rata on minimum wage for 18 yrs and over
Tobacco Manufacture Industry	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€231.77	€229.44	Pro rata
Transport Equip., Metal & Allied Indus.	€221.29	€5.53	€223.62	€5.59	€230.61	€5.77	€230.61	€230.61	Pro rata
Travel & Insurance Agencies	See next pages for detailed wages								
Wholesale & Retail Trades	€220.71	€5.52	€223.29	€5.58	€230.61	€5.77	€232.93	€230.61	Pro rata
Woodworks	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€231.77	€229.44	Pro rata

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Beverage Industries									
	Whole - time Employees						Part-time rates		
All categories									
At age 16 years	€220.71							€5.52	Pro rata
At age 17 years	€223.29							€5.58	Pro rata
At age 18 years	€229.44							€5.74	Pro rata
At age 20 years and over	€232.35 rising by annual increments of €0.58 per week up to €233.51						€5.810 up to €5.84		Pro rata
Watchmen	€232.35 rising by annual increments of €0.58 per week up to €233.51						€4.84 up to €4.86		Pro rata on 48 hrs

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National Minimum (in absence of an applicable WRO)	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata
CINEMAS AND THEATRES									
EMPLOYEES	Weekly		Hourly						Part-Time Rates
Projectionist	€234.10		€5.09						Pro rata on 46 hrs
Ass. Projectionist	€231.77		€5.04						Pro rata on 46 hrs
Staff Manager	€234.10		€5.09						Pro rata on 46 hrs
Barman	€231.77		€5.04						Pro rata on 46 hrs
Cashier	€231.77		€5.04						Pro rata on 46 hrs
Usher / Usherette	€231.77		€5.04						Pro rata on 46 hrs
Controller	€231.77		€5.04						Pro rata on 46 hrs
Learners									
18 years and over	€229.44		€4.99						Pro rata on 46 hrs
17 years	€222.66		€4.84						Pro rata on 46 hrs
16 years	€219.82		€4.78						Pro rata on 46 hrs
Other employees	€229.44		€4.99						Pro rata on 46 hrs

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National Minimum (in absence of an applicable WRO)	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata
DOMESTIC SERVICE									
All categories									
Full - time									
Group 1	€1,016.37	per month							
Group 2	€1,000.10	per month							
Group 3	€234.68	per week							
Group 4	€232.93	per week							
Part - time									
Group 5 *	€38.83	per day --	when exceeding 4 hrs in any 1 day						
Group 6 *	€5.82	per hr --	up to 4 hrs in any 1 day						

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National Minimum (in absence of an applicable WRO)	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata

HIRE (CARS OR PRIVATE BUSES)

Whole - time Employees	Weekly		Hourly						
<i>Clerk / Receptionist</i>	€236.43	See note 1							
<i>Drivers</i>	€235.85	See note 2							
<i>Conductors / Attendants, other employees, excluding watchmen</i>									
aged 18 years and over	€232.10	See note 3 & 4							
aged 16 or 17 years	€229.44	See note 3 & 4							
Watchmen									
Indoors	€232.10	€4.84	(pro rata on 48 hrs)						
Outdoors	€234.43	€4.88	(pro rata on 48 hrs)						

Part - time Employees

Note 1: Clerk / Receptionist (pro rata on 42 hours)			Note 3: Conductors & Attendants (pro rata on 46 hours)		
(i) for the first 3 hours or less in any day	€16.89				18 yrs or over
					under 18 years
(ii) for each hour or part thereof in excess of the first 3 hours in any one day	€5.63	per hour	(i) for the first 4 hours or less in any day	€20.18	€19.95
			(ii) for each hour or part thereof in excess of the first 4 hrs in any one day	€5.05	€4.99
Note 2: Drivers (pro rata on 46 hours)			Note 4: Other employees (pro rata on 46 hours)		
(i) for the first 3 hours or less in any day	€15.38				18 yrs or over
					under 18 years
(ii) for each hour or part thereof in excess of the first 3 hours in any one day	€5.13	per hour	(i) for the first 3 hours or less in any one day	€15.14	€14.96
			(ii) for each hour or part thereof in excess of the first 3 hrs in any one day	€5.05	€4.99

