# summit Keeping you compliant: National Minimum Wage

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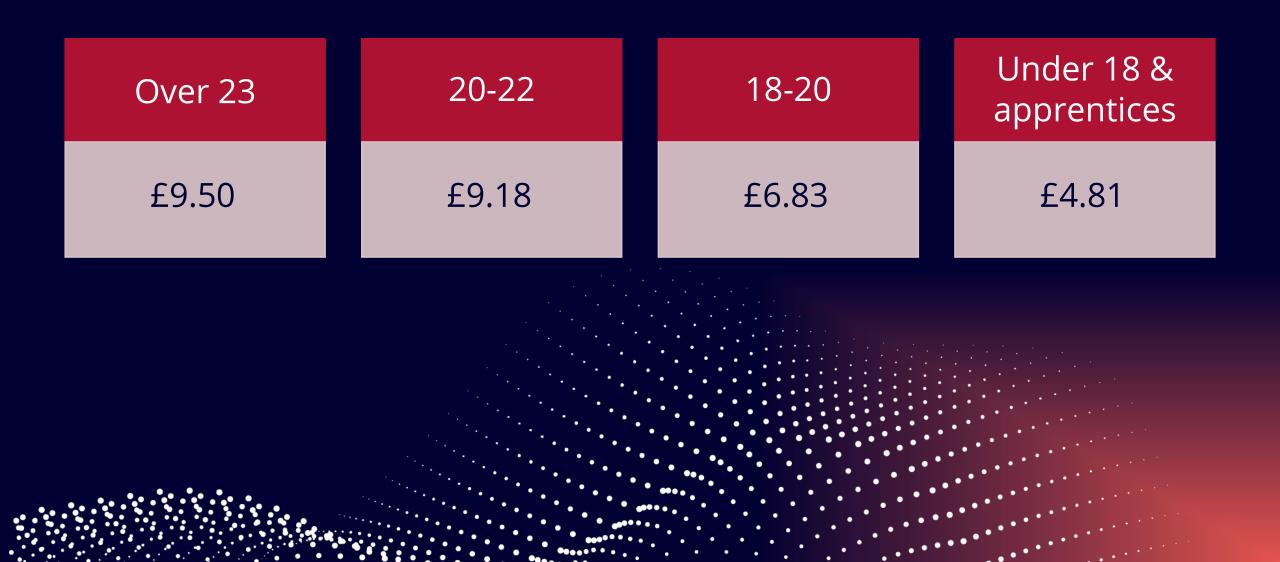
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### Agenda

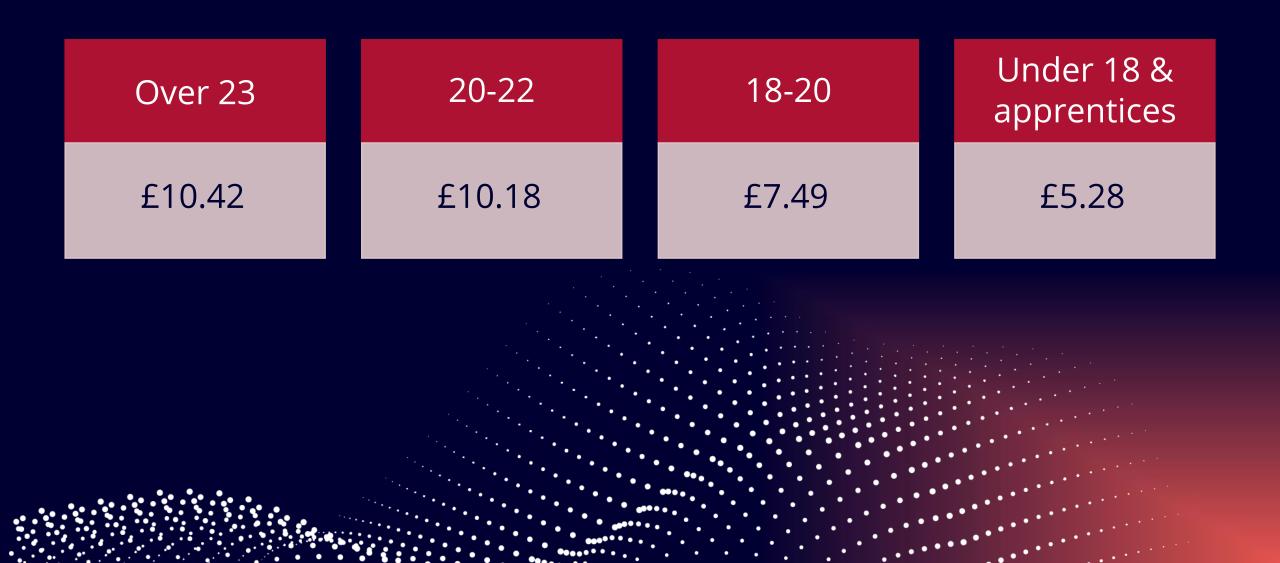
- 1. Latest NMW rates
- 2. HMRC enforcement
  - Common pitfalls
  - How to avoid NMW mistakes
    - National Minimum Wage in ResourceLink



### Latest rates from April 2022



### Latest rates from April 2023



### HMRC Enforcement - 2019/2020



### **Enforcement and compliance**

- Naming and shaming:
  - ° Every 3 months.
  - Education bulletin.
  - Increased threshold.
- Reactive investigations:
  - ° 100% of NMW complaints registered are investigated.
- Pro-active investigations:
  - Specialist enforcement teams.
  - Targeted enforcement campaigns.
  - Communication campaigns.



