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### **Wisconsin Minimum Wage Increases Effective July 24, 2009**

On July 24, 2009, Wisconsin's minimum wage for adults increases from **\$6.50** per hour to **\$7.25** per hour. The new minor rate is \$7.25 per hour. Wisconsin's minimum wage rules also contain a number of specialized pay rates for persons employed in certain types of work. The increase in the minimum wage to **\$7.25** per hour effective July 24, 2009, matches the federal rate which increases to **\$7.25** per hour on July 24, 2009.

The minimum wage rate for Wisconsin tipped employees does not change.

Wisconsin's new minimum wage rates:

- **General minimum wage rate increases to \$7.25/hour (currently \$6.50/hour)**
- **Minor minimum wage rate increase to \$7.25/hour (currently \$5.90/ hour)**
- **Opportunity minimum wage rate remains at \$5.90/hour.**
- **Camp counselor minimum wage rate for workers age 18 and over**
  - Increases to \$350/week if no board or lodging provided (currently \$315/week)
  - Increases to \$265/week if board provided (currently \$240/week)
  - Increases to \$210/week if board and lodging provided (currently \$189/week)
- **Camp counselor minimum wage rate for workers age 17 and under**
  - Increases to \$350/week if no board or lodging provided (currently \$275/week)
  - Increases to \$265/week if board provided (currently \$209/week)
  - Increases to \$210/week if board and lodging provided (currently \$165/week)

The minimum wage rates for agricultural workers will increase; the rate for golf caddies remains the same:

- **Agricultural minimum wage rate for workers age 18 and over**
  - Increases to \$7.25/hour
- **Agricultural minimum wage rate for workers age 17 and under**
  - Increases to \$7.25/hour
- **Golf caddy minimum wage rate**
  - Remains \$10.50 for 18 holes and \$5.90 for 9 holes

Employers with questions concerning the new minimum wage rates may contact the Equal Rights Division for more information either at the Madison office (608) 266-6860 or at the Milwaukee office (414) 227-4384). Information also is available at the Division's website, <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er>