**Summary of submissions – plain language award-specific clauses**

This document provides a summary of submissions on the revised plain language draft dated 22 July 2016 pursuant to directions issued 17 August 2016 from the following interested parties:

* Australian Business Industrial and the NSW Business Chamber LTD ([**ABI and NSW Business Chamber**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-abiandnswbc-050916.pdf))
* Business SA ([**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf)**)**
* Pharmacy Guild of Australia ([**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf))
* Shop Distributive and Allied Employees’ Association (SDA), Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia (APESMA) and Health Services Union (HSU) ([**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf))

Comments on the plain language draft award-specific clauses are presented in comparison tables. The comparison tables include the current award in the first column, the revised Pharmacy industry Award exposure draft (dated 22 July 2016) in the second column and summarised comments from interested parties in the third column.

The sequence of the comparison tables follows the revised exposure draft (second column).

**General submissions about the plain language draft award-specific clauses**

[**ABI and NSW Business Chamber**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-abiandnswbc-050916.pdf)

Submits that the majority of the issues they have raised in previous submissions on the plain language draft award-specific clauses have been satisfactorily resolved.

[**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf)

Submit that they continue to have concerns over the use of “Examples” and “Notes” in the plain language draft award-specific clauses.

Submit that feedback received from award users is that cross-referencing to clause numbers without the inclusion of clause titles is difficult to understand and that it would be easier to understand if cross-references contained clause titles as well as clause numbers.

[**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf)

Submits that modern awards must be drafted such that those using the award are able to determine what they can expect and what is expected of them. The re-drafting process must not simplify award such that they lose legal clarity. Certainty must prevail over simplicity.

**Comparison tables**

| **CURRENT AWARD—Pharmacy Industry Award 2010 (PIA)** | **Revised exposure draft (22 July 2016) (revised ED)** | **Submissions comments** |
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| Part 1—Application and Operation  1. Title  This award is the *Pharmacy Industry Award 2010*.  **2. Commencement and transitional**  **2.1** This award commences on 1 January 2010.  **2.2** The monetary obligations imposed on employers by this award may be absorbed into overaward payments. Nothing in this award requires an employer to maintain or increase any overaward payment.  …  **2.4** Neither the making of this award nor the operation of any transitional arrangements is intended to result in a reduction in the take-home pay of employees covered by the award. On application by or on behalf of an employee who suffers a reduction in take-home pay as a result of the making of this award or the operation of any transitional arrangements, the Fair Work Commission may make any order it considers appropriate to remedy the situation.  … | Part 1—Application and Operation of this award  1. Title and commencement  **1.1** This is the *Pharmacy Industry Award* [*2016*].  **1.2** This modern award commenced operation on 1 January 2010.  **1.3** Neither the making of this award nor the operation of any transitional arrangements is intended to result in a reduction in the take-home pay of employees covered by the award. On application by or on behalf of an employee who suffers a reduction in take-home pay as a result of the making of this award or the operation of any transitional arrangements, the Fair Work Commission may make any order it considers appropriate to remedy the situation.  *Note: some transitional arrangements removed — obsolete* | Clause 1.3 is common to other awards—for consultation in 2017. |
| 3. Definitions and interpretation  **3.1** In this award, unless the contrary intention appears:  **Act** means the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)  **agreement-based transitional instrument** has the meaning in the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)  **award-based transitional instrument** has the meaning in the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)  **community pharmacy** means any business conducted by the employer in premises:  **(a)** that are registered under the relevant State or Territory legislation for the regulation of pharmacies; or  **(b)** are located in a State or Territory where no legislation operates to provide for the registration of pharmacies;  and  **(c)** that are established either in whole or in part for the compounding or dispensing of prescriptions or vending any medicines or drugs; and  **(d)** where other goods may be sold by retail.  **default** **fund employee** means an employee who has no chosen fund within the meaning of the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (Cth)  **defined benefit member** has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (Cth)  **Division 2B State award** has the meaning in Schedule 3A of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)  **Division 2B State employment agreement** has the meaning in Schedule 3A of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)  **employee** means national system employee within the meaning of the Act  **employer** means national system employer within the meaning of the Act  **enterprise award**-**based instrument** has the meaning in the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)  **exempt public sector superannuation scheme** has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth)  **MySuper product** has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth)  **NES** means the National Employment Standards as contained in sections 59 to 131 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)  **on-hire** means the on-hire of an employee by their employer to a client, where such employee works under the general guidance and instruction of the client or a representative of the client  **standard rate** means the minimum weekly wage for a Pharmacy Assistant Level 3 in clause 17. Where an allowance is specified as payable on an hourly basis, a reference to **standard rate** means 1/38th of the weekly wage referred to above.  **transitional minimum wage instrument** has the meaning in the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth) | 2. Definitions  In this award:  **Act** means the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)  **community pharmacy**, see clause 4.1.  **employee** means a national system employee as defined by [section 13](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/documents/legislation/fw_act/FW_Act.htm#P733_57611) of the Act.  **employer** means a national system employer as defined by [section 14](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/documents/legislation/fw_act/FW_Act.htm#P736_57994) of the Act.  **enterprise instrument** has the meaning given by subitem 2(1) of Schedule 6 to the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009 (Cth)*.  **Fair Work Regulations** means the *Fair Work Regulations 2009* (Cth)  **National Employment Standards (NES)**, see [Part 2-2](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/documents/legislation/fw_act/FW_Act-01.htm#P1690_157724) of the Act. Divisions 3 to 12 of the Act constitute the National Employment Standards. An extract of section 61 of the Act is reproduced below.  The National Employment Standards are minimum standards applying to employment of employees. The minimum standards relate to the following matters:  (a)  maximum weekly hours (Division 3);  (b)  requests for flexible working arrangements (Division 4);  (c)  parental leave and related entitlements (Division 5);  (d)  annual leave (Division 6);  (e)  personal/carer's leave and compassionate leave (Division 7);  (f)  community service leave (Division 8);  (g)  long service leave (Division 9);  (h)  public holidays (Division 10);  (i)  notice of termination and redundancy pay (Division 11);  (j)  Fair Work Information Statement (Division 12).  **on-hire employer** means a person who carries on a business of employing individuals for the purpose of on-hiring them to an end-user employer.  **on-hire employee** means an employee of an on-hire employer who is on-hired to an employer covered by this award.  **standard rate** means the minimum wage for a **pharmacy assistant level 3** in clause 16—Minimum wages.  **State reference public sector modern award** has the meaning given by subitem 3(2) of Schedule 6A to the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth).  **State reference public sector transitional award** has the meaning given by subitem 2(1) of Schedule 6A to the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth).  **Table 2—Entitlements to meal and rest breaks** means the Table in clause 15.2.  **Table 3—Minimum wages** means the Table in clause 16.1.  **Table 4—Overtime rates** means the Table in clause 20.3.  **Table 5—Penalty rates** means the Table in clause 21.3. | [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.1): Submits that the expression “**unless contrary intention appears**” aids award user understanding and the phrase itself serves no harm when inactive and serves an important function when utilised. It should be reinstated unless it can be guaranteed that every award will, when re-drafted in plain language and in the future, contain no contrary or specialised definitions.  [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.2): If the divisions of the NES are listed in the award they would be more appropriately listed in clause 3—The National Employment Standards and this award. The Definitions clause should simply define key terms and explain how to interpret the award. A list of the national employment standards is not necessary for defining the term, particularly since clause 3 explicitly details how the award interacts with the NES.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 7): Submits that the definition of “on-hire employer” should conclude with the words “covered by this award” as is included in the definition of “on-hire employee”.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 6): SDA: Submits that a definition of “on-hire” should be included in the revised ED as it is in the PIA. The revised ED definition of “on-hire employer” and “on-hire employee” do not define what is meant by “on-hire. |
| **5. Access to the award and the National Employment Standards**  The employer must ensure that copies of this award and the NES are available to all employees to whom they apply either on a noticeboard which is conveniently located at or near the workplace or through electronic means, whichever makes them more accessible.  **6. The National Employment Standards and this award**  The [NES](http://www.fwc.gov.au/awardmod/download/nes.pdf) and this award contain the minimum conditions of employment for employees covered by this award. | 3. The National Employment Standards and this award  **3.1** The National Employment Standards (NES) and this award contain the minimum conditions of employment for employees covered by this award.  **3.2** Where this award refers to a condition of employment provided for in the NES, the NES definition applies.  **3.3** The employer must ensure that copies of this award and the NES are available to all employees to whom they apply, either on a notice board which is conveniently located at or near the workplace or through accessible electronic means.  **3.4** Where a pharmacy does not have a notice board, the award and the NES may be kept at an alternative location on the premises that is accessible to employees, including being kept with the pharmacy communication book. | Common clause —for consultation in 2017.  [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (paras 1.2 and 1.3): Suggested wording for the Pharmacy Industry Award, although has acknowledged that consultation on this common clause will take place via a separate process in 2017. |
