

## Backgrounder – Minimum Wages in Canada

Jurisdiction	Effective Date	Wage Rate	Note
Alberta	01-Sep-2011	\$9.40, \$9.05 for liquor servers	Government of Alberta announced an increase in the minimum wage to \$9.75 as of September 1, 2012. Liquor servers' wages to remain \$9.05 With the increase, Alberta will have the <b>second lowest</b> minimum wage in Canada after Saskatchewan
British Columbia	01-May-2012	\$10.25	
Manitoba	01-Oct-2011	\$10.00	
New Brunswick	01-Apr-2012	\$10.00	
Newfoundland and Labrador	01-Jul-2010	\$10.00	
Northwest Territories	01-Apr-2011	\$10.00	
Nova Scotia	01-Apr-2012	\$10.15, \$9.65 for workers employed for less than 3 months	
Nunavut	01-Jan-2011	\$11.00	
Ontario	31-Mar-2010	\$10.25, \$8.90 for liquor servers, \$9.60 for students under 18	
Prince Edward Island	01-Apr-2012	\$10.00	
Quebec	01-May-2012	\$9.90, \$8.55 for workers who receive tips	
Saskatchewan	01-Sep-2011	\$9.50	
Yukon	01-May-2012	\$10.30	

Source: Government of Canada, Current And Forthcoming Minimum Hourly Wage Rates For Experienced Adult Workers in Canada, <http://srv116.services.gc.ca/dimt-wid/sm-mw/rpt1.aspx?lang=eng>