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**ADJUSTMENT OF THE BASIC SALARY FOR THE CALCULATION OF  
OVERTIME IN TERMS OF THE DETERMINATION ON WORKING TIME**

The DPSA's evenly numbered circular, dated 28 July 2008, refers.

The Minister for the Public Service and Administration has determined a cost-of-living salary adjustment of 11.5% for employees on salary levels 1 to 12 with effect from 1 July 2009. As a result of the salary adjustments, the maximum basic salary for the calculation of overtime, as contained in paragraph 4.1 of Part I and paragraph 1.1 of Part III of the Determination on Working Time, adjusted to R161,970 p.a.

The Determination on Working Time has been amended accordingly. A copy of the amended Determination is attached for ease of reference and will also be available on the DPSA web site address at [www.dpsa.gov.za](http://www.dpsa.gov.za).

  
for **DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

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**DETERMINATION ON WORKING TIME  
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## **PART I: GENERAL**

### **1. AUTHORISATION**

- 1.1. This Determination is made in terms of section 3(3)(c), read with section 5(4) of the Public Service Act, 1994, by the Minister for the Public Service and Administration.
- 1.2. The Determination on Working Time must be read and applied in conjunction with the Basic Conditions of Employment Act (BCEA), the current Public Service Regulations, prevailing collective agreements and departmental policies on working time.

### **2. SCOPE OF APPLICATION**

- 2.1. This Determination applies to the employer and the employees who -
  - 2.1.1. are employed in terms of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994); and
  - 2.1.2. fall within the registered scope of the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC).

### **3. COMMENCEMENT DATE**

This Determination takes effect on 1 July 2009.

### **4. DEFINITIONS**

In this Determination, unless the context indicates otherwise -

- 4.1. "basic salary" means the actual salary notch of the employee but not higher than a basic annual salary of R 161 970 per annum;
- 4.2. "BCEA" means the Basic Conditions of Employment Act, 1998, as amended;
- 4.3. "day" means a period of 24 hours measured from the time when the employee normally commences work, and daily has corresponding meaning;
- 4.4. "overtime" means works in excess of the hours of work per day/week or month that an employee has contracted to perform;
- 4.5. "public holiday" means any day that is a public holiday in terms of the Public Holidays Act, 1994 (Act 36 of 1994); and
- 4.6. "week" in relations to the employee means the period of seven days within which the working week of that employee ordinarily falls.



## PART II: ORDINARY HOURS OF WORK

### 1. AVERAGING OF WORKING HOURS

- 1.1. The mechanisms and conditions for the averaging of working hours shall, where required, be determined in respective sectoral bargaining councils.
- 1.2. It is advisable to consider the guidelines contained in the attached Code of Good Practice on Working Time in the design of a shift system/roster.

### 2. PAY FOR ORDINARY WORK ON A SUNDAY

- 2.1. If an employee is required to work an ordinary shift on a Sunday, the Executing Authority must pay the employee for such ordinary work on a Sunday 1.5 x the employee's basic salary. In other words, the category of staff concerned is shift workers who in terms of their shift rosters have to perform their ordinary work on a Sunday.
- 2.2. The additional pay due to the above-mentioned employees must be calculated according to the following formula:

$$[A \div 2 \times B] \div 365$$

Where -

A is equal to the basic salary notch per annum of the employee concerned.

B is equal to the number of Sundays the employee ordinarily worked in a month.

- 2.3. If the shift worked by the employee falls on a Sunday and another day, the whole shift is deemed to have been worked on the Sunday, unless, the greater portion of the shift was worked on the other day, in which case the whole shift is deemed to have been worked on the other day.

### 3. PAY FOR ORDINARY WORK ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- 3.1. If a Public Holiday falls on a day which an employee ordinarily works the Executing Authority must pay the employee 2 x his or her basic salary, without the option of granting time-off. In other words, the category of staff concerned is shift workers who in terms of their shift rosters have to perform their ordinary work on a Public Holiday.
- 3.2. The additional pay due to the above-mentioned employees must be calculated according to the following formula:

$$[A \div 1 \times B] \div 365$$

Where-



A is equal to the basic salary notch per annum of the employee concerned.

B is equal to the number of Public Holidays the employee ordinarily worked in a month.

3.3. If the shift worked by an employee falls on a Public Holiday and another day, the whole shift shall be deemed to have been worked on the Public Holiday, but if the greater portion of the shift was worked on the other day, the whole shift shall be deemed to have been worked on the other day.

#### **4. NIGHT WORK**

4.1. Night work in the Public Service shall be deemed to be work performed between 19:00 to 07:00 the next day or 18:00 to 06:00 the next day by agreement between parties in the relevant bargaining council/chamber, taking into consideration the Department's operational requirements.



## PART III: OVERTIME WORK

### 1. CALCULATION OF OVERTIME PAY

#### 1.1. BASIC SALARY FOR CALCULATION OF OVERTIME

The basic salary for the calculation of overtime worked shall be the actual salary notch of the employee, provided that it shall not be higher than a basic salary of R161 970 per annum. This amount will be increased by the percentage of the annual general salary adjustment with effect from 1 July of each year, commencing 1 July 2009. This provision excludes employees on commuted overtime.

#### 1.2. CALCULATION OF COMPENSATION FOR OVERTIME WORK PERFORMED ON A SUNDAY OR PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The compensation for overtime work performed on a Sunday or a Public Holiday is calculated according to the following formula:

$$C \times 2 \times T$$

Where –

C is equal to the number of overtime hours worked

T is calculated as follows:

$$T = \frac{A \times 7 \div B}{365}$$

Where –

A is equal to the smallest of the basic salary of the employee, as defined in paragraph 1.1. above, or if the overtime duty is performed on a working level lower than the normal working level of the individual concerned, the maximum salary notch of the salary grading attached to the post class that is representative of the lower working level.

B is equal to the weekly number of hours of attendance prescribed for the employee

C is equal to the number of overtime hours worked



### 1.3. CALCULATION OF COMPENSATION FOR NORMAL OVERTIME WORK

The compensation for normal overtime is calculated according to the following formula:

$$C \times 1.5 \times T$$

T is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{T = A \times 7 \div B}{365}$$

Where -

A is equal to the smallest of the basic salary of the employee, *as defined in paragraph 1.1 above*, or if the overtime duty is performed on a working level lower than the normal working level of the individual concerned, the maximum salary notch of the salary grading attached to the post class that is representative of the lower working level.

B is equal to the weekly number of hours of attendance prescribed for the employee

C is equal to the number of overtime hours worked

### 1.4 COMMUTED OVERTIME

Employees receiving commuted overtime are excluded from the provisions contained in paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3, above. The *status quo*, prior to 1 July 2007, regarding the payment of commuted overtime pay and excess overtime hours in the Health and Welfare Sector, remains the same.