| 4. Coverage  *Definition of community pharmacy reproduced for comparative purposes:*  **community pharmacy** means any business conducted by the employer in premises:  **(a)** that are registered under the relevant State or Territory legislation for the regulation of pharmacies; or  **(b)** are located in a State or Territory where no legislation operates to provide for the registration of pharmacies;  and  **(c)** that are established either in whole or in part for the compounding or dispensing of prescriptions or vending any medicines or drugs; and  **(d)** where other goods may be sold by retail.  **4.1** This award covers employers throughout Australia in the community pharmacy industry, and their employees in the classifications listed in clause 16—Classifications of this award to the exclusion of any other modern award. The award does not cover employment in a pharmacy owned by a hospital or other public institution, or operated by government, where their goods or services are not sold by retail to the general public.  **4.2** The award does not cover an employee excluded from award coverage by the Act.  **4.3** The award does not cover employees who are covered by a modern enterprise award, or an enterprise instrument (within the meaning of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)), or employers in relation to those employees.  **4.4** The award does not cover employees who are covered by a State reference public sector modern award, or a State reference public sector transitional award (within the meaning of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)), or employers in relation to those employees.  **4.5** This award covers any employer which supplies labour on an on-hire basis in the industry set out in clause 4.1 in respect of on-hire employees in classifications covered by this award, and those on-hire employees, while engaged in the performance of work for a business in that industry. This subclause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage in this award.  **4.6** This award covers employers which provide group training services for trainees engaged in the industry and/or parts of industry set out at clause 4.1 and those trainees engaged by a group training service hosted by a company to perform work at a location where the activities described herein are being performed. This subclause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage in this award. | 4. Coverage  **4.1** In this industry award **community pharmacy** means a business to which each of the following applies:  **(a)** the business is established wholly or partly for compounding or dispensing prescriptions or selling medicines or drugs by retail to the general public from the premises on which the business is conducted, whether or not other goods are so sold from those premises;  **(b)** if required to be registered under legislation for the regulation of pharmacies in force in the place in which the premises on which the business is conducted are located, the business is so registered;  **(c)** the business is not owned by a hospital or other public institution, or operated by government, unless medicines or drugs are sold by retail to the general public from the premises on which the business is conducted.  **4.2** This industry award covers, to the exclusion of any other modern award:  **(a)** employers in the community pharmacy industry throughout Australia; and  **(b)** employees (with a classification defined in Schedule A—Classification Definitions) of employers mentioned in paragraph (a).  **4.3** This industry award also covers:  **(a)** on-hire employees working in the community pharmacy industry (with a classification defined in Schedule A—Classification Definitions) and the on-hire employers of those employees; and  **(b)** trainees employed by a group training employer and hosted by an employer covered by this award to work in the community pharmacy industry (with a classification defined in Schedule A—Classification Definitions) and the group training employers of those trainees.  **4.4** However, this industry award does not cover any of the following:  **(a)** employees excluded from award coverage by the Act;  NOTE: See [section 143(7)](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/documents/legislation/fw_act/FW_Act-01.htm#P2820_266896) of the Act.  **(b)** employees covered by a modern enterprise award or an enterprise instrument;  **(c)** employees covered by a State reference public sector modern award or a State reference public sector transitional award;  **(d)** employers of employees mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c). | [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.4): Submits that clauses 4.1 and 4.2 of the revised ED should be reversed so that the clause begins by stating who the award does and does not cover.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 10): Submits that clause 4.1 of the revised ED should be replaced by the definition of community pharmacy in clause 3 of the PIA.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 12): Submits that the legal effect of the community pharmacy definition set out in clause 4.1(a) has been altered by introducing a requirement that medicines and drugs be sold by retail. It should be replaced with the definition in the PIA.  [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.5): Submits that the word “and” be inserted after 4.1(a) and 4.1(b) to demonstrate that (a) to (c) are not linked and each must apply.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 15): Submits that the legal effect of the exclusion clause set out in clause 4.1(c) has been altered to narrow the coverage because it refers only to retailing ‘medicines or drugs’ to the general public and omits ‘services’ being sold to the general public and goods other than medicines and drugs.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 8-13): Submits that the legal effect of the exclusion clause has been altered in 4.1(c) because it does not refer to medicines and drugs being dispensed by the pharmacy located in a hospital or other public institution. SDA also clarified that where medicines and drugs are not dispensed for retail to the general public the employee pharmacists would be covered by the *Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010* and has proposed wording.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 18): Submits that clause 4.1 of the PIA be included in the revised ED at clause 4.5. |
| **4.7** Where an employer is covered by more than one award, an employee of that employer is covered by the award classification which is most appropriate to the work performed by the employee and to the environment in which the employee normally performs the work.  NOTE**:** Where there is no classification for a particular employee in this award it is possible that the employer and employee are covered by an award with occupational coverage. | **4.5** If an employer is covered by more than one award, an employee of the employer is covered by the award that is most appropriate to the work performed by the employee and the industry in which they work.  NOTE: An employee working in the community pharmacy industry who is not covered by this industry award may be covered by an award with occupational coverage. | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. |
| *No provisions in current award.* | 5. Effect of variations made by the Fair Work Commission  A variation of this award made by the Fair Work Commission does not affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under this award. | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. |
| 7. Award flexibility  *Standard clause - provision not reproduced* | 6. Award flexibility for individual arrangements  *Standard clause - provision not reproduced* | S*tandard* clause. Plain language draft standard clauses will be dealt with in matter [AM2016/15](https://www.fwc.gov.au/awards-agreements/awards/modern-award-reviews/4-yearly-review/common-issues/am201615-plain-language) . [Directions](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-directions-170816.pdf) issued 17 August 2016. |
| *No clause in current award.* | 7. Facilitative provisions for flexible working practices  **7.1** This award contains facilitative provisions which allow agreement between an employer and an individual employee on how specific award provisions are to apply at the workplace.  **7.2** The following clauses have facilitative provisions:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Clause** | **Provision** | | 13.4(c) | Time off instead of payment | | 18.3 | Substitution of public holidays |   **7.3** The agreement must be kept by the employer as a time and wages record. | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. |
| Part 3—Types of Employment and Classifications  10. Employment categories  **10.1** Employees under this award will be employed in one of the following categories:  **(a)** full-time employees;  **(b)** part-time employees; or  **(c)** casual employees.  **10.2** At the time of engagement an employer will inform each employee of the terms of their engagement and, in particular, whether they are to be full-time, part-time or casual.  *Note: Clause 12.10 reproduced here for comparative purposes.*  12.10 Conversion of existing employees  No full-time or casual employee will be transferred by an employer to part-time employment without the written consent of the employee. Provided that where such transfer occurs all leave entitlements accrued will be deemed to be continuous. A full-time employee who requests part-time work and is given such work may revert to full-time employment on a specified future date by agreement with the employer and recorded in writing. | Part 2—Types of employment and classifications  8. Types of employment  **8.1** An employee covered by this award must be one of the following:  **(a)** a full-time employee;  **(b)** a part-time employee;  **(c)** a casual employee.  **8.2** At the time of engaging an employee, the employer must inform the employee of the terms on which they are engaged, including whether they are engaged as a full-time, part-time or casual employee.  8.3 Moving between types of employment  **(a)** A full-time or casual employee can only become a part-time employee with the employee’s written consent.  **(b)** Moving to part-time employment does not affect the continuity of any leave entitlements.  **(c)** A full-time employee:  **(i)** may request to become a part-time employee; and  **(ii)** may return to full-time employment at a date agreed in writing with the employer.  NOTE: See section 65 of the Act for information about requests for flexible working arrangements. | [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 14 & 15): Submits that this clause does not relate to s65 of Act, which provides for requests for flexible working arrangements under a prescribed set of circumstances. Linking this clause to s65 of the Act may suggest that an employee may need to meet the eligibility and procedural requirements determined by that section of the Act for them to be able to make a request.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 16): Submits that note should be removed as, at the very least, it may cause confusion and ambiguity about access to this entitlement. |
| **11. Full-time employees**  A full-time employee is an employee who is engaged to work an average of 38 hours per week. | 9. Full-time employment  An employee who is engaged to work 38 ordinary hours per week (or 76 ordinary hours over 2 consecutive weeks) is a full-time employee. | NOTE: The SDA is pursuing changes to the effect of this clause. |
