



# Minimum Wage Amendment Act 2003

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Date of assent 16 June 2003  
Commencement see section 2

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**The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

### **1 Title**

- (1) This Act is the Minimum Wage Amendment Act 2003.
- (2) In this Act, the Minimum Wage Act 1983 is called “the principal Act”.

### **2 Commencement**

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

### **3 Prescription of minimum wages**

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (1), and substituting the following subsection:

- “(1) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, prescribe the minimum rates of wages payable to either or both of the following:
  - “(a) 1 or more classes of workers—
    - “(i) defined in the order by reference to the age of the workers; and
    - “(ii) to whom paragraph (b) does not apply:
  - “(b) 1 or more classes of workers—
    - “(i) defined in the order; and

“(ii) who are employed under contracts of service under which they are required to undergo training, instruction, or examination for the purpose of becoming qualified for the occupation to which their contract of service relates.”

#### **4 Workers to whom Act does not apply**

Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by repealing paragraph (c).

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#### **Legislative history**

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| 13 June 2001            | Introduction (Bill 137-1)  |
| 28 June 2001            | First reading and referral to Transport and Industrial Relations Committee |
| 12 October 2001         | Reported from Transport and Industrial Relations Committee                 |
| 5 December 2001         | Second reading   |
| 25 March, 29 April 2003 | Committee of the whole House (Bill 137-2)                                  |
| 12 June 2003            | Third reading  |
| 16 June 2003            | Royal assent   |

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This Act is administered in the Department of Labour.

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