

Collective Bargaining Agreement – Welfare and Educational Institutions

IT is hereby notified in terms of section 80 of the Labour Act [*Chapter 28:01*] (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) that the Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare has, approved the publication of the Collective Bargaining Agreement set out in the Schedule and registered in terms of section 79 of the Act which replaces the 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

SCHEDULE
NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Collective Bargaining Agreement entered into between the Welfare and Educational Institutions Employers Association (hereinafter referred to as “the employer”) of the one part and Zimbabwe Educational, Health, Scientific Social and Cultural Workers Union (hereinafter referred to as “the employees” or “trade union”) of the other party, being parties of the National Employment Council for the Welfare and Educational Institutions (hereinafter referred to as “the NEC”).

1. Duration of agreement

- 1.1 Notwithstanding the date of registration and publication hereof, this agreement shall run from the 1st of January 2025 to the 31st of December 2025.
- 1.2 In the event of any material movements or developments in the macro-economic fundamentals and/or other negotiating determinants necessitating a review of this agreement, the parties shall in line with the Constitution, duly meet thereafter to review the agreement.

2. New minimum wages and related matters

- 2.1 Subject to section 10 of this agreement, with effect from the 1st of January 2025, every employer shall pay not less than the minimum wage to each employee who has not completed 12 months of service as prescribed in the appropriate part of the schedule for the occupation of the employee.
- 2.2 The provisions of this agreement are minimum employment conditions on wages, salaries and benefits.
- 2.3 Subject to the provisions of the Act, workplace negotiations to top up on this agreement are permissible.
- 2.4 Where employees are receiving more favourable wages and benefits than those specified in this agreement, these shall not be withdrawn.



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2.5 If a worker was being paid more than the minimum wage for his grade prior to the 1st of January 2025, the cash differential between that wage and the relevant new minimum wage shall be maintained.

3. NEC levies, Trade Union and Employers Association dues

3.1 NEC levies are payable as follows:-

a) 2% deducted on the actual salary/ wage of an employee; and

b) 2% from the employer, giving a total of 4%

3.2 Trade Union dues are deducted from its members' actual wages/salaries and constitute 4% of each member's wage/salary.

3.3 NEC levies and Trade Union dues must be paid by the 7th of the following month.

3.4 Employers Association dues payable by their members shall be as stipulated by the Association from time to time.


3.5 Where employees' wages are paid wholly or partially in foreign currency, the deductions and remittances of NEC levies and Trade Union dues shall also be wholly or partially in foreign currency as the case may be.

3.6 Where deductions are effected in the Zimbabwe Gold (ZWG) for NEC levies and Trade Union dues and are not paid on the due date, they shall be paid at the prevailing bank rate on the date of remittance.

4. Minimum Wages Denomination

The wages captured in the Collective Bargaining Agreement are denominated in United States Dollars (US\$). The NGO sector shall continue to pay salaries in United States Dollars whilst the other sectors shall pay in US\$ or the ZWG equivalent in line with Statutory Instrument 185 of 2020. (*Exchange Control (Exclusive Use of the Zimbabwe Dollar for Domestic Transactions) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No.3)*), or the prevailing bank rate, whichever is greater.



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5. Minimum wage schedule

GRADE	NGOs	Independent A-Trust Schools	Mission Boarding Schools	Welfare C	Welfare A	Welfare B
		Independent B-Private Schools	Mission Hospitals and Clinics	Mission Day Schools	Independent F-Day - Rural	Rural ECDs
		Trust ECDs	Independent C-Private Colleges	Independent D-Home Schools A	Religious Presbyteries, Convents and Churches	
		Private ECDs	Independent D-Home Schools B	Urban 1 ECDs	Urban 2 ECDs	
		Welfare D	Independent E-Boarding			
			Independent F-Day - Urban			
			Tertiary Institutions			
			Religious Administrative Offices			
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
A1	445.20	396.68	345.92	296.43	272.60	247.66
A2	489.72	416.52	363.21	311.25	286.23	260.05
A3	538.69	437.34	381.37	326.82	300.54	273.05
B1	592.56	459.21	400.44	343.16	315.57	286.70
B2	651.82	482.17	420.46	360.32	331.35	301.04
B3	717.00	506.28	441.49	378.33	347.91	316.09
B4	788.70	531.59	463.56	397.25	365.31	331.89
B5	867.57	558.17	486.74	417.11	383.58	348.49
C1	954.33	586.08	511.08	437.97	402.75	365.91
C2	1049.76	615.38	536.63	459.86	422.89	384.21
C3	1154.73	646.15	563.46	482.86	444.04	403.42
C4	1270.21	678.46	591.64	507.00	466.24	423.59
C5	1397.23	712.38	621.22	532.35	489.55	444.77
Housing Allowance	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Transport Allowance	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00