### How many weeks in a year?

# Treating employees as salaried when they receive commission payments.

### A prescriptive dress code policy.

 Including non-consolidated payments (e.g. shift premiums) when performing NMW checks.

Thinking pension salary sacrifice doesn't reduce NMW pay.



# Included and excluded payments

### Included payments

Performance related commission.

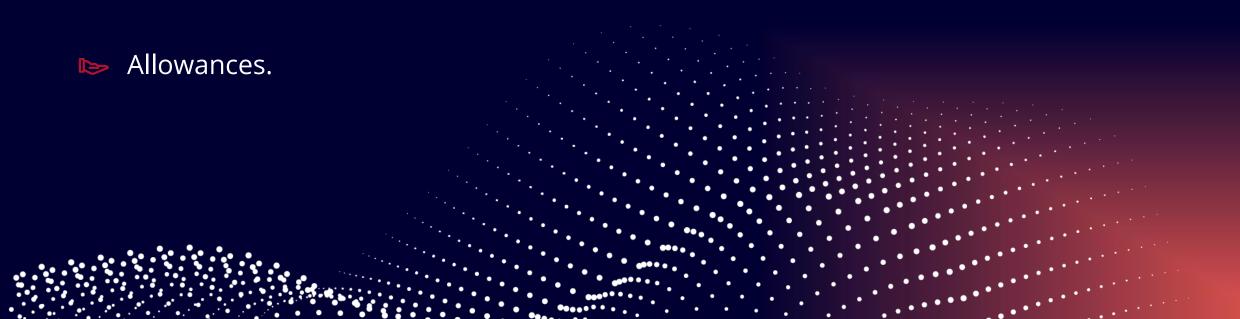
- Basic pay.
- Stipend payments/Fee waivers.
- ► Overtime (not premium rates).

### Excluded payments

▶ Bursaries.

险 Shift premiums.

► Gift vouchers.



### Deductions that reduce NMW pay

Training clawback.

Uniform purchases.

Salary sacrifice reductions.

Lottery schemes.

### Deductions that are exempt

Share schemes.



Conduct and discipline (fines/damaged).

Recovery of an overpayment of wages.

# How to avoid NMW mistakes



### How to avoid NMW mistakes

- Know the correct NMW worker category for all your employees.
- Know the correct pay elements and deductions to include in NMW calculations.
- Know all the hours worked in the pay reference period for each employee.
- It's important for payroll to be notified of any excess unpaid working hours to enable the regular NMW checks to be performed correctly.
- A number of business fail HMRC's NMW audits due to using contracted hours and not including actual hours worked.





#### Available for UK and IE legislation types.



- Identify employees, including apprentices to be included in NMW checks.
- Customise the number of weeks per year value to be used in calculation.



Payroll calculate exception messages.

Configure the pay elements to be included/excluded.



- Types of work: salary, salary term time only and time.
  - Salary: contract hours or work pattern.
  - Time: temporary pay elements.



- Enhanced reporting for HCM Payroll edition (available on a licence key for non-HCM).
- Widget and report available in ResourceLink Reporting Services.

Identify how much more it would cost to pay the Real Living Wage.



### Enhancements coming soon...

#### Zellis HCM Cloud 5.2, including ResourceLink 29b

- Salaried: changes in contract hours
- Salaried: excess hours calculation for the remaining pay reference periods of the calculation year once basic hours exceeded
- Unmeasured workers: new calculation type



#### Salaried: changes in contract hours.

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Salaried: excess hours calculation for the remaining pay reference periods of the calculation year once basic hours exceeded

- 1. One calculation to adjust the time treated as worked in the immediate pay reference period when the basic hours are first exceeded.
- 2. A subsequent calculation which is repeated for the remaining pay reference periods in the calculation year.



Salaried: excess hours calculation for the remaining pay reference periods of the calculation year once basic hours exceeded



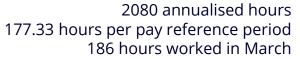
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Salaried: excess hours calculation for the remaining pay reference periods of the calculation year once basic hours exceeded

- 1. Calculate the proportion of basic hours falling BEFORE the basic hours are exceeded.
- 2. Calculate the proportion of basic hours falling AFTER the basic hours are exceeded.
- 3. Identify the actual hours worked and treated as being worked in the pay reference period after the basic hours were exceeded.
- 4. Add together the results of steps 1, 2 and 3 to give the adjusted number of hours to be treated as worked in February.

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Salaried: excess hours calculation for pay reference periods for remainder of calculation year once basic hours exceeded.