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National Minimum (in absence of an applicable WRO)	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata	
HOSPITALS AND CLINICS										
	Whole - time Employees						Part-time rates			
Category 'A'										
Hospital/Clinic Attendants	€11,930.91 per annum rising by €55.90 per annum up to 12,303.61									Pro rata
Enrolled Nurse	€12,194.12 per annum rising by €83.86 per annum up to €13,209.05									Pro rata
Staff Nurse/State Registered Nurse	€12,678.64. per annum rising by €83.86 per annum up to €13,028.88, and after									Pro rata
	€13,028.88 per annum rising by €111.81 per annum up to 13,722.18									
Category 'B'										
Hospital Auxiliaries										
<i>Servants & Laundry Employees</i>	€229.44 per week rising by annual increments of €1.16 per week up to €235.24							€5.74 up to €5.88		Pro rata
<i>Fatiguedman/ Fatiguedwoman/ Labourers/ Caretakers/ Gatekeepers</i>	€232.35 per week rising by annual increments of €1.75 per week up to €237.60							€5.81 up to €5.94		Pro rata
Semi - skilled Labourers	€237.01 per week rising by annual increments of €1.75 per week up to €242.26							€5.93 up to €6.06		Pro rata
Skilled Workers	€239.34 per week rising by annual increments of €1.75 per week up to €247.49							€5.98 up to €6.19		Pro rata
Non - Industrials (Clerk, Appt. Clerk, Clerk Typist)	€233.52 per week rising by annual increments of €1.75 per week up to €243.42							€5.84 up to €6.09		Pro rata

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National Minimum (in absence of an applicable WRO)	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata

HOSPITALS AND CLINICS cont.

	Whole - time Employees						Part-time rates		
Category 'C'									
Dental Auxiliaries									
1st year in profession under the age of 18 yrs	€229.44	per week					€5.74	Pro rata	
After 1st year	€232.93 per week rising by annual increase of €1.28 per week up to €239.33						€5.82 up to €5.98		Pro rata
Dental Laboratory Assistant									
At age 16 years	€219.82						€5.50	Pro rata	
At age 17	€222.69						€5.57	Pro rata	
At age 18	€232.35 per week rising by annual increments of €1.75 per week up to €237.60						€5.81 up to €5.94		Pro rata
Dental Mechanics (with qualifications)	€12,678.64 per annum rising by annual increments of €83.86 up to €13,028.87 and after						Pro rata		
	€13,028.87 per annum rising by annual increments of €111.81 up to €13,722.66.						Pro rata		
Dental Mechanics (without qualifications)	€239.34 per week rising by annual increase of €1.75 per week up to €245.75						€5.98 up to €6.14		Pro rata

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HOTELS AND CLUBS									
HOTELS									
	16 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	17 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	18 years and over (weekly)	Hourly rate			
Employer supplies a meal a day	€219.47	€5.49	€222.03	€5.55	€229.37	€5.73			Pro rata
Employer supplies two meals a day	€218.07	€5.45	€220.64	€5.52	€227.97	€5.70			Pro rata
Neither of the above applies	€220.71	€5.52	€223.27	€5.58	€230.61	€5.77			Pro rata
Rates irrespective of age		Weekly			Hourly				
Musicians		€247.54			€8.25				Pro rata on 30 hrs
Watchmen indoors		€230.61			€4.80				Pro rata on 48 hrs
Watchmen outdoors		€232.93			€4.85				Pro rata on 48 hrs
CLUBS									
	16 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	17 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	18 years and over (weekly)	Hourly rate	Watchmen outdoors (weekly)	Watchmen indoors (weekly)	
All employees	€220.71	€5.52	€223.29	€5.58	€229.44	€5.74	€231.77	€229.44	Pro rata
COFFEE SHOPS, BARS, RESTAURANTS									
Employees in:	16 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	17 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	18 years and over (weekly)	Hourly rate	Watchmen outdoors (weekly)	Watchmen indoors (weekly)	
Restaurants	€220.71	€5.52	€223.29	€5.58	€230.61	€5.77	€232.93	€230.61	Pro rata
Coffee shops and bars	€220.71	€5.52	€223.29	€5.58	€230.61	€5.77	€232.93	€230.61	Pro rata