| 12. Part-time employees  **12.1** A part-time employee is an employee who:  **(a)** works less than 38 hours per week; and  **(b)** has reasonably predictable hours of work.  **12.2** At the time of engagement, the employer and the part-time employee will agree, in writing, on a regular pattern of work, specifying at least:  **(a)** the hours worked each day;  **(b)** which days of the week the employee will work;  **(c)** the actual starting and finishing times of each day;  **(d)** that any variation will be in writing;  **(e)** that the minimum daily engagement is three hours;  **(f)** all time worked in excess of agreed hours is paid at the overtime rate; and  **(g)** the times of taking and the duration of meal breaks.  **12.3** Any agreement to vary the regular pattern of work will be made in writing before the variation occurs. Any agreement to vary the agreed hours may also be either a permanent agreed variation to the pattern of work or may be a temporary agreed variation, e.g. a single shift or roster period. Such a variation will be agreed hours for the purposes of clause 12.2(f).  **12.4** The agreement and variation to it will be retained by the employer and a copy given by the employer to the employee.  **12.5** An employer is required to roster a part-time employee for a minimum of three consecutive hours on any shift.  **12.6** An employee who does not meet the definition of a part-time employee and who is not a full-time employee will be paid as a casual employee in accordance with clause 13—Casual employment.  **12.7** A part-time employee employed under the provisions of this clause will be paid for ordinary hours worked at the rate of 1/38th of the weekly rate prescribed for the class of work performed.  **12.8 Rosters**  **(a)** A part-time employee’s roster, but not the agreed number of hours, may be altered by the giving of notice in writing of seven days or in the case of an emergency, 48 hours, by the employer to the employee. The rostered hours of part-time employees may also be altered at any time by mutual agreement between the employer and the employee.  **(b)** Rosters will not be changed from week to week, or fortnight to fortnight, nor will they be changed to avoid any award entitlements.  12.9 Award entitlements  A part-time employee will be entitled to payments in respect of annual leave, public holidays, personal/carer’s leave and compassionate leave arising under the NES, or this award, on a proportionate basis. Subject to the provisions contained in this clause all other provisions of the award relevant to full-time employees will apply to part-time employees.  12.10 Conversion of existing employees  No full-time or casual employee will be transferred by an employer to part-time employment without the written consent of the employee. Provided that where such transfer occurs all leave entitlements accrued will be deemed to be continuous. A full-time employee who requests part-time work and is given such work may revert to full-time employment on a specified future date by agreement with the employer and recorded in writing.  12.11 Additional hours as casual hours  A part-time employee who has worked their agreed hours may agree to work additional hours which are not reasonably predictable up to the daily, weekly or fortnightly maximum ordinary hours of work provided by the award, as a casual employee and subject to the casual employee provisions of this award. Nothing in this clause prevents such agreement between the parties. | 10. Part-time employment  **10.1** An employee who is engaged to work for fewer ordinary hours than mentioned in clause 9—Full-time employment and whose hours of work are reasonably predictable is a part-time employee.  **10.2** This award applies to a part-time employee in the same way that it applies to a full-time employee except as otherwise provided by this award.  **10.3** A part-time employee is only entitled to payments in respect of annual leave, personal/carer’s leave, compassionate leave or public holidays on a proportionate basis.  **10.4** At the time of engaging a part-time employee, the employer must agree in writing with the employee to each of the following:  **(a)** the number of hours to be worked each day;  **(b)** the days of the week on which the employee will work;  **(c)** the times at which the employee will start and finish work each day;  **(d)** when meal breaks may be taken and their duration.  **10.5** Any agreement under clause 10.4 must state that any variation agreed by the employer and the employee to any of the matters mentioned in clause 10.4(a) to (d) must be in writing.  **10.6** An agreement under clause 10.4 must also state each of the following:  **(a)** the minimum period for which the employee may be rostered to work on any shift is 3 consecutive hours;  **(b)** for each ordinary hour worked, the employee must be paid in accordance with clause 16—Minimum wages and in accordance with clause 21—Penalty rates for ordinary hours worked during periods specified in Table 5—Penalty rates;  **(c)** for each hour worked in excess of the number of ordinary hours agreed under clause 10.4 and 10.10, the employee must be paid at the overtime rate in accordance with clause 20.2—Application of overtime for part-time employees.  **10.7** The employer must keep a copy of any agreement under clause 10.4 or variation of it and give another copy to the employee.  **10.8** The roster of a part-time employee, but not the number of hours agreed under clause 10.4, may be changed:  **(a)** by the employer giving the employee 7 days, or in an emergency 48 hours, written notice of the change; or  **(b)** at any time by the employer and employee by mutual agreement.  **10.9** However, the roster of a part-time employee must not be changed:  **(a)** from pay period to pay period; or  **(b)** so as to avoid any award entitlement.  10.10 A part-time employee who has worked the number of hours agreed under clause 10.4 may agree to work additional hours that are not reasonably predictable. The additional hours may be worked on the terms applicable to a casual employee.  **10.11** However, the total number of hours agreed under clauses 10.4 and 10.10 must not exceed the maximum daily hours specified in clause 13.3 or full-time employment hours specified in 9—Full-time employment.  NOTE: See clause 20—Overtime for rates applicable when agreed additional hours exceed the maximum daily hours or full-time employment hours. | NOTE: The PGA are pursuing changes to the effect of this clause, including new subclauses via the [part-time employment](https://www.fwc.gov.au/awards-agreements/awards/modern-award-reviews/4-yearly-review/common-issues/am2014196-part-time) common issue matter.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 19): Submits that cross-referencing at clause 10.1 of the revised ED is unnecessary and clause should either be re-worded “…engaged to work less than 38 hours per week ….” or, that wording of clause 12.1 of the PIA be used.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 20): Submits that clause 10.2 is unclear and confusing and that the award does not apply to PT employees in the same way as FT employees generally. The wording at clause 12.9 of the PIA be used.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 17-19): Submits that clause 10.3 of the revised ED should use the wording in the PIA “will be entitled” rather than “is only entitled” as this is more consistent with clause 12.9 of the PIA.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 23): Submits that at clause 10.3, use of the word “only” is unnecessary and may have the unintended effect of restricting PT employee entitlements under the NES.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (paras 24 & 25): Submits that the separation of items that are required to be included in an agreement is confusing and unnecessary and could lead to employers failing to include necessary items in an agreement. They should be combined.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 26): Submits that clause 10.4 of the revised ED should be varied. Clause 12.3 of PIA refers to 12.2(f) and provides that all time worked in excess of the agreed hours is paid at the overtime rate. This provision has not been included in revised ED. It is a necessary and useful signpost that part-time hours may be varied by agreement and can be varied subject to a time limit.  This provides certainty regarding length of time for which any agreed variation would apply.  These words, and the appropriate reference to the overtime provision should be included at the end of clause 10.4.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 20): Submits that clause 12.5 of the PIA regarding minimum engagement is not in the revised ED and should be inserted into the ED.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 24): Submits that clause 10.6(b) of revised ED is a new obligation and should be removed.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 20-22): Submits that clause 12.6 of the PIA does not appear to be reflected in the revised ED. It is important because it establishes that if an employee meets the definition of FT or PT employment then they’re engaged as such (and if they don’t they should be classified and paid as a casual). This is particularly relevant where a “casual” is working or expects to work reasonably predictable hours in which case they should be paid and have access to the entitlement provided to PT or FT employees.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 27): Submits that clause 10.8 of the revised ED alters the legal effect by stipulating that the number of hours agreed in accordance with 10.4 cannot be varied (when they can be altered by agreement via other provisions). Clause 10.8 should be reworded to preserve the capacity for agreement to alter the number of hours worked. |
| 13 Casual employment  **13.1** A casual employee is an employee engaged as such and who does not have an expectation or entitlement to reasonably predictable hours of work.  **13.2** A casual will be paid both the actual hourly rate paid to a full-time employee and an additional 25% of the ordinary hourly rate for a full-time employee.  **13.3** Casual employees will be paid at the termination of each engagement, but may agree to be paid weekly or fortnightly.  **13.4** The minimum daily engagement of a casual is three hours. | 11. Casual employment  **11.1** An employee who is not covered by clause 9—Full-time employment or clause 10—Part-time employment may be engaged and paid as a casual employee.  **11.2** A casual employee does not have an entitlement to reasonably predictable hours of work.  **11.3** The minimum number of hours for which a casual employee may be rostered to work on any day is 3.  **11.4** An employer must pay a casual employee for each hour worked a loading of 25% on top of the minimum hourly rate otherwise applicable under clause 16—Minimum wages.  NOTE: Column 2 of Table 3—Minimum wages shows the minimum hourly rate to which the casual loading applies. If an employee is classified as a Pharmacy Assistant, and aged under 21 years see also clause 16.2—Junior wages (Pharmacy Assistants only).  **11.5** An employer must pay a casual employee for each ordinary hour worked during the periods specified in clause 21—Penalty rates the casual penalty rate (inclusive of casual loading) specified in column 3 of Table 5—Penalty rates.  NOTE: The 25% loading for casual employees applies to ordinary hours worked. The casual loading is not payable on overtime worked as specified in clause 20— Overtime.  **11.6** The pay period of a casual employee is as determined under clause 16.4—Pay period. | [PGA](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 28): Submits that clause 12.6 of PIA uses the expression “will” and that “may” in clause 11.1 of the revised ED is not the correct substitute for “will”. The expression “may” should be replaced with “must”.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 23-31): Submits that the legal effect of the PIA provides that when an employee works reasonably predictable hours they are then deemed to be a PT or FT employee. Changing the wording alters the legal effect of the clause as it relates to how an employee is engaged to work depending on the predictability of the hours they work. SDA submits that the PGA interprets 13.1 of the PIA as a casual conversion clause (ref Casual and PT Full Bench PN279 & 280). The wording of the PIA should be retained to ensure the legal effect remains unchanged.  [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.6): Submits that clause 11.1 of revised ED has changed the operation of this clause because under the PIA a casual employee is one specifically engaged as a casual employee. Consequently, any award conditions regarding casual employment will apply to those employees specifically engaged to be casual employees. The effect of clause 11.1 of the revised ED clause is as a “default” or “catch-all” clause whereby an employee will be casual when clauses 9 or 10 do not apply rather than specifically engaging an employee as a casual. This changes the operation of 13.1 of the PIA unnecessarily. The expression engaging casuals “as such” in clause 13.1 of the PIA works in concert with clause 10.2 of the PIA and reduces the risk of conflict regarding employment status. Further, the PIA approach is standard across many awards and it is not necessary for the plain language re-drafting process to vary this approach. The PIA words should be retained or could be amended as follows: *“A casual employee is an employee engaged as such and who is not covered by clause 9—Full time employment o clause 10—Part-time employment”.*  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 32-38): Submits that clause 11.3 of the revised ED should refer to 3 consecutive hours. |
