



Public consultation on the National Minimum Wage (NMW) and on the board and lodging allowances provided for under the National Minimum Wage

The Low Pay Commission is an independent body, the main function of which is to advise the Government on the appropriate rate of the National Minimum Wage.

The Commission has also been requested, as part of its 2017 work programme, to review the allowances for board and lodgings provided for under the National Minimum Wage Act 2000. These allowances are amounts which an employer is permitted to deduct from wages where meals or accommodation are provided by the employer.

The Commission is now seeking submissions from interested parties in relation to these matters. With regard to the board and lodgings consultation the Commission would particularly like to hear from employers and employees where these allowances are currently in use. Your comments, observations and submissions should be submitted, preferably by electronic mail, to: secretarylpc@djei.ie, or by post to the Low Pay Commission, Room 207A, Davitt House, Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.

The closing date for submissions in relation to board and lodging allowances provided for under the National Minimum Wage is Tuesday 10 January 2017.

The closing date for submissions in relation to the National Minimum Wage is Thursday 9 February 2017.

Please note that all comments, observations and submissions received will be subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2014. Consequently, when submitting material, parties should specify any information which they consider should not be released, and identify the grounds under the Act which support the non-release of the information. **In general, our policy is to make responses to our consultation available on our website following the review, and to list in our reports the names of groups and organisations that have made submissions.**

Please see our website <http://www.lowpaycommission.ie> for further details.