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JEWELLERY AND WATCHES									
		Weekly	Hourly						
Employees other than watchmen									
18 Years and over									
During the first two years in employment		€229.44	€5.74						Pro rata
During the third year in empl.		€233.52	€5.84						Pro rata
During the fourth year in empl.		€235.85	€5.90						Pro rata
During the fifth year in empl.		€238.18	€5.95						Pro rata
16 years		€219.82	€5.50						Pro rata
17 years		€222.66	€5.57						Pro rata
Watchmen independently of their age									
Indoor duties		€229.44	€4.78						Pro rata on 48 hrs
Outdoor duties		€231.77	€4.83						Pro rata on 48 hrs

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PAPER, PLASTICS, CHEMICALS & PETROLEUM									
Skilled employees		Weekly		Hourly					
During the first year of employment		€231.77		€5.27					Pro rata on 44 hrs
During the second and subsequent years in employment		€233.52		€5.31					Pro rata on 44 hrs
Unskilled employees		F/T		P/T					
18 years or over		€229.44		€5.21					Pro rata on 44 hrs
17 years		€222.66		€5.06					Pro rata on 44 hrs
16 years		€219.82		€5.00					Pro rata on 44 hrs
Watchmen		€233.52		€4.87					Pro rata on 48 hrs

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS									
		Monthly		Hourly					
Teachers		€1,058.31		€9.05					Pro rata on 27 hrs
		Weekly		Hourly					
Employees other than maids employed in schools with full residential facilities to students		€234.68		€5.33					Pro rata on 44 hrs
Maids employed in schools with full residential facilities to students									
At age 16 years		€219.82		€5.00					Pro rata on 44 hrs
At age 17		€222.66		€5.06					Pro rata on 44 hrs
At age 18 years or over - first year		€229.44		€5.21					Pro rata on 44 hrs
-one year thereafter		€231.77		€5.27					Pro rata on 44 hrs
Watchmen									
Indoors		€229.44		€4.78					Pro rata on 48 hrs
Outdoors		€231.77		€4.83					Pro rata on 48 hrs

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PROFESSIONAL OFFICES									
	16 years		17 years		18 years and over				
	Weekly	Hourly	Weekly	Hourly	Weekly	Hourly			
CATEGORY 1 on engagement Watchmen	€219.82 See Note 1	€5.50 See Note 1	€222.66 See Note 1	€5.57 See Note 1	€229.44	€5.74 €4.78			Pro rata Pro rata on 48 hrs
CATEGORY 2 on engagement	€219.82 See Note 1	€5.50 See Note 1	€222.66 See Note 1	€5.57 See Note 1	€230.02	€5.75			Pro rata
CATEGORY 3 During the first, second and third year of employment in the category During the fourth and subsequent years of employment in the category	€219.82 See Note 1	€5.50 See Note 1	€222.66 See Note 1	€5.57 See Note 1	€231.19 €233.52	€5.78 €5.84			Pro rata Pro rata
CATEGORY 4 During the first, second and third year of employment in the category During the fourth and subsequent years of employment in the category	€219.82 See Note 1	€5.50 See Note 1	€222.66 See Note 1	€5.57 See Note 1	€232.35 €234.68	€5.81 €5.87			Pro rata Pro rata
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PROFESSIONAL OFFICES cont.

	16 years		17 years		18 years and over				
	Weekly	Hourly	Weekly	Hourly	Weekly	Hourly			
CATEGORY 5									
During the first, second and third year of employment in the category	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€235.85	€5.90			Pro rata
During the fourth and subsequent years of employment in the category	See Note 1	See Note 1	See Note 1	See Note 1	€238.18	€5.95			Pro rata
CATEGORY 6	See Note 1	See Note 1							
During the first year of employment in the category	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€240.51	€6.01			Pro rata
During the second year of employment in the category			€226.96	€5.67	€245.16	€6.13			Pro rata
During the third and subsequent years of employment in the category					€249.92	€6.25			Pro rata