Step	Description	Hours treated as worked
1	Hours calculated per basic hours (already worked prior to excess hours	173.33
2	Hours actually worked or treated as worked in the pay reference period	186.00
	Total hours treated as worked	359.33

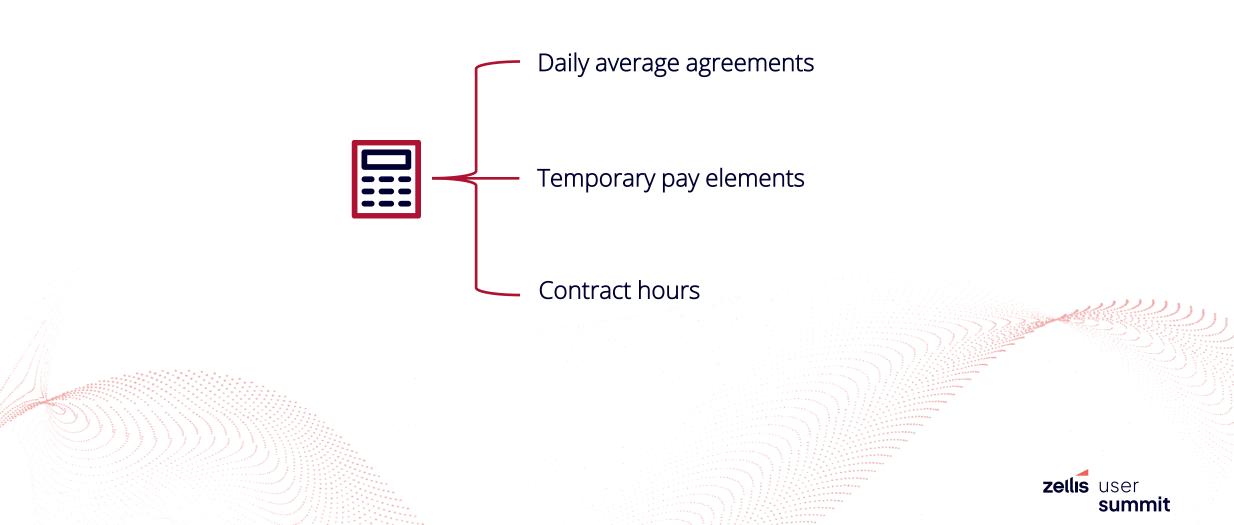


#### **Unmeasured work: new calculation type.**

- A worker might be paid £50 for 5 deliveries regardless of whether they take 10 minutes or 10 hours to perform the task.
- A worker might be paid £150 per week and required to work as many hours as needed to ensure a particular job is done.
- A worker might be engaged to work providing live-in care to a customer but is expected to do no more than 5 hours work as and when required over a 12 hour period. The worker is paid for 5 hours even if only 2 hours are worked.
- The worker can be performing unmeasured work and be paid for every hour worked or have a "daily average agreement" with the worker.
- There are no associated specified hours or times when the work must be undertaken and the employer may only need the worker to work when needed or when work is available.
- A worker may be paid a fixed monthly amount regardless of the number of working days in the month.



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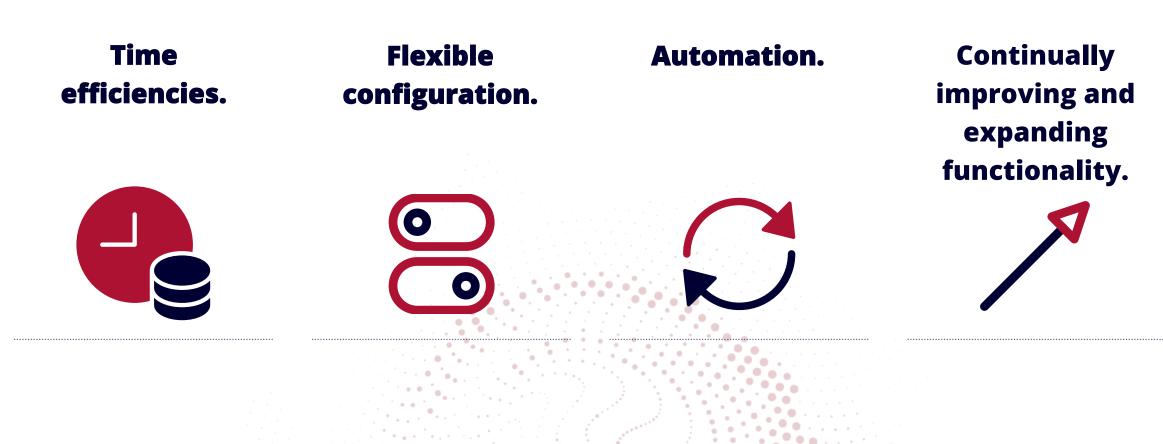
• Temporary pay elements:

NMW Hours in Period = Additional Hours Pay Element category – Exclusion Hours Pay Element category

• Contract hours:

NMW Hours in Period = ((Contract Hours / 7) \* Calendar Days in Period) + Additional Hours Pay Element category - Excluded Hours Pay Element category





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