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# Motor Vehicle (Service Station, Sales Establishments, Rust Prevention and Paint Protection) Industry Award

Pay rates applicable from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 About this award summary

This document is a summary of the state Motor Vehicle (Service Station, Sales Establishments, Rust Prevention and Paint Protection) Industry Award – in this document called the Motor Vehicle Industry Award. WA awards are legal documents that outline the pay rates, allowances, working hours, and leave entitlements for employees in a particular industry or type of work.

**Complying with the provisions of a WA award is compulsory** and all employers who are covered by this WA award must provide employees with the pay rates and employment entitlements in the WA award, as outlined in this award summary and in the full award as a minimum. Potential penalties for employers who do not meet WA award requirements are detailed on page 2.

This WA award summary is a summary only and does not include all obligations required by the award. It is important to also refer to the full Motor Vehicle Industry Award that is available on the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission website <u>www.wairc.wa.gov.au</u>. Provisions of other employment legislation also apply to employees and have been included in this WA award summary where appropriate. Reference should also be made to the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993* (MCE Act), the *Long Service Leave Act 1958* (LSL Act), and the *Industrial Relations Act 1979* (IR Act) for full details.

This document is formatted for viewing on the Wageline website and contains web links to other relevant information. If using a printed copy in which links are not visible, all additional information can be found at <u>www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/wageline</u> or by contacting Wageline on 1300 655 266.

This WA award summary includes information on new employer obligations and employee entitlements introduced by the *Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment Act 2021* which commenced on 20 June 2022.

#### Disclaimer

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## Three Step Check: to make sure this WA award summary is relevant to you

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Step 1	This WA award summary applies to businesses in the <b>state industrial relations system.</b> The state system covers businesses (and their employees) that operate as:			
Is the business in the				
state system?	<ul> <li>sole traders (e.g. Jane Smith trading as Jane's Service Station)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>unincorporated partnerships (e.g. Jane and Bob Smith trading as Jane's Service Station)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>unincorporated trust arrangements (e.g. Jane and Bob Smith as trustees for the Smith Family Trust trading as Jane's Service Station)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>incorporated associations and other non-profit bodies that are not trading or financial corporations</li> </ul>			
	This summary does <b>not</b> apply to businesses and organisations in the national 'fair work' industrial relations system which operate as:			
	<ul> <li>Pty Ltd businesses that are trading or financial corporations (e.g. Smith Pty</li> </ul>			
	Ltd trading as Jane's Service Station)			
	incorporated partnerships or incorporated trusts			
	incorporated associations and other non-profit bodies that are trading or			
	financial corporations			
	For more information visit the <u>Guide to who is in the WA state system</u> page.			
	If the business or organisation is in the national system visit the Fair Work Ombudsman			
[	website www.fairwork.gov.au			
Step 2	The Motor Vehicle Industry Award covers many types of retail businesses in the state			
Is the business	industrial relations system. Businesses covered include:			
covered by the Motor	Service stations			
Vehicle Industry	✓ Roadhouses			
Award?	<ul> <li>Motor vehicle anticorrosive and/or paint protective services</li> </ul>			
	Car detailers			
	<ul> <li>Motor vehicle dealerships (note: this award does not extend to licensed motor vehicle salespersons)</li> </ul>			
Step 3	The Motor Vehicle Industry Award sets pay rates, working hours and other employment			
Is the employee's job	arrangements for employees working as:			
covered by the Motor	Service station attendants			
Vehicle Industry	Car detailers /car washers			
Award?				

Industrial inspectors at the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety have powers under the IR Act to investigate employee complaints about underpayments of pay rates and leave entitlements under this WA award and state employment laws. Industrial inspectors also undertake regular proactive compliance audits in particular industries to determine if employers are paying correct wages and keeping correct employment records.

The penalty for contravening a provision of a WA award or not complying with a requirement relating to employment records is up to \$13,000 for individuals and \$65,000 for bodies corporate. Higher penalties apply for serious contraventions of up to \$130,000 for individuals and \$650,000 for bodies corporate. An industrial inspector is also able to give a person a civil infringement notice, similar to an 'on-the-spot fine', for not complying with employment record-related requirements. Record keeping requirements are outlined in the Employment Records section of this summary.