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SEAMEN									
	16 years		17 years		18 years and over				
	Weekly	Hourly	Weekly	Hourly	Weekly	Hourly			
CATEGORY A: Light duty tugs or lighters									
Coxswain	€233.52	€5.84	€234.69	€5.87	€235.85	€5.90			Pro rata
Engine Driver	€232.35	€5.81	€233.52	€5.84	€234.68	€5.87			Pro rata
Pumpman	€230.60	€5.77	€231.77	€5.79	€232.93	€5.82			Pro rata
Watchman	€228.28	€4.76	€229.46	€4.78	€230.61	€4.80			Pro rata on 48 hrs
Seaman or other calling	€230.02	€5.75	€231.19	€5.78	€232.35	€5.81			Pro rata
CATEGORY B: Heavy duty tugs									
Master	€241.67	€6.04	€242.84	€6.07	€244.00	€6.10			Pro rata
Engineer	€238.18	€5.95	€239.35	€5.98	€240.51	€6.01			Pro rata
Boatswain	€231.19	€5.78	€232.36	€5.81	€233.52	€5.84			Pro rata
Greaser	€231.19	€5.78	€232.36	€5.81	€233.52	€5.84			Pro rata
Watchman	€228.28	€4.76	€229.45	€4.78	€230.61	€4.80			Pro rata on 48 hrs
Seaman or other calling	€230.60	€5.77	€231.77	€5.79	€232.93	€5.82			Pro rata
CATEGORY C: Luzzus									
Master	€241.67	€6.04	€242.84	€6.07	€244.00	€6.10			Pro rata
Coxswain	€233.52	€5.84	€234.69	€5.87	€235.85	€5.90			Pro rata
Engineer	€238.18	€5.95	€239.35	€5.98	€240.51	€6.01			Pro rata
Engine Driver	€228.28	€5.71	€229.45	€5.74	€230.61	€5.77			Pro rata
Watchman	€232.35	€4.84	€233.52	€4.87	€234.68	€4.89			Pro rata on 48 hrs
Seamen or other calling	€230.02	€5.75	€231.19	€5.78	€232.35	€5.81			Pro rata

MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGES FOR 2026

	16 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	17 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	18 years and over (weekly)	Hourly rate	Watchmen outdoors (weekly)	Watchmen indoors (weekly)	Part-Time Rates
National Minimum (in absence of an applicable WRO)	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata
SEAMEN cont.									
	16 years		17 years		18 years and over				
	Weekly	Hourly	Weekly	Hourly	Weekly	Hourly			
CATEGORY D: Gozo ferry									
Captain	€251.50	€6.29	€252.67	€6.32	€253.83	€6.35			Pro rata
Coxswain	€235.85	€5.90	€237.02	€5.93	€238.18	€5.95			Pro rata
Boatswain	€233.52	€5.84	€234.69	€5.87	€235.85	€5.90			Pro rata
First Engineer	€245.21	€6.13	€246.38	€6.16	€247.54	€6.19			Pro rata
Second Engineer	€240.50	€6.01	€241.67	€6.04	€242.83	€6.07			Pro rata
Third Engineer/Engine Driver	€234.68	€5.87	€235.85	€5.90	€237.01	€5.93			Pro rata
Seamen /Deckhand	€230.02	€5.75	€231.19	€5.78	€232.35	€5.81			Pro rata
Watchman	€228.28	€4.76	€229.45	€4.78	€230.61	€4.80			Pro rata on 48 hrs
Other calling	€230.02	€5.75	€231.19	€5.78	€232.35	€5.81			Pro rata
CATEGORY E: Yachts, Pleasure Boats, etc.									
Skipper/Captain	€242.83	€6.07	€244.00	€6.10	€245.16	€6.13			Pro rata
Engineer	€238.18	€5.95	€239.35	€5.98	€240.51	€6.01			Pro rata
Engine Driver	€232.93	€5.82	€234.10	€5.85	€235.26	€5.88			Pro rata
Coxswain	€233.52	€5.84	€234.69	€5.87	€235.85	€5.90			Pro rata
Boatswain/Mate	€231.19	€5.78	€232.36	€5.81	€233.52	€5.84			Pro rata
Seaman/Deckhand	€228.86	€5.72	€230.03	€5.75	€231.19	€5.78			Pro rata
Watchman	€228.28	€4.76	€229.45	€4.78	€230.61	€4.80			Pro rata on 48 hrs

