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Yukon's minimum wage to increase

WHITEHORSE—Effective May 1, Yukon's minimum wage will increase to $10.30 as recommended by Yukon's Employment Standards Board. This brings Yukon's minimum wage rate to the second highest in Canada.

Yukon's new minimum wage replaces the previous rate of $9.27 per hour and will continue to be indexed by any increases to the annual Whitehorse Consumer Price Index.

The Yukon Employment Standards Board will hold a public review in the fall seeking feedback on the sufficiency of the $10.30 minimum wage rate and will make a recommendation should further changes to the rate be deemed necessary.

"The Yukon government appreciates the work of the board and its deliberations on this important matter," Community Services Minister Elaine Minister Taylor said. "Yukon seeks a fair and equitable work environment for our workforce and believes that an adequate minimum wage rate is important."

The Employment Standards Board is mandated to hear appeals and make determinations on certain matters under the Employment Standards Act. For more information about the act and the responsibilities of employers and employees in Yukon, visit community.gov.yk.ca.

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See backgrounder attached.

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Background: Minimum wage rate across Canada (from highest to lowest)

Jurisdiction	Wage Rate
Nunavut	$11.00
Yukon*	**$10.30**

British Columbia*	$10.25
Ontario	$10.25
Nova Scotia	$10.15
Manitoba	$10.00
New Brunswick	$10.00
Newfoundland and Labrador	$10.00
Northwest Territories	$10.00
Prince Edward Island	$10.00
Quebec*	$9.90
Saskatchewan	$9.50
Alberta	$9.40

* Effective May 1

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