| 16. Classifications  **16.1** All employees covered by this award must be classified according to the structure set out in Schedule B—Classification Definitions. Employers must advise their employees in writing of their classification and of any changes to their classification.  **16.2** The classification by the employer must be according to the skill level or levels required to be exercised by the employee in order to carry out the principal functions of the employment as determined by the employer. | 12. Classification  **12.1** An employer must classify an employee covered by this award in accordance with Schedule A—Classification Definitions.  **12.2** The classification must be based on the skill level that the employee is required to exercise in order to carry out the principal functions of the employment.  **12.3** Employers must notify employees in writing of their classification and of any change to it. | [PGA](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 29): Submits that clause 12.2 of revised ED should be varied to “the classification by the employer ….” to ensure no ambiguity as to who bears the obligation to classify employees. |
| Part 5—Ordinary Hours of Work  25. Hours of work  **25.1** This clause does not operate to limit, increase or in any way alter the trading hours of any employer as determined by the relevant State or Territory legislation.  25.2 Ordinary hours  **(a)** Ordinary hours may be worked, within the following spread of hours:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Days** | **Spread of Hours** | | Monday to Sunday | 7.00 am – midnight |   **(b)** Hours of work on any day will be continuous, except for rest pauses and meal breaks and must not be more than 12 hours per day.  25.3 38 hour week rosters  A full-time employee will be rostered for an average of 38 hours per week, worked in any of the following forms:  **(a)** 38 hours in one week; or  **(b)** 76 hours in two consecutive weeks. | Part 3—Hours of Work  13. Ordinary hours of work  **13.1** Ordinary hours may be worked on any day between 7.00 am and midnight.  **13.2** Ordinary hours of work are continuous, except for rest breaks and meal breaks as specified in clause 15—Breaks.  **13.3** The maximum number of ordinary hours that can be worked on any day is 12.  **13.4** The maximum number of ordinary hours of work for a full-time employee per week (or as averaged over 2 consecutive weeks) are as set out in clause 9—Full-time employment.  **13.5** The maximum number of ordinary hours of work for a part-time employee per week are as agreed under clause 10—Part-time employment. | NOTE: The SDA are pursuing changes to the effect of these provisions via the [casual employment](https://www.fwc.gov.au/awards-agreements/awards/modern-award-reviews/4-yearly-review/common-issues/am2014197-casual) common issue matter which could result in revisions/additions to this clause.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 39): Submits that clause 13.4 would be clearer if it contained the maximums, (that is 38 hours per week or 76 hours averaged over 2 consecutive weeks), rather than referencing the relevant clause.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf)(para 30): Submits that clause 13.4 repeats clause 9. It is unnecessary and one of the clauses should be deleted.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf)(para 31): Submits that clause 13.5 alters the legal meaning of the PIA because in clause 10.10 of the revised ED a part-time employee may agree to work additional hours that are not reasonably predictable but which are in excess of their agreed hours under clause 10.4. The hours are worked on the terms applicable to a casual employee. Any such additional hours under clause 10.10 are not necessarily overtime, unless in accordance with clause 10.11 they exceed the max daily hours or weekly full-time hours provided for in the award. When read in isolation, clause 13.5 fails to account for this capacity for part-time employees to agree to work additional hours which may not be overtime hours. This clause is not in PIA and could change the legal effect of the award**.** |
| 25.4 Rostering—Permanent employees  **(a)** The following roster requirements will apply to permanent employees:  **(i)** Ordinary hours will be rostered so as to provide an employee with two consecutive days off each week or three consecutive days off in a two week period.  **(ii)** Ordinary hours and any reasonable additional hours may not be rostered over more than six consecutive days.  **(iii)** Ordinary hours may not be rostered over more than five days in a week, provided that ordinary hours may be rostered on six days in one week where ordinary hours are rostered on no more than four days in the following week.  **(iv)** An employee who regularly works Sundays will be rostered so as to have three consecutive days off each four weeks and the consecutive days off will include Saturday and Sunday.  **(b)** A requirement will not apply where the employee requests in writing and the employer agrees to other arrangements, which are to be recorded in the time and wages records. It cannot be made a condition of employment that an employee make such a request.  **(c)** An employee can terminate the agreement by giving four weeks’ notice to the employer. The notice need not be given where the agreement terminates on an agreed date or at the end of an agreed period. For the avoidance of doubt this provision does not apply to part-time employees’ agreed pattern of work under clause 12.2.  **(d)** The rostering provision of clause 25.4(a)(iv) does not apply to a part-time employee whose agreed hours under clause 12.2(b) provides that the employee will work on either or both Saturday and Sunday each week and where the agreement provides that the employee will have at least two consecutive days off work each week. | 14. Rostering arrangements—full-time and part-time employees  **14.1** The following rostering arrangements apply to full-time and part-time employees:  **(a)** employees must be rostered to work ordinary hours in such a way that they have:  **(i)** 2 consecutive days off each week; or  **(ii)** 3 consecutive days off over 2 consecutive weeks;  **(b)** employees must not be rostered to work ordinary hours on more than 5 days in a week;  **(c)** despite paragraph (b),employees may be rostered to work ordinary hours on 6 days one week if they are rostered to work ordinary hours on no more than 4 days the following week;  **(d)** employees must not be rostered to work (whether ordinary hours or overtime) on more than 6 consecutive days;  **(e)** employees rostered to work (whether ordinary hours or overtime) on up to 3 Sundays in a 4 week cycle must be rostered to have 3 consecutive days off every 4 weeks, including a Saturday and Sunday.  **14.2** Clause 14.1(e) does not apply to a part-time employee who has agreed under clause 10—Part-time employment to work Saturday or Sunday (or both) each week and have at least 2 consecutive days off.  **14.3** At the written request of the employee, the employer and the employee may agree to rostering arrangements that are different to those in clause 14.1.  **14.4** Different arrangements agreed under clause 14.3 must be recorded in the time and wages record.  **14.5** The employee may end an agreement under clause 14.3 at any time by giving the employer 4 weeks written notice unless the agreement was made under clause 10.4 (part-time arrangements agreed in writing on engagement).  **14.6** An agreement under clause 14.3 may provide that it ends on a particular day or at the end of a particular period.  **14.7** An employee cannot be required as a condition of employment to agree to an arrangement under clause 14.3. | [Business SA](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.4): Submits that at clause 14.1(e) the words “whether ordinary hours or overtime” are not present in the PIA and this is a substantive change because the PIA does not contemplate working of Sundays during overtime hours for the purpose of this clause.  [PGA](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 32): Submits that clause 14.1(e) has omitted the words “regularly works Sundays”, found at 25.4 of the PIA. This omission changes the legal effect by requiring an employer to roster an employee for 3 consecutive days off each 4 weeks including a Saturday and Sunday, even if an employee is only rostered on a Sunday once, in circumstances where such an obligation does not presently exist.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 40-42): Submits that clause 14.5 of the revised ED represents a substantive change from the PIA because there is no requirement for notice to be provided in writing at clause 25.4 of the PIA. |
| 28. Breaks  **28.1** All employees working four or more hours on any day will be entitled to a 10 minute paid rest pause.  **28.2** All employees working more than five hours on any day will be entitled to an unpaid meal break of not less than 30 minutes and no greater than one hour duration plus a 10 minute paid rest pause.  **28.3** All employees working 7.6 or more hours on any day will be entitled to an unpaid meal break of not less than 30 minutes and no greater than one hour duration plus two 10 minute paid rest pauses.  Provided that:  **(a)** the meal breaks are to be taken after at least 2.5 hours and not later than five hours work:  **(b)** the rest pauses are not to be taken in the first hour of work or in the first hour after the meal break. | 15. Breaks  **15.1** Clause 15 gives an employee an entitlement to meal breaks and rest breaks.  **15.2** An employee who works the number of hours on any one day specified in an item of column 1 of Table 2—Entitlements to meal and rest breaks is entitled to a break or breaks as specified in column 2.  Table 2—Entitlements to meal and rest break(s)   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Column 1**  **Hours worked** | **Column 2**  **Breaks** | | At least 4 but not more than 5 | One 10 minute paid rest break | | More than 5 but less than 7.6 | One 10 minute paid rest break  One 30 to 60 minute unpaid meal break | | 7.6 or more | Two 10 minute paid rest breaks  One 30 to 60 minute unpaid meal break |   **15.3** An unpaid meal break must be taken within the first 5 hours of work, but not before the first 2.5 hours.  **15.4** A paid rest break cannot be taken:  **(a)** in the first hour of work; or  **(b)** in the first hour of resuming work after an unpaid meal break. | [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 43-44): Submits that clause 15.1 and 15.2 of the revised ED are more complicated than previous exposure drafts and should be replaced with: “A*n employee is entitled to breaks in accordance with the table below.”* The words “column 1” and “column 2” should be deleted from the table so that just the titles remain.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 33): Submits that clauses 15.3 and 15.4 alter the legal effect of clause 28 of the PIA by introducing restrictions on when meal and rest breaks must be taken for shifts of less than 7.6 hours. Restrictions at clauses 15.3 and 15.4 only apply to shifts of 7.6 hours or more, they should not apply to shifts of less than 7.6 hours as they may restrict the current rostering flexibility. The words “for a shift of 7.6 hours or more” should be added at the commencement of clauses 15.3 and 15.4 to preserve current legal meaning of the PIA. |