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	16 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	17 years (weekly)	Hourly rate	18 years and over (weekly)	Hourly rate	Watchmen outdoors (weekly)	Watchmen indoors (weekly)	Part-Time Rates
National Minimum (in absence of an applicable WRO)	€219.82	€5.50	€222.66	€5.57	€229.44	€5.74	€229.44	€229.44	Pro rata
TRAVEL AND INSURANCE									
INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES			Weekly	Hourly					
at age 18 or over			€229.44	€5.74					Pro rata
at age 17			€224.78	€5.62					Pro rata
at age 16			€222.45	€5.56					Pro rata
Watchmen			Weekly	Hourly					
at age 18 or over			€229.44	€4.78					pro rata on 48 hours
at age 17			€224.78	€4.68					pro rata on 48 hours
at age 16			€222.45	€4.63					pro rata on 48 hours
NON - INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES			Weekly	Hourly					
During the first year of employment in the establishment			€229.44	€5.74					Pro rata
During the second year of employment in the establishment			€231.77	€5.79					Pro rata
During the third year of employment in the establishment			€234.10	€5.85					Pro rata
During the fourth year of employment in the establishment			€238.76	€5.97					Pro rata

Other Minimum Entitlements

Vacation Leave

Every employee with a 40-hour working week is entitled to paid annual leave of at least the equivalent in hours of four weeks and thirty-two hours (192 hours).

As of January 2021, when a Public Holiday falls on any day of the week (from Monday to Sunday) and the full-time employee is not scheduled to work on such day as part of the normal weekly roster (being an off day of the employee), the equivalent in hours of one working day is to be added to the employee's vacation leave entitlement. In the case of part-time employees and full-time employees working reduced hours, the equivalent in hours of one day pro rata is to be added to the employee's vacation leave entitlement.

In cases where the average weekly working time, calculated on the basis of a reference period of 17 weeks, is below or exceeds 40 hours per week, the annual leave entitlement in hours shall be adjusted accordingly. The average weekly working time shall be calculated on the normal hours of work of the employee and shall not include overtime hours. When an employee has been in employment for less than twelve months in any calendar year, the worker shall be entitled to such annual leave as is in proportion to the period in employment.

Adoption Leave

Parents in employment shall be entitled to uninterrupted adoption leave of 18 weeks, 14 weeks of which are to be paid with full wages. The employee may apply for benefits from the Department of Social Security for the last 4 weeks which are not paid by the employer. If both persons are in employment, then the 18 weeks can be split as agreed in writing by the parents. If only one person is in employment, then the 18 weeks may be enjoyed by that parent. The same applies to a single parent.

IVF Leave (Leave for Medically Assisted Procreation)

Prospective parents who undergo IVF treatment in Malta or abroad are entitled to 100 hours of leave with full pay. These 100 hours shall be shared with 60% going to receiving parent and 40% going to the other prospective parent. These 100 hours may be used in a non-continuous manner. Additionally, these 100 hours shall be available for up to 3 IVF processes. If only one prospective parent is employed, that person shall be entitled to 60 hours if it is the receiving person or 40 hours if it is the other prospective parent.

Section 2: Other Minimum Entitlements

Industries	Full-Time Hours	Sick Leave (to be availed of in hours) See Note 1	Birth Leave (See Note 14)	Marriage Leave	Bereavement Leave	Injury Leave (See Note 15)	Jury Leave (See Note 16)
Agriculture & Allied Industries	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	After 1 year - 12 days full pay	3 days	2 days		
	Other employees	40					
Beverage Industries	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	- Less than 1 year proportionately thereafter - 12 days full pay	3 days	2 days		
	Other employees	40					
Canning Industry	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	- Less than 1 year proportionally thereafter - 12 days full pay - 24 days half pay	3 days	2 days		
	Other employees	40					
Cargo Clearance & Forwarding Agents' (Burdnara) Employees	All Employees	40	After 1 year - 15 days full pay - 15 days half pay	3 days	2 days		
Cinemas & Theatres	All Employees	46 See Note 2	After first year - 12 days full pay	3 days	2 days		
Clay & Glass Products	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	10 days full pay	3 days	2 days See Note 3		
	Other employees	40					
Construction	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	After 1 year - 15 days full pay - 15 days half pay	3 days	2 days		
	Other employees	40					