6. Interpretation of Terms

In this agreement —

“Early Childhood Education Development Centres (ECDs)/ Nursery Schools/ Pre-Schools
“means centres for the early development of children from the age two in preparation for primary education

“Employers Association” means the Welfare and Educational Institutions Employers Association

“Employers Association dues” means contributions made by the employers for the administration of the Employers Association in terms of section 52 of the Labour Act [Chapter 28:01]

“Independent A – Trust Schools” means schools which are run by registered trusts or board of governors whose employees are employed by the trusts or boards of governors.

“Independent B – Private Schools” means schools which are run and managed by private individuals or organizations and whose employees are either employed by the private individuals or organizations.

“Independent C – Private Colleges” means colleges which are run by private individuals or organizations which provide for academic and professional courses. The employees are employed by private individuals, organizations or registered companies.

“Independent D – Home Schools A” means private schools which operate from a residential property or a home set up with an enrolment of between 1 – 50 students, which are run by individuals, organizations or private companies whose employees are employed by the same.

“Independent D – Home Schools B” means private schools which operate from a residential property or a home set up with an enrolment of 51 students and above, which are run by individuals, organizations or private companies whose employees are employed by the same.

“Independent E – Boarding” means any boarding school whose employees are employed by SDCs which do not fall under mission schools, local authority schools or government schools.



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“Independent F – Day - Urban” means any day school in urban areas whose employees are employed by SDCs which do not fall under mission schools, local authority schools or government schools.

“Independent F – Day - Rural” means any day school in rural areas whose employees are employed by SDCs which do not fall under mission schools, local authority schools or government schools.

“Mission Boarding Schools” means schools which are run by religious organizations as the responsible authority which offer boarding facilities. The employees are either directly employed by the responsible authority or SDC.

“Mission Day Schools” means schools which are run by religious organizations as responsible authorities which do not offer boarding facilities. The employees are either directly employed by the responsible authority or SDC.

“Mission Hospitals and Clinics” means health care institutions which are run by religious organizations and whose employees are employed by the responsible authority.

“NEC levies” means levies which employers and employees are statutorily required to pay NEC for its operations and these are compulsory

“Non-Governmental Organisations” means registered Private Voluntary Organisations or Trusts which operate in Zimbabwe and provide relief and developmental assistance to communities

“Private ECDs” means ECDs which operate on a private school and are run by private individuals, organizations or registered companies whose employees are employed by the same.

“Religious Organisations (Administrative Offices)” means places where the church administration is done

“Religious Organisations (Presbyteries and Convents)” means places where Ministers stay or their domiciles.

“Rural ECDs” means ECDs which are located in a rural set up and are run by private individuals, organizations or registered companies whose employees are employed by the same.



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“Tertiary Institutions” means colleges, training institutions and universities which are run by non-governmental organizations e.g. religious organizations (Churches) or other organizations, whose employees are not employed by government or local authorities.

“Trade Union” means the Zimbabwe Educational, Health, Scientific, Social and Cultural Workers Union.

“Trade Union Dues” means the subscriptions which employees pay through check off system upon filling in stop order forms and employers are required to deduct and to remit to the Trade Union in terms of section 54 of the Labour Act [Chapter 28:01].

“Trust ECDs” means ECDs/Nursery Schools/Pre-schools which operate under trust schools and are run by the board of governors or trusts whose employees are employed by the same.

“Urban 1 ECDs” means ECDs which are located in low or medium density suburbs which are run by private individuals, organizations or registered companies whose employees are employed by the same.