| **17. Minimum weekly wages**   | **Classifications** | **Per week $** | | --- | --- | | **Pharmacy Assistants** |  | | Level 1 | $738.80 | | Level 2 | $756.40 | | Level 3 | $783.30 | | Level 4 | $815.40 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Pharmacy Students** |  | | 1st year of course | $738.80 | | 2nd year of course | $756.40 | | 3rd year of course | $783.30 | | 4th year of course | $815.40 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Pharmacy Interns** |  | | First half of training | $826.20 | | Second half of training | $854.40 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Pharmacist** | $966.60 | | **Experienced Pharmacist** | $1058.60 | | **Pharmacist in Charge** | $1083.40 | | **Pharmacist Manager** | $1207.40 | | Part 4—Wages and Allowances  16. Minimum wages  **16.1** An employer must pay an employee the minimum hourly wage specified in column 2 (or for a full-time employee the minimum weekly wage specified in column 3) in accordance with the employee classification specified in column 1 of Table 3—Minimum wages.  NOTE: Provisions for calculating wages for an employee who is classified as a pharmacy assistant and aged under 21 years is at clause 16.2—Junior wages (pharmacy Assistants only).  **Table 3—Minimum wages**   | **Column 1**  **Employee classification** | **Column 2**  **Minimum hourly wage** | **Column 3**  **Minimum weekly wage** | | --- | --- | --- | | **pharmacy assistant** |  |  | | level 1 | $19.44 | $738.80 | | level 2 | $19.91 | $756.40 | | level 3 | $20.61 | $783.30 | | level 4 | $21.46 | $815.40 | | **pharmacy student** |  |  | | 1st year of course | $19.44 | $738.80 | | 2nd year of course | $19.91 | $756.40 | | 3rd year of course | $20.61 | $783.30 | | 4th year of course | $21.46 | $815.40 | | **pharmacy intern** |  |  | | 1st half of training | $21.74 | $826.20 | | 2nd half of training | $22.48 | $854.40 | | **pharmacist** | $25.44 | $966.60 | | **experienced pharmacist** | $27.86 | $1,058.60 | | **pharmacist in charge** | $28.51 | $1,083.40 | | **pharmacist manager** | $31.77 | $1,207.40 |   NOTE: Schedule B—Summary of hourly rates of pay contains a summary of hourly rates of pay, including casual wages, overtime and penalty rates. Provisions for calculating wages for casual employees are at clause 11.4. Overtime rates are specified in clause 20 and penalty rates are specified at clause 21. | NOTE: The APESMA is pursuing additional classifications and minimum wages (see item 34 of the [submission summary](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/pharmacy-sub-summary-further-revised-2jun16.pdf)).  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 45): Submits that clause 16.1 of the revised ED is not simpler and easier to understand than clause 10.1 of the [ED 09/10/15](https://www.fwc.gov.au/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/Revised-exposure-draft-pharmacy-09Oct15.pdf) and that this wording should be used with the exception that the word “ordinary” be deleted from clause 10.1 of that version.  [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.8): Submits that changing the ordering of the weekly and hourly wage columns in Table 3 could mislead the reader because it implies that the weekly wage is calculated based on the hourly wage. The columns should be reversed to make it clearer that the minimum hourly wage should not be used to calculate the minimum weekly wage for a full-time employee working 38 hours per week. |
| 18. Junior rates  Junior employees will be paid the following percentage of the appropriate wage rate for pharmacy assistant classifications in clause 17—Minimum weekly wages:   | **Age** | **% of weekly wage** | | --- | --- | | Under 16 years of age | 45 | | 16 years of age | 50 | | 17 years of age | 60 | | 18 years of age | 70 | | 19 years of age | 80 | | 20 years of age | 90 |   *Clause inserted - proposed new provision* *in Exposure Draft (cl 10.1(c)) as follows:*  (c) Each year of a pharmacy student’s course commences on the first day of the relevant academic term. A pharmacy student’s progression through the pay rate is line with the student’s progression through the course. If the pharmacy student completes subjects faster than the usual course progression for that year of study, the student will progress to the next pay rate even if they have not been on the previous pay rate for a year. A pharmacy student will not move to the next pay rate if they have not completed and passed all of the subjects required in the usual course progression for that year of study, even if they remain on the same pay rate for more than one year. Students undertaking a Master of Pharmacy will commence at the 3rd year pay rate. | 16.2 Junior wages (Pharmacy Assistants only)  An employer must pay an employee, who is classified as a pharmacy assistant and aged under 21 years, at least at the following percentage of the minimum rate that would otherwise be applicable under Table 3—Minimum wages:  **(a)** 45% for an under 16 year old;  **(b)** 50% for a 16 year old;  **(c)** 60% for a 17 year old;  **(d)** 70% for an 18 year old;  **(e)** 80% for a 19 year old;  **(f)** 90% for a 20 year old.  **16.3 Pharmacy students**  The following applies for determining which year of a course a pharmacy student is in for the purpose of Table 3—Minimum wages:  **(a)** a year of a course begins on the first day of the relevant academic term;  **(b)** a pharmacy student in the first year of a Master of Pharmacy course is treated as being in the 3rd year of a course;  **(c)** progress through the pharmacy student classification wages is in line with progress through a course;  **(d)** progress through a course for the purpose of paragraph (c) is determined by completing and passing all subjects for a year of a course.  NOTE: A pharmacy student can progress to the next pharmacy student classification wage in less than one year if all subjects for a year of a course are completed and passed in less than one year. A pharmacy student remains at the wage specified for a year of a course until all the required subjects are completed and passed. | NOTE: The SDA is pursuing changes to the effect of this subclause.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 46): Submits that clause 16.2 of the revised ED is not simpler and easier to understand than clause 10.2 of the [ED—9/10/15](https://www.fwc.gov.au/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/Revised-exposure-draft-pharmacy-09Oct15.pdf). The earlier version is preferable to the revised ED because it is expressed more simply and is easier to understand, particularly the use of the table. |
| 22. Payment of wages  Wages will be paid weekly or fortnightly according to the actual hours worked for each week or fortnight.  *Clause inserted - proposed new provision in Exposure Draft as follows:*  **(b)** All wages will be paid on a regular pay day within four days of the end of the pay period. The employer must notify the employee in writing as to which day is the pay day. Where for any reason the employer wishes to change the pay day, then the employer shall provide at least four weeks’ written notice to the employee of such change. | **16.4 Pay period**  **(a)** The employer may determine the pay period of an employee as being either weekly or fortnightly.  **(b)** Wages must be paid for a pay period according to the number of hours worked by the employee in the period.  NOTE: Hours of work may be measured over 2 consecutive weeks.  NOTE: The Fair Work Regulations set out the requirements for pay records and the content of payslips including the requirement to separately identify any allowance paid. See Part 3–6, Division 3—Employer obligations in relation to employee records and pay slips.  **16.5** **Pay day**  **(a)** Wages must be paid on a regular pay day no later than 4 days after the end of the pay period.  **(b)** Employers must notify employees in writing about which day is the regular pay day.  (c) The regular pay day of an employee may only be changed by the employer giving the employee 4 weeks written notice.  **16.6** For employees eligible for a supported wage, see Schedule D—Supported Wage System.  **16.7** For employees undertaking a traineeship, see Schedule E—National Training Wage. |  |
| 27. Annualised salary (Pharmacists only)  **27.1** An annualised salary for pharmacist employees may be developed. Such salary may be inclusive of overtime, penalty rates, payments for public holidays taken, annual leave taken, annual leave loading, meal allowance, and meal break on call entitlements. Provided that the annual salary paid over a year was sufficient to cover what the employee would have been entitled to if all award entitlements had been complied with when calculated on an individual basis according to the hours worked.  **27.2** Provided that in the event of termination of employment prior to completion of a year the salary paid during such period of employment will be sufficient to cover what the employee would have been entitled to if all award entitlements had been complied with.  **27.3** When payment in accordance with this clause is adopted, the employer will keep a daily record of hours worked by the employee which will show the date and start and finish times of the employee for the day. The record will be countersigned weekly by the employee and will be kept at the place of employment for a period of at least six years.  **27.4** The employee may be represented in the discussions in relation to the making of an Agreement under this clause by either their union or nominated representative, and any agreement reached under this clause must be recorded in writing, and a copy retained by the employer. | 17. Annualised salary (Pharmacists only)  **17.1** A pharmacist may agree in writing with their employer to be paid an annualised salary that satisfies this award in relation to all or any of the following matters:  **(a)** overtime;  **(b)** penalty rates;  **(c)** payments for public holidays;  **(d)** payments for annual leave;  **(e)** annual leave loading;  **(f)** meal allowances;  **(g)** on premise meal allowances.  **17.2** A pharmacist may be represented by a union or other representative nominated by them in any discussion about the making of an agreement under clause 17.1.  **17.3** An annualised salary must not result in a pharmacist being paid less over a year than would have been the case if an annualised salary had not been agreed.  **17.4** The employer must keep a copy of any agreement under clause 17.1 and give another copy to the pharmacist.  **17.5** The employer must keep a record of hours worked each day by a pharmacist who has entered into an agreement under clause 17.1 showing the times at which the pharmacist started and finished work that day.  **17.6** A record mentioned in clause 17.1 must be:  **(a)** countersigned weekly by the pharmacist; and  **(b)** kept at the place of employment for at least 6 years. | NOTE: The PGA is pursuing changes to the effect of this clause (see item 42 of the [submissions summary](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/pharmacy-sub-summary-further-revised-2jun16.pdf)) that may result in revisions/additions to this clause.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 47): Submits that clause 27.2 of the PIA appears to be absent from the exposure draft. This represents a diminution of an entitlement and a substantive change. The purpose of the clause appears to provide that any annualised salary arrangement cannot leave an employee worse off in the event that their employment is terminated before the period of a year. However, there is no corresponding clause in the revised ED, which only provides that “an annualised salary must not result in a pharmacist being paid less over a year than would have been the case if an annualised salary had not been agreed”. Clause 27.2 in the PIA should be inserted into the revised ED. |
| 19. Allowances  19.1 Meal allowance  **(a)** An employee who has worked six hours or more during ordinary time and who is then consecutively required to work overtime, or after the employees ordinary time of ending work, for more than one and a half hours will be either supplied with an adequate meal by the employer or be paid a meal allowance of $17.85. Where such overtime work exceeds four hours a further meal allowance of $15.99 will be paid.  **(b)** This provision will not apply in circumstances where the employer has advised the employee of the requirement to work overtime on the previous day.  **(c)** No meal allowance will be payable where any employee could reasonably return home for a meal within the period allowed.  **(d)** No meal allowance will be payable where the additional hours are agreed hours as per clause 12.3. | 18. Allowances  NOTE: Schedule C—Summary of Allowances contains a summary of monetary allowances and methods of adjustment.  18.1 Meal allowances  **(a)** Clause 18.1 applies to an employee to whom each of the following applies:  **(i)** the employee has worked 6 or more ordinary hours on any day;  **(ii)** the employee is required to work on that day overtime, or more than 1.5 hours beyond the time at which the employee ordinarily finishes work for the day, unless the hours worked were agreed under clause 10—Part-time employment;  **(iii)** the employee was not advised of the requirement mentioned in subparagraph (ii) on or before the previous day;  **(iv)** the employee cannot reasonably return home for a meal within the period of the meal break.  **(b)** The employer must:  **(i)** pay the employee a meal allowance of **$17.85**; or  **(ii)** supply the employee with an adequate meal.  **(c)** If the number of hours worked under a requirement mentioned in clause 18.1(a)(ii) exceeds 4, the employer must pay the employee a further meal allowance of **$15.99**. | [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 48): Submits that the note under clause 18 of the revised ED should be replaced with the wording of clause 11.1 of the [ED—09/10/15](https://www.fwc.gov.au/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/Revised-exposure-draft-pharmacy-09Oct15.pdf).  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 49): Submits that clause 18.1 of the revised ED is not consistent with the modern awards objective of being simple and easy to understand and does not follow a logical sequence. Alternate wording proposed.  [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.9): Submits that in clause 18.1(a) of the revised ED the subclauses are not linked by anything more than the opening statement. The provision would be clearer if the word “and” was used between clauses 18.1(a)(i)-18.1(a)(iii) too. This amendment, in tandem with the preamble of 18.1(a) makes perfectly clear that each element must apply for an employee to be entitled to the meal allowance. | |
