

## **National minimum wage**

There are three different national minimum wage rates, which are usually updated in October each year. The current rates which apply from 1 October 2008 are as follows:

- £5.73 an hour for adults (workers aged 22 and over)
- £4.77 an hour for workers aged 18 to 21 inclusive
- £3.53 an hour for young people

The rates **from 1 October 2009** will be:

- £5.80 an hour for adults (workers aged 22 and over)
- £4.83 an hour for workers aged 18 to 21 inclusive
- £3.57 an hour for young people

You can check for earlier rates at the following address on the HM Revenue & Customs website : [http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/nmw/archived\\_rates.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/nmw/archived_rates.htm)