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MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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The Employment Standards website states that on May 1, 2011, minimum wage was increased to \$8.75 per hour for most workers, and the training wage was repealed. The minimum wage rate will increase twice more, to \$9.50 on November 1, 2011 and to \$10.25 on May 1, 2012. A separate minimum wage of \$8.50 for employees who serve liquor came into effect on May 1, 2011. This rate will increase to \$8.75 on November 1, 2011 and to \$9.00 on May 1, 2012. Workers who are subject to alternate minimum wage provisions in the Employment Standards Regulation will receive corresponding increases on a percentage basis. Piece rates for hand harvesting certain crops were also adjusted as a percentage of the general minimum wage increase on May 1, 2011 with additional increases being further reviewed.

Further information on minimum wage increase, can be found here

Further information on minimum wage rates for farm workers, can be found here.