“Urban 2 ECDs” means ECDs which are located in high density suburbs which are run by private individuals, organizations or registered companies whose employees are employed by the same.

“Welfare A” means registered Private Voluntary Organisations that provide institutional care to persons or animals and charge a nominal fee for the services and these rely on donations and grants.


“Welfare B” means registered Private Voluntary Organisations providing institutional care to persons or animals but do not charge fees for the service.

“Welfare C” means institutions which are run by registered Private Voluntary Organizations as special education institutions and /or training institutions and rehabilitation institutions for physically and mentally handicapped people which are required to be registered in terms of the Education Act and Manpower Planning and Development Act. These charge fees for service provided.

“Welfare D” means registered private voluntary organizations which provide institutional care, support, protection, home and educational facilities to children who are orphaned,



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abandoned, and vulnerable and who are in need of care. These are run by local or international organizations, depend on donations and grants for funding and do not charge fees for the services provided.

7. Subsistence Allowances

Subsistence Allowance shall be paid to those employees who have to travel away from home on employer's business. These shall be paid as follows;

Breakfast	- US\$10
Lunch	- US\$10
Dinner	- US\$10
Out of Pocket	- US\$10

8. Transport Allowance

Transport allowance shall be paid to employees not residing on employer's premises and who are not provided with free transport.

9. Housing Allowance

Housing allowance means an allowance paid to an employee towards payment of rent, water and electricity. Housing allowance shall be paid to employees who are not provided with free accommodation by the employer.

10. Recognition of Service

Every employee who has completed at least (12) months of continuous service shall, in addition to the prescribed wage, be paid an additional 1% of the prescribed monthly wage for EACH year of completed service.

11. Educational Allowances

11.1 Mission Schools and Hospitals

- Education Allowances shall be 75% of both tuition and boarding fees for the respective school where the employee works and in the case of a mission hospital, 75% fee of the nearest mission school.
- The guiding principles for the fees to be paid are the fees paid per child at the mission school where the employee works. If there is no school at the work place, the employer pays 75% fees of his own denomination's nearest school. If the children go to a Local Authority school whose total fees are less than the 75% to be paid, then the employer pays 100% fees to the Local Authority School.
- The fees shall be on production of school invoices and paid directly to the school concerned and the employer shall be entitled to claim proof of payment thereof and these amounts are payable for 2 children.



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11.2 Early Childhood Development Centres and Creches

- 100% FOR 2 CHILDREN

11.3 Independent Educational Institutions and Special Schools Operated By Private Voluntary Organisations

- Educational Allowances shall be 75% of fees payable at local authority and governmental schools for not more than three (3) biological children of an employee

12. Proved Expenses

The employer shall pay the necessary accommodation and all subsistence expenses.

13. Overnight Accommodation

In all cases where employees are required to sleep away from home on employers' business they shall be provided with overnight accommodation. Sleeping in motor vehicles or buses shall not constitute accommodation.

14. Night Shift Allowance

Where employees are required to work night shift, they shall be paid 1% of the monthly salary rate multiplied by the number of nights worked.

15. Funeral Allowance

Where an employee has a funeral policy, any shortfall on the total cost of a coffin shall be paid by the employer or where an employee does not have a funeral policy the employer shall pay 50% of the coffin.

16. Gratuities on termination of employment

Third Schedule in Section 20 of S.I 102 of 2014 be and is hereby repealed and substituted by the following:-

Length of service	Percentage of monthly wage on Termination of employment
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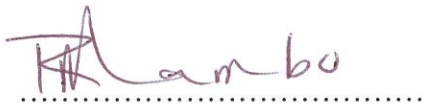
Declaration

The Employers' Organisation and the Trade Union having arrived at the agreement set forth herein, the undersigned hereby declare that the foregoing is the agreement arrived at, and affix their signatures hereto.

Signed at Harare on behalf of the Employers and Employees on this 28th day of January 2025.



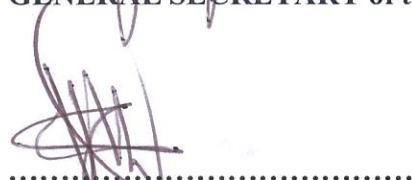
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