| 19.2 On-premise meal allowance (Pharmacists only)  An employee who is required to take their meal break on the premises for the purpose of attending to urgent matters requiring the input of a qualified pharmacist will be paid at time and a half for the period of the meal break, regardless of other penalties that apply on that day. | 18.2 On-premise meal allowance  **(a)** Clause 18.2 applies to a pharmacist who is required to take a meal break on the premises so as to attend to urgent matters requiring the involvement of a pharmacist.  **(b)** The employer must pay the pharmacist at the enhanced hourly rate for the period of the meal break, regardless of any other payments, penalty rates or allowances to which the pharmacist is entitled.  (c) In paragraph (b), the enhanced hourly rate means 150% of the minimum hourly wage of the pharmacist. See column 2 of Table 3—Minimum wages. | [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 50): Submits that clause 18.2 of the revised ED should be rewritten to make it simpler to understand. Alternate wording proposed.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 33.1): Submits that clause 18.2(b) and (c) of the revised ED have unnecessarily complicated the operation of clause 19.2 of the PIA and has included references to payments and allowances not otherwise referred to in the PIA. Clause 18.2(c) should be reworded: “the employer must pay the pharmacists at a penalty rate of 150% for the period of the meal break, regardless of any other penalty rates to which the pharmacists is entitled”. | |
| 19.3 Special clothing  **(a)** Where the employer requires an employee to wear any protective or special clothing such as a uniform dress or other clothing then the employer will reimburse the employee for any cost of purchasing such clothing and the cost of replacement items, when replacement is due to normal wear and tear. This provision will not apply where the special clothing is supplied and/or paid for by the employer.  **(b)** Where an employee is required to launder any special uniform, dress or other clothing, the employer who provided that special clothing will arrange for its cleaning or will pay the employee the following applicable allowance:  **(i)** for a full-time employee - $6.25 per week;  **(ii)** for a part-time or casual employee - $1.25 per shift. | 18.3 Clothing allowance  **(a)** The employer must reimburse an employee who is required to wear special clothing, such as a uniform or protective clothing, for the cost of purchasing any such clothing (including purchasing replacement clothing due to normal wear and tear) that is not supplied or paid for by the employer.  **(b)** If special clothing that is required to be worn by an employee needs to be laundered, the employer must undertake the laundering at no cost to the employee or pay the employee an allowance of:  **(i) $6.25** each week for a full-time employee; or  **(ii) $1.25** each shift for a part-time or casual employee. | [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.10): Submits that clause 18.3 of the revised ED is not easier to interpret than the current provision. The PIA provision is made up of two sentences. The second sentence specifies the allowance will not apply where the employer provides the required special clothing. The revised ED has rewritten the clause into a single sentence. This increases the interpretive burden on the reader. The PIA wording should be used. | |
| 19.4 Transfer of employee reimbursement  Where any employer transfers an employee from one township to another, the employer will be responsible for and will pay the whole of the moving expenses, including fares and transport charges, for the employee and the employee’s family. | 18.4 Moving expenses  **(a)** Clause 18.4 applies if an employer transfers an employee from one township to another.  (b) The employer is responsible for, and must pay, the total cost of moving the employee and the employee’s family, including fares and other transport charges. | [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 51-52): Submits that at clause 18.4(a) the word “township” should be replaced with: *“where the employee has to move their residence”.* There are examples of other modern awards such at the Manufacturing Award and the Cement and Lime Award which refer to a transfer requiring a “change of residence” to identify the scope of the clause. This would be a more appropriate measure of when the entitlement should be provided. | |
| 19.5 Transport allowance  Where an employer requests an employee to use their own motor vehicle in the performance of their duties such employee will be paid an allowance of $0.78 per kilometre. | 18.5 Motor vehicle allowance  If an employer requests an employee to use their own motor vehicle in performing their duties, the employer must pay the employee an allowance of $0.78 for each kilometre travelled. |  | |
| 19.6 Transport of employees reimbursement  Where an employee commences and/or ceases work after 10.00 pm on any day or prior to 7.00 am on any day and the employee’s regular means of transport is not available and the employee is unable to arrange their own alternative transport, the employer will reimburse the employee for the cost of a taxi fare from the place of employment to the employee’s usual place of residence. This will not apply if the employer provides or arranges proper transportation to and or from the employee’s usual place of residence at no cost to the employee. | 18.6 Taxi fare reimbursement  **(a)** Clause 18.6 applies to an employee to whom each of the following applies:  **(i)** the employee starts work before 7.00 am or finishes work after 10.00 pm;  **(ii)** the employee’s regular means of transport is not available;  **(iii)** the employee is unable to arrange their own alternative means of transport;  **(iv)** a proper means of transport to or from the employee’s usual place of residence is not provided to, or arranged for, the employee by the employer at no cost to the employee.  (b) The employer must reimburse the employee the cost they incurred in taking a taxi between the place of employment and the employee’s usual place of residence. | [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.11): Submits that at clause 18.6(a), 18.6(a)(i) to18.6(a)(iii) should be linked by the word “and”. This will reinforce how each subclause of 18.6(a) must be satisfied for an employee to be entitled to a taxi fare reimbursement.  [**Business SA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-bussa-020916.pdf) (para 1.12): Submits that the legal effect of clause 19.6 of the PIA has been altered in 2 ways by clause 18.6 of the revised ED. The expression ‘and/or’ in the PIA has been replaced with ‘or’ in the revised ED and this narrows the employee’s entitlement to the reimbursement. The expression “from the place of employment” and “to the employee’s usual place of residence” is clearly interpreted as only applying to a single direction whereas the expression “between” used in the revised ED could be interpreted to apply to travel in either direction (work to home or home to work).  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 33.2): Submits that it agrees with Business SA’s sub in relation to clause 18.6 of the revised ED. | |
| **21. Superannuation**  *Standard clause - provision not reproduced* | **19. Superannuation**  *Standard clause - provision not reproduced* |  | |
| 26. Overtime  26.1 Reasonable overtime  **(a)** Subject to clause 26.1(b) an employer may require an employee other than a casual to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates in accordance with the provisions of this clause.  **(b)** An employee may refuse to work overtime in circumstances where the working of such overtime would result in the employee working hours which are unreasonable having regard to:  **(i)** any risk to employee health and safety;  **(ii)** the employee’s personal circumstances including any family responsibilities;  **(iii)** the needs of the workplace or enterprise;  **(iv)** the notice (if any) given by the employer of the overtime and by the employee of their intention to refuse it; and  **(v)** any other relevant matter. | *Provisions not re-drafted for revised exposure draft* |  |
| 26. Overtime  …  26.2 Overtime and penalty rates  (a) Overtime  Overtime means authorised additional hours performed at the direction of the employer:  **(i)** Hours worked in excess of the ordinary number of hours of work prescribed in clauses 25.2 and 25.3 are to be paid at time and half for the first two hours and double time thereafter. Overtime worked on a Sunday is to be paid at the Sunday rate of double time, and overtime worked on a public holiday is to be paid at the public holiday rate of double time and half.  **(ii)** The rates provided by clause 26.2(b) and (c) will not be cumulative on overtime rates.  **(iii)** For casual employees the casual loading is not payable on overtime. | Part 5—Overtime and Penalty Rates  20. Overtime  NOTE: Under the National Employment Standards (see section 62 of the Act) an employee may refuse to work additional hours if they are unreasonable. Section 62 sets out factors to be taken into account in determining whether the additional hours are reasonable or unreasonable.  20.1 Application of overtime for full-time employees  An employer must pay a full-time employee at the overtime rate for any hours worked at the direction of the employer:  **(a)** in excess of the number of hours specified in clause 9—Full-time employment or 13.3 (maximum daily hours); or  **(b)** between midnight and 7.00 am.  20.2 Application of overtime for part-time employees  An employer must pay a part-time employee at the overtime rate for any hours worked at the direction of the employer:  **(a)** in excess of the number of hours that the employee has agreed to work under clause 10.4 and 10.10 (part-time employment); or  **(b)** between midnight and 7.00 am.  NOTE: A part-time employee can agree to work additional ordinary hours under clause 10.10 on the terms applicable to hours worked by a casual employee up to the maximum hours set out in clause 13.3 (maximum daily hours) and clause 9—Full-time employment.  **20.3** **Application of overtime for casual employees**  **(a)** An employer must pay a casual employee at the overtime rate for any hours worked at the direction of the employer:  **(i)** in excess of the number of hours specified in 13.3 (maximum daily hours);  **(ii)** between midnight and 7.00 am.  **(b)** The casual loading prescribed in clause 11—Casual employment is not payable on overtime worked by a casual employee.  **20.4** **Payment of overtime**  **(a)** An employer must pay an employee for all overtime worked as prescribed in clause 20.1 to 20.3 the overtime rate specified in column 2 of Table 4 in accordance with when the overtime was worked as specified in column 1 of that table.  **(b)** The overtime rate specified in column 2 of Table 4 must be applied to the applicable minimum wage for the employee classification in accordance with clause 16—Minimum wages.  Table 4—Overtime rates   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Column 1**  **For overtime worked on** | **Column 2**  **Overtime rate** | | Monday to Saturday—first 2 hours | 150% | | Monday to Saturday—after 2 hours | 200% | | Sunday—all day | 200% | | Public holiday—all day | 250% |   NOTE: Schedule B—Summary of Hourly Rates of Pay sets out the overtime rate hourly wage for all employee classifications according to when overtime is worked. | NOTE: The SDA is pursuing changes to the effect of this clause via the [casual employment](https://www.fwc.gov.au/awards-agreements/awards/modern-award-reviews/4-yearly-review/common-issues/am2014197-casual) common issue matter which may result in revisions/additional paragraphs in clause 20.3.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 34): Submits that the note should be removed from Clause 20 of the revised ED because the Commission determined that any summaries of NES entitlements or links to legislation would not be included in legal instruments. Inclusion of the note is contrary to that Decision [2014] FWCFB 9412.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 35): Submits that interested parties have been consulting on the overtime provisions and these issues may be resolved by consent. If so, clause 20 of the revised ED could be simplified significantly. These matters should be further explored at the conference on 26/9/16.