



FURNITURE BARGAINING COUNCIL

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TO ALL PARTY EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES (Excluding employers and employees in the Free State Province)

Sir/Madam

AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRY'S COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Please be advised that at the Industry's Annual Wage Negotiations this year, it was agreed by all Parties concerned, that the Industry's Collective Agreement be amended and that the following amendments be made effective as from **1 July 2007**:-

1. Minimum Weekly Wage Increases and Minimum Weekly Wage Rates – Furniture, Bedding & Upholstery Sector

NB: Notwithstanding that an employee working in the Furniture, Bedding & Upholstery Sector may be receiving a weekly wage, which is in excess of the minimum weekly wage rate for the work performed by him/her, such an employee nevertheless qualifies for at least a minimum weekly wage increase effective from **1 July 2007**, as listed hereunder:-

Occupation Skills Level	Occupation Skills Level Code	Minimum Weekly Wage Increases Applicable as from 1 July 2007	Minimum Weekly Wage Rates Applicable as from 1 July 2007
Unskilled Employee	05	7.2% of actual weekly wages	R391-28
Semi-skilled Employee	04	7.2% of actual weekly wages	R633-55
Skilled Employee	03	7.2% of actual weekly wages	R680-72
Chargehand	02	7.2% of actual weekly wages	R734-32
Foreman/Supervisor	01	7.2% of actual weekly wages	R734-32

Increase of Actual Weekly Wages

Increase of actual weekly wages shall be calculated as follows:

Employee's current hourly rate of pay plus 7.2%

2. Council Levies (Payable only when more than 16 hours' wages per week have been paid)

Council Levies effective from **1 July 2007** amount to R4-85 per week from the employer and R4-85 per week from the employee. This amounts to a total Council Levy of R9-70 per week, per employee.

3. **Sick Benefit Society Contributions**

Furnmed Sick Benefit Society

Employer contributions for Furnmed sick benefit society members are to be increased to R53-00 per week per member as from **1 January 2008**.

NUFAWSA Sick Benefit Society

Employer contributions for NUFAWSA sick benefit society members are to be increased to R53-00 per week per member as from **1 January 2008**.

4. **NUFAWSA Member Subscriptions**

NUFAWSA member subscriptions effective from **1 July 2007** will be R30-00 per week.

NB: All other provisions of the Industry's current Collective Agreement remain applicable together with these amendments.

Kindly ensure that all provisions of this Circular are complied with. Do not hesitate to contact the Agents of this Council should you require any additional information. Please do not contact any junior staff members of the Council.

CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

GENERAL SECRETARY

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6 June 2007