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Industries	Full-Time Hours	Sick Leave (to be availed of in hours) See Note 1	Birth Leave (See Note 14)	Marriage Leave	Bereavement Leave	Injury Leave (See Note 15)	Jury Leave (See Note 16)
Domestic Service	All Employees	40	After 6 months - 14 days full pay		3 days	2 days	
Electronics Industry	Security guards	48 See Note 13	After 6 months				
	Shift workers	38	- 12 days full pay - 18 days half pay See Note 4	4 days (following 3 months in employment)	2 days		
	Other employees	40					
Food Manufacture Industries	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	- Less than 1 year proportionately thereafter - 12 days full pay		3 days	2 days	
	Other employees	40					
Hire (Cars or Private Buses)	Clerk/Reception	42					
	Drivers	46	After 6 months		3 days	2 days	
	Other employees	46					
Hospitals & Clinics	All Employees	40	Every year - 30 days full pay - 30 days half pay		3 days	2 days	See Note 5
Hotels & Clubs	Summer	43					
	Winter	39					
	Musician	30	- Less than 1 year proportionately thereafter - 18 days full pay		3 days	2 days	
	Clubs	40					
	Watchmen	48 See Note 13					

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Industries	Full-Time Hours	Sick Leave (to be availed of in hours) See Note 1	Birth Leave (See Note 14)	Marriage Leave	Bereavement Leave	Injury Leave (See Note 15)	Jury Leave (See Note 16)
Restaurants	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	After 6 months - 15 days full pay - 36 days half pay				
	Other employees	40		3 days	2 days		
Jewellery & Watches	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	After 6 months - 12 days full pay - 24 days half pay				
	Other employees	40		3 days	2 days		
Laundries	April - September	42					
	October - March	38	After first year - 12 days full pay - 36 days half pay				
	Watchmen	48 See Note 13					
Leather Goods & Shoes Industries	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	After 6 months - 12 days full pay - 12 days half pay				
	Other employees	40		3 days	2 days		
Paper, Plastics, Chemicals & Petroleum	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	After 6 months - 6 days full pay After 1 year - 12 days full pay - 12 days half* See Note 6				
	Other employees	44		3 days (following 3 months in employment)	2 days		
Printing & Publishing	Day Work	40					
	Night Work	38	After first year - 12 days full pay				
	Watchmen	48					
Private Cleaning Services	Watchmen	48 See Note 7 & 13	After 6 months - 12 days full pay - 6 days half pay				
	Other employees	40		3 day (After 3 Months)	2 days		

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Industries	Full-Time Hours	Sick Leave (to be availed of in hours) See Note 1	Birth Leave (See Note 14)	Marriage Leave	Bereavement Leave	Injury Leave (See Note 15)	Jury Leave (See Note 16)
Private Schools	Teacher	27	After 3 months - 15 days full pay - 15 days half pay				
	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	After 3 months - 10 days full pay - 10 days half pay	3 days	2 days		
	Other	44	- 10 days no pay				
Private Security Services	All Employees	40 See Note 89	First 6 months - 6 days full pay and Every year - 15 days full pay - 15 days half pay	3 days	3 days		
Professional Offices	Watchmen	48	Every year - 20 days full pay - 20 days half pay	3 days	2 days		
	Other employees	40					
Public Transport	All Employees	48	After 6 months - 12 days full pay	3 days	2 days		
Seamen	Watchmen	48	After 6 months - 15 days full pay - 15 days half pay	3 days	2 days		
	Other employees	40					
Sextons and Custodians	All Employees	40	After first year - 20 days full pay - 20 days half pay	3 days	2 days		
Textiles & Allied Industries	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	Less than 1 year proportionally thereafter - 12 days full pay - 12 days half pay	3 days	3 days		
	Other employees	40					

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Tobacco Manufacture Industry	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	After 6 months - 6 days full pay - 6 days half pay and After 1 year	3 days	2 days See Note 10		
	Other employees	40 See Note 9	- 12 days full pay - 12 days half pay				
Transport Equipment, Metal & Allied Industries	Night / Shift Worker	37.5	After 6 months				
	Watchmen	48	- 20 days full pay After 1 year of employment - 20 days full pay - 20 days half pay	1 week (following 3 months in employment)	2 days		
	Other employees	40					
Travel & Insurance Agencies	Watchmen	48	Every year - 15 days full pay - 15 days half pay	3 days	2 days		
	Other employees	40					
Wholesale & Retail Trades	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	After 6 months - 15 days full pay - 36 days half pay	3 days	2 days		
	Other employees	40					
Woodworks	Watchmen	48 See Note 13	After 6 months - 12 days full pay - 12 days half pay	3 days	3 days See Note 11		
In case of employees NOT covered by a WRO	All Employees	40 See note 12	two working weeks in hours	2 days	1 day		

Notes:

Note 1: SICK LEAVE

The first three days of any period of sickness is paid in full by the employer (excluding electronics sector -- see Note 4). The payment for the remaining balance due on:

>> full pay shall be less an amount equal to the sum set for sickness benefit entitlement at the rate established under the Social Security Act.