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 53-60): Submits that the overtime clause has a different legal effect from the PIA because it does not reference clause 13.2 that “ordinary hours of work are continuous, except for rest breaks as specified in clause 15—Breaks”. Without reference to clause 13.2, an employer could roster for more than one shift on any day without an entitlement to overtime. This is a substantial variation from the PIA provisions. Clause 20.1, 20.2 and 20.3 should all reference clause 13.2.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 61-63): Submits that clause 20.2 of the revised ED should reference clause 10.11 rather than provide a reference to maximum daily and weekly hours in a note (which may not have legal effect).  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 65-67): Submits that the overtime provision should also reference work performed outside an employee’s “ordinary” rostering parameters. Hours worked outside of these parameters should attract overtime and this is what is currently being paid when employees work outside of these rostering provisions. To address this, clause 14 should also be included in 20.1 and 20.2 of the revised ED as this provision applies to all ‘permanent’ employees.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 64): Submits that overtime is payable for all employees who work beyond 38 hours per week (or 76 hours over two consecutive weeks), including casuals. This issue is currently before the Casual and Part-time Full Bench which the SDA made full written submissions on 29/7/16. The SDA relies on those submissions in relation to this issue.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (para 68): Submits that clause 20.4 is not clearer and easier to understand than clause 13.3 in the [ED—9/10/15](https://www.fwc.gov.au/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/Revised-exposure-draft-pharmacy-09Oct15.pdf) and that this earlier draft should be used. |
| 26.3 Time off instead of payment  **(a)** Time off instead of payment for overtime may be provided if an employee so elects and it is agreed by the employer.  **(b)** Such time off instead of payment will be taken at a mutually convenient time and within four weeks of the overtime being worked or, where agreed between the employee and the employer, may be accumulated and taken as part of annual leave.  **(c)** Time off instead of payment will equate to the overtime rate i.e. if the employee works one hour overtime and elects to take time off instead of payment the time off would equal one and a half hours or, where the rate of pay for overtime is double time, two hours. | 20.5 Time off instead of payment  **(a)** With the consent of the employer, an employee may choose to take time off instead of being paid for overtime.  **(b)** The period of time off to which an employee is entitled for each hour of overtime worked is the relevant percentage of that hour specified in column 2 of Table 4—Overtime rates (depending on when the hour was worked as specified in column 1).  EXAMPLE: An employee who worked 2 hours of overtime on a Tuesday that was not a public holiday is entitled to time off of 3 hours ((2 x 150) ÷ 100).  **(c)** Time off must be taken:  **(i)** within the period of 4 weeks after the overtime is worked; and  **(ii)** at a time within that period agreed by the employer and employee.  **(d)** Despite paragraph (c), the employer and employee may agree that time off may be accumulated and included in a period during which an employee takes paid annual leave. | NOTE: This subclause is being considered in common issue proceedings in matter [AM2014/300](https://www.fwc.gov.au/awards-agreements/awards/modern-award-reviews/4-yearly-review/common-issues/am2014300-award). [Draft determination](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/ma000012-flex-draft-det-150916.pdf) issued 15 September 2016. |
| *Note: Clause 26.2 reproduced here for comparative purposes.*  (b) Morning and Evening work Monday to Friday  A loading of 50% (casuals 75%) will apply for hours worked before 8.00 am and a loading of 25% (casuals 50%) for hours between 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. A loading of 50% will apply to hours worked from 9.00 pm to midnight (casuals 75%).  (c) Saturday work  A loading of 100% (casuals 125%) will apply for hours worked before 8.00 am, and a loading of 25% (casuals 50%) will apply for hours of work from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on a Saturday. A loading of 50% (casuals 75%) will apply from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm, and a loading of 75% (casuals 100%) for hours from 9.00 pm to midnight.  (d) Sunday work  A 100% (casuals 125%) loading will apply for all hours of work on a Sunday. | 21. Penalty rates  **21.1** Clause 21 sets out higher rates of pay (penalty rates) for ordinary hours worked at specified times or on specified days.  NOTE: Clause 20—Overtime prescribes overtime rates for hours worked in excess of, or outside ordinary hours.  **21.2** Penalty rates are not cumulative on overtime rates.  **21.3 Payment of penalty rates**  **(a)** An employer must pay an employee in accordance with column 2 of Table 5—Penalty rates for hours worked by the employee during a period specified in column 1 of that table; and  **(b)** The penalty rate specified in column 2 of Table 5 must be applies to the applicable minimum wage for the employee classification in accordance with clause 16—Minimum wages.  NOTE: Table 3—Minimum wages shows the minimum hourly wage applicable under clause 16.1. If an employee is classified as a pharmacy assistant and aged under 21, see also clause 16.2—Junior wages (Pharmacy Assistants only).  Table 5—Penalty rates   | **Column 1**  **For hours worked on** | **Column 2**  **Full-time and part‑time penalty rate** | **Column 3**  **Casual penalty rate (inclusive of casual loading)** | | --- | --- | --- | | **Monday to Friday** | | | | Between 7.00 am and 8.00 am | 150% | 175% | | Between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm | 125% | 150% | | Between 9.00 pm and midnight | 150% | 175% | | **Saturday** | | | | Between 7.00 am and 8.00 am | 200% | 225% | | Between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm | 125% | 150% | | Between 6.00 pm and 9.00 pm | 150% | 175% | | Between 9.00 pm and midnight | 175% | 200% | | **Sunday—all day** | 200% | 225% | | **Public holidays—all day** | 250% | 275% |   NOTE: Schedule B—Summary of Hourly Rates of Pay sets out the penalty rate hourly wage for all employee classifications. | [PGA](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 36): Submits that use of the term “higher rates of pay (penalty rates)” at clause 21.1 of revised ED should be replaced with “penalty rates” because clause 21 does not deal with rates of pay, it prescribes penalty rates applicable to the minimum rates of pay prescribed by the PIA for work at particular times.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf)(para 37): Submits that there appears to be typo at clause 21.3(b) – “applies” should be replaced with “applied”.  [**SDA and others**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-sdahsuapesma-050916.pdf) (paras 69-70): Submits that clause 21 of the revised ED is much more complicated to navigate than clause 14 of the [ED—9/10/15](https://www.fwc.gov.au/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/Revised-exposure-draft-pharmacy-09Oct15.pdf) and this version should be used. If the wording in clause 21.3 of the revised ED is retained, then reference to column 3 casual penalty rate needs to be included. Clause 21.3 of the revised ED makes no reference to the casual penalty rate contained in Table 5. Appears to be typo at 21.3(b) – “applies” should be replaced with “applied”. |
| Part 6—Leave and Public Holidays29. Annual leave **29.1** Annual leave is provided for in the NES.  **29.2 Definition of shiftworker**  For the purpose of the additional week of annual leave provided for in the NES, a shiftworker is a seven day shiftworker who is regularly rostered to work on Sundays and public holidays in a business in which shifts are continuously rostered 24 hours a day for seven days a week.  **29.3 Annual leave loading**  During a period of annual leave an employee will receive a loading calculated on the rate of wage prescribed in clause [17](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/documents/modern_awards/award/MA000012/ma000012-21.htm#P306_28860)—[Minimum weekly wages](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/documents/modern_awards/award/MA000012/ma000012-21.htm#P306_28860) of this award. Annual leave loading payment is payable on leave accrued.  The loading will be as follows:  (a) Day work: Employees who would have worked on day work only had they not been on leave—17.5% or the relevant weekend penalty rates, whichever is the greater but not both.  **(b)** Shiftwork: Employees who would have worked on shiftwork had they not been on leave—a loading of 17.5% or the shift loading (including relevant weekend penalty rates) whichever is the greater but not both.  **29.4 Paid leave in advance of accrued entitlement**  An employer may allow an employee to take annual leave either wholly or partly in advance before the leave has accrued. Where paid leave has been granted to an employee in excess of the employee’s accrued entitlement, and the employee subsequently leaves or is discharged from the service of the employer before completing the required amount of service to account for the leave provided in advance, the employer is entitled to deduct the amount of leave in advance still owing from any remuneration payable to the employee upon termination of employment. | Part 6—Leave and Public Holidays  22. Annual leave  NOTE: Where an employee is receiving overaward payments such that the employee’s base rate of pay is higher than the rate specified under this award, the employee is be entitled to receive the higher rate while on a period of paid annual leave (see ss.16 and 90 of the Act).  **22.1** Annual leave is provided for in the NES.  22.2 Additional leave for certain shiftworkers  A **shiftworker,** for the purposes of the NES, is an employee who is a seven day shiftworker who is regularly rostered to work on Sundays and public holidays in a business in which shifts are continuously rostered 24 hours a day for seven days a week.  22.3 Annual leave loading  **(a)** During a period of annual leave an employee will receive a loading calculated on the wage prescribed in clause 10—Minimum wages of this award in addition to their minimum rate of pay. Annual leave loading payment is payable on leave accrued.  **(b)** The loading will be as follows:  (i) Day work  Employees who would have worked on day work only had they not been on leave—**17.5%** or the relevant weekend penalty rates, whichever is the greater but not both.  (ii) Shiftwork  Employees who would have worked on shiftwork had they not been on leave—a loading of **17.5%** or the shift loading (including relevant weekend penalty rates) whichever is the greater but not both.  22.4 Paid leave in advance of accrued entitlement  **(a)** An employer may allow an employee to take annual leave either wholly or partly in advance before the leave has accrued.  **(b)** Where paid leave has been granted to an employee in excess of the employee’s accrued entitlement, and the employee subsequently leaves or is discharged from the service of the employer before completing the required amount of service to account for the leave provided in advance, the employer is entitled to deduct the amount of leave in advance still owing from any remuneration payable to the employee upon termination of employment. | Common clause —for consultation in 2017.  Clause 29.4 of the PIA has been varied. The next version of the ED will reflect these changes along with new annual leave provisions. | |
