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Public Works ups minimum wage

THE Department of Public Works has announced an increase in the minimum wage for all workers in the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) – from R88 to R92.31 – effective from November 1.

This revised minimum wage refers to a wage rate per day and per task performed across all EPWP sectors in all three tiers of government, which include national, provincial and municipal levels.

The EPWP's minimum wage rises annually in line with the inflation rate.

Stanley Henderson, the deputy director-general for the EPWP, emphasised the need for keeping up with the increased minimum wage.

“The increased EPWP minimum wage is compulsory to all the public bodies implementing the EPWP.

“There will be no excuse to validate the payment of EPWP participants below the minimum wage. They can also work on a task basis, and the task sizes are governed by the average productivity of a worker during a day,” he said. | **African News Agency (ANA)**