>> half pay shall be less the amount equal to half the sum set for sickness benefit entitlement at the rate established under the Social Security Act.

Note 2: Cinemas & Theatres [Hours of work]

Where there is a system of two or more shifts the normal hours of work (46 hours) can be spread on an average over a period of two or more weeks according to the number of shifts in force.

Note 3: Clay & Glass Products [Bereavement Leave]

Whole-time employees shall be allowed Bereavement Leave on the day of death and on the day of the funeral.

Note 4: Electronics Industry [Sick Leave]

- a) Employees shall not be entitled to the payment of any wages for the first day of each period of sick leave.
- b) The number of such unpaid days of sick leave shall not be deducted from the entitlement of paid sick leave.
- c) the second and third days of any claim for sick leave shall be paid by the employer (either in full or in half as the case may be)

Note 5: Hospitals & Clinics [Jury Leave]

Leave for Jury and Court Services: Employees shall be entitled to leave with pay for all working time during which they are required to attend court as jurors **or summoned to appear as witnesses in police cases.**

Note 6: Paper, Plastics, Chemicals & Petroleum [Sick Leave]

In the case of prolonged, continuous sickness exceeding 15 days, the period of pay sick leave shall be extended to the equivalent in hours of 15 days sick leave on full pay, followed by the equivalent in hours of 15 days sick leave on half pay.

Note 7: Private Cleaning Services [Hours of Work]

Normal hours of work for whole-time employees (other than watchmen) shall on average be 40 hours per week spread over a period of 13 weeks provided that the hours of work does not exceed 45 hours in any one week.

Note 8: Private Security Services [Hours of Work]

Normal hours of work shall on average be 40 hours per week calculated initially over a period of six consecutive weeks, and thereafter commencing on the following Monday, provided that the hours of work shall not exceed 48 hours in any one week.

Note 9: Tobacco Manufacture Industry [Hours of Work]

Normal hours of work of whole-time employees (other than watchmen) shall not exceed 40 hours in any one week provided that by mutual agreement between the employer and the authorised representatives of employees, the total number of hours worked in any one week can be extended or decreased so they neither exceed a maximum of forty-two and half hours, nor a minimum of thirty-five hours. HOWEVER THE TOTAL WEEKLY AVERAGE OVER A CALENDAR YEAR SHALL NOT EXCEED AN AVERAGE OF 40 HOURS PER WEEK.

Note 10: Tobacco Manufacture Industry [Bereavement Leave]

Bereavement Leave shall not be claimed, partly or wholly if the occurrence takes place if the employee is on Vacation Leave, or on a Sunday or a customary holiday

Note 11: Woodworks WROs [Bereavement Leave]

If the occurrence of death concerns the brother or sister who had not been living in the same household as the employee, the Bereavement Leave shall be limited to only one day.

Note 12: Employees NOT covered by a WRO [Hours of Work]

Normal hours of work shall be forty hours per week, averaged over a four-week period or over the shift cycle at the discretion of the employer.

Note 13: Watchmen [Hours of Work]

Averaged over a reference period, as amended by Regulation 7 of Legal Notice 247 of 2003.

Note 14: Paternity Leave

Under the new work-life balance entitlements enforced through L.N. 201 of 2022, fathers or equivalent second parent as recognised by national law are granted a total of 10 paid days of paternity leave to be taken immediately after the birth or adoption of the child.

Note 15: Injury Leave

All employees are entitled to a maximum period of one year injury leave on full pay, less the full amount of any injury benefit to which such employee may be entitled in terms of the Social Security Act, if s/he is injured during the actual discharge of his duty and not due to contributory negligence on her/his part or to any contravention of safety rules laid down by the employer.


Note 16: Jury Leave


All employees are entitled to Jury Leave, where an employee is allowed all the necessary time off on full pay to attend the court on such service.



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