| 30. Personal/carer’s leave and compassionate leave **30.1** Personal/carer’s leave and compassionate leave are provided for in the NES.  **30.2** For the purposes of s.107(3) of the Act, an employee is entitled to a maximum of one single day absence a year for leave of the kind in s.97(a) of the Act (unfit for work because of personal illness or injury) without being required to provide a statutory declaration as to the reasons for such absence. Where any absence exceeds three consecutive days the employer may require the production of a medical certificate of a legally qualified medical practitioner.  **30.3** Casual employees are entitled to be not available for work or to leave work to care for a person who is sick and requires care and support or who requires care due to an emergency. Such leave is unpaid. A minimum of 48 hours absence is allowed by right with additional absence by agreement. An employer must not fail to re-engage a casual employee because the employee has accessed the entitlement under this clause. | 23 Personal/carer’s leave and compassionate leave  **23.1** Personal/carer’s leave and compassionate leave are provided for in the NES.  23.2 Evidence requirements  **(a)** For the purposes of s.107(3) of the Act, an employee is entitled to one day’s absence per year for leave of the kind in s.97(a) of the Act (unfit for work because of personal illness or injury) without being required to provide a statutory declaration as to the reasons for the absence.  **(b)** Where any absence exceeds three consecutive days, the employer may require the production of a medical certificate from a legally qualified medical practitioner.  23.3 Casual employees  **(a)** A casual employee is entitled to be unavailable for work or to leave work to care for a person who:  **(i)** is sick and requires care and support; or  **(ii)** requires care due to an emergency.  **(b)** 48 hours’ absence is allowed by right, with additional absence by agreement.  **(c)** The employer must not fail to re-engage a casual employee because the employee has accessed the entitlement under this clause.  **(d)** Casual employees are not entitled to paid leave under clause 23.3(a). | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. | |
| *No clause in current award.* | 24. Parental leave and related entitlements  Parental leave and related entitlements are provided for in the NES. | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. | |
| 31. Public holidays  **31.1** Public holidays are provided for in the NES.  **31.2** An employer and the employee may by agreement substitute another day for a public holiday. Where there is no agreement the employer may substitute another day but not so as to give an employee less time off work than the employee would have had if the employee had received the public holiday.  **31.3** Work on a public holiday must be compensated by payment at the rate of 250% (casuals 275%) of the minimum rate. | 25. Public holidays  **25.1** Public holiday entitlements are provided for in the NES.  **25.2** Where an employee works on a public holiday they will be paid in accordance with clause 21.1—Penalty rates.  25.3 Substitution of public holidays by agreement  The employer and an individual employee may, by agreement, substitute another day for a public holiday. Where there is no agreement, the employer may substitute another day but not so as to give the employee less time off work than the employee would have had if the employee had received the public holiday. | Common clause —for consultation in 2017.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf)(para 38): Submits that at clause 25.2 of the revised ED there appears to be an incorrect reference to clause 21.1. The cross-reference should be to Table 5 in clause 21.3. | |
| 32. Community service leave  Community service leave is provided for in the NES. | 26. Community service leave  Community service leave is provided for in the NES. | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. | |
| Part 2—Consultation and Dispute Resolution  8. Consultation  9. Dispute resolution  *Standard clause – structural changes, but no change to drafting - provisions not reproduced* | Part 7—Consultation and Dispute Resolution  27. Consultation about major workplace change  **28.** **Consultation about changes to rosters and hours of work**  29. Dispute resolution  *Standard clause – structural changes, but no change to drafting - provisions not reproduced* | S*tandard* clause. Plain language draft standard clauses will be dealt with in matter [AM2016/15](https://www.fwc.gov.au/awards-agreements/awards/modern-award-reviews/4-yearly-review/common-issues/am201615-plain-language) . [Directions](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-directions-170816.pdf) issued 17 August 2016. | |
| 14. Termination of employment15. Redundancy *Standard clause – structural changes, but no change to drafting - provision****s*** *not reproduced* | **30. Termination of employment**  **31. Redundancy**  32. Transfer to lower paid duties on redundancy  **33. Employee leaving during redundancy notice period**  **34. Job search entitlement**  *Standard clause* ***–*** *structural changes, but**no change to drafting - provision****s*** *not reproduced* | S*tandard* clause. Plain language draft standard clauses will be dealt with in matter [AM2016/15](https://www.fwc.gov.au/awards-agreements/awards/modern-award-reviews/4-yearly-review/common-issues/am201615-plain-language) . [Directions](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-directions-170816.pdf) issued 17 August 2016. | |
| **Schedule B—Classification Definitions**  **B.1** **Pharmacy Assistant Level 1** is an employee who has commenced employment in a community pharmacy for the first time, or holds no qualifications in community pharmacy.  **B.2** **Pharmacy Assistant Level 2** is an employee who has acquired the competencies listed for a holder of Certificate II in Community Pharmacy, as determined from time to time by the National Quality Council or any successor thereto.  **B.3** **Pharmacy Assistant Level 3** is an employee who has acquired the competencies listed for a holder of Certificate III in Community Pharmacy, as determined from time to time by the National Quality Council or any successor thereto and who is required by the employer to work at this level.  **(a)** A Pharmacy Assistant who is a holder of Certificate III in Community Pharmacy may be required to supervise Pharmacy Assistants at Competency levels 1 and 2.  **(b)** A Dispensary Assistant will be paid as Pharmacy Assistant Competency Level 3.  **(c)** A Pharmacy Assistant, who for the majority of their duties is assisting with extemporaneous preparations working in a compounding lab or compounding section of a community pharmacy, will be paid as Pharmacy Assistant Competency Level 3.  **B.4** **Pharmacy Assistant Level 4** is an employee who has acquired the competencies listed for a holder of Certificate IV in Community Pharmacy and who is required by the employer to work at this level. A Pharmacy Assistant Competency level 4 may be required to supervise Pharmacy Assistants at Competency levels 1, 2 and 3.  **B.5** **Pharmacy Student** means a person who is undertaking an approved program of study, under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, leading to registration as a pharmacist and who enters into a contract of employment with a proprietor of a pharmacy to work in that pharmacy.  **B.6** **Pharmacy Intern** means a person who has satisfied the examination requirements for an accredited course of study leading to registration as a pharmacist and is engaging in the period of pre-registration training required under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.  **B.5** **Pharmacist** is a person who is registered as a pharmacist pursuant to the relevant State or Territory law.  **B.6** **Experienced Pharmacist** is a Pharmacist who has gained at least four years full-time experience or the part-time equivalent as a Community Pharmacist.  **B.7** **Pharmacist in Charge** is a pharmacist who assumes responsibility for the day to day supervision and functioning of a community pharmacy practice.  **B.8** **Pharmacist Manager** is a pharmacist who is responsible to the proprietor for all aspects of the business. | **Schedule A—Classification Definitions**  **A.1 pharmacy assistant level 1** is an employee working as a pharmacy assistant in a community pharmacy who has not acquired the competencies required to hold a qualification in Community Pharmacy and is not covered by any other classification in this Schedule.  **A.2 pharmacy assistant level 2** is an employee who has acquired the competencies required to be the holder of a Certificate II in Community Pharmacy, as determined by the National Quality Council or a successor body.  **A.3 pharmacy assistant level 3** is an employee who has acquired the competencies required to be the holder of a Certificate III in Community Pharmacy, as determined by the National Quality Council or a successor body, and who is required by the employer to work at this level.  A pharmacy assistant level 3 may be required by the employer to perform any of the following duties:  **(a)** supervise pharmacy assistants levels 1 or 2; or  **(b)** assist a pharmacist in the dispensing section of a community pharmacy; or  **(c)** work in a compounding lab or compounding section of a community pharmacy assisting with extemporaneous preparations as the major part of their duties.  **A.4 pharmacy assistant level 4** is an employee who has acquired the competencies required to be the holder of a Certificate IV in Community Pharmacy, as determined by the National Quality Council or a successor body, and who is required by the employer to work at this level.  A pharmacy assistant level 4 may be required by the employer to supervise pharmacy assistants levels 1, 2 or 3.  **A.5 pharmacy student** is an employee who is undertaking training as part of an approved program of study, as defined by section 5 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.  **A.6 pharmacy intern** is an employee who has satisfied the examination requirements of an accredited program of study, as defined by section 5 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, and who is undertaking clinical training;  **A.7 pharmacist** is an employee registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law to practise in the pharmacy profession (other than as a student).  **A.8 experienced pharmacist** is an employee who is a pharmacist with at least 4 years full-time experience (or the part-time equivalent) in a community pharmacy.  **A.9 pharmacist in charge** is an employee who is a pharmacist who assumes responsibility for the day to day supervision and functioning of the community pharmacy.  **A.10 pharmacist manager** is an employee who is a pharmacist who is responsible to the owner of the community pharmacy for all aspects of the business. | NOTE: The APESMA is pursuing additional classifications.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 39): Submits that A.3 of the revised ED has altered the legal operation of clause B.3 of the PIA. Clause B.3 of the PIA refers to a person who is engaged as a “Dispensary Assistant” being paid as a “Pharmacy Assistant Competency Level 3”. By comparison, A.3 refers to an employee “required by the employer to… assist a pharmacist in the dispensing section of a community pharmacy”. The “Dispensary Assistant” term is commonly used in the industry. In practice, an employee would not be classified at level 3 until they have been engaged in the role of “Dispensary Assistant”. PGA’s and SDA’s prior submissions both record the agreement reached between the interested parties regarding classification definition for “Pharmacy Assistant level 3”.  [**PGA**](https://www.fwc.gov.au/documents/sites/awardsmodernfouryr/am201615-sub-pga-050916.pdf) (para 40): Submits that the reference to section 5 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law in clauses A.5 and A.6 of revised ED is incorrect. There is no uniform HPRNL, although each state has legislation modelled on Queensland legislation. Whilst each state has legislation defining A.5 and A.6, these definitions may not be contained at section 5 of the legislation. Removal of the words “section 5” from each of these definitions would ameliorate this error. |
| *Proposed new provision* | **Schedule B—Summary of Hourly Rates of Pay**  *Schedule not reproduced* | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. |
| *Proposed new provision* | **Schedule C—Summary of Monetary Allowances**  *Schedule not reproduced* | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. |
| Schedule C—Supported Wage System  *Standard clause - no change* - *provision not reproduced* | **Schedule D—Supported Wage System**  *Schedule not reproduced* | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. |
| Schedule D—National Training Wage  **Appendix D1: Allocation of Traineeships to Wage Levels**  *Standard clause - no change* - *provision not reproduced* | **Schedule E—National Training Wage**  *Schedule not reproduced* | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. |
| Schedule E—2014 Part-day public holidays  *Standard clause - no change* - *provision not reproduced* | **Schedule F—2016 Part-day Public Holidays**  *Schedule not reproduced* | Common clause —for consultation in 2017. |
| 3. Definitions and interpretation | **Schedule G—Definitions**  *Moved to clause 2 – not reproduced* | The Definitions have been moved to clause 2 of the revised ED. |