Employees who believe that they have been underpaid, or who wish to make an anonymous report of wage theft, should visit the <u>Making a complaint about underpayment of wages or entitlements</u> page.

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## **Rates of pay**

All rates of pay are gross rates (before tax). The tables below provide the rates that apply from the first pay period on or after **1 July 2022.** 

## Adult rates of pay – applicable from the first pay period on or after 1 July 2022 until end of last pay period commenced in June 2023

Motor Vehicle Industry Employee (see page 11-12 for level descriptions)	Weekly	Hourly	Casual (includes 20% loading)
Level 1	\$819.90	\$21.58	\$25.89
Level 2	\$838.80	\$22.07	\$26.49
Level 3	\$864.20	\$22.74	\$27.29
Level 4	\$887.90	\$23.37	\$28.04

## Junior rates of pay – applicable from the first pay period on or after 1 July 2022 until end of last pay period commenced in June 2023

Age	% of Level 2 rate	Weekly	Hourly	<b>Casual</b> (includes 20% loading)
20 years	90%	\$754.90	\$19.87	\$23.84
19 years	80%	\$671.00	\$17.66	\$21.19
18 years	70%	\$587.20	\$15.45	\$18.54
17 years	60%	\$503.30	\$13.24	\$15.89
16 years	50%	\$419.40	\$11.04	\$13.24

## Registered trainee rates of pay – applicable from the first pay period on or after 1 July 2022 until end of last pay period commenced in June 2023

- Registered trainees are employees who are undertaking a traineeship registered with the <u>Apprenticeship Office</u> at the Department of Training and Workforce Development.
- Adult and junior employees undertaking a registered traineeship are covered by the Motor Vehicle Industry Award and the relevant pay rates are outlined in the tables below.
- An employer is required to pay a registered trainee for time spent at TAFE (or other off the job training) as normal working hours. An employer is not required to pay TAFE fees on behalf of the registered trainee.

#### Adult registered trainees

A registered trainee who is 21 years of age or older must be paid \$630.00 per week.

#### Junior registered trainees

The pay rates for a registered trainee who is under 21 years of age are based on the highest level of schooling the registered trainee has completed, and how long they have been out of school. The rates below apply to full time registered trainees working a 38 hour week.

	Highest Year of Schooling Completed			
School Leaver	Year 10 and below	Year 11	Year 12	
School Leaver	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	
	\$252.00	\$308.00		
	(*50%)	(*33%)		
	\$296.00	\$352.00	\$411.00	
	(*33%)	(*25%)	\$411.00	
Plus 1 year out of school	\$352.00	\$411.00	\$481.00	
Plus 2 years	\$411.00	\$481.00	\$551.00	
Plus 3 years	\$481.00	\$551.00	\$630.00	
Plus 4 years	\$551.00	\$630.00		
Plus 5 years	\$630.00			

## **Probationary period**

A full time or part time employee may be engaged subject to a probationary period not exceeding 8 weeks.

## **Deductions from pay**

- An employer may **only** make a deduction from an employee's pay if:
  - the employer is required by a court or a state or federal law to make the deduction (e.g. tax that must be withheld from the employee's pay);
  - the employee has authorised the deduction in writing (as part of a written employment contract or otherwise) and the deduction is paid on behalf of the employee; or
  - the employer is authorised by the WA award to make the deduction and the deduction is paid on behalf of the employee.
- Deductions or requirements to pay an amount of money to the employer or another person in relation to an employee under the age of 18 are not permitted unless the deduction or payment is agreed to in writing by the employee's parent or guardian.
- A term of a WA award or employment contract providing for a deduction from an employee's pay will be of no effect if it is for the benefit of the employer or a party related to the employer and is unreasonable in the circumstances.
- An employer cannot directly or indirectly compel an employee to access goods, accommodation or other services instead of money as part of the employee's pay.

## **Employment of children**

- A child who is 13 or 14 years old may work in a **retail establishment** between 6.00am and 10.00pm (excepting school hours) if the employer has obtained written permission from their parent or guardian.
- Children under 15 cannot be employed in other occupations or workplaces covered by this WA award except if the child is working as part of a school program (e.g. work experience placement) or in a family business.
- School aged children must not work in school hours except as part of a school program.
- Visit the <u>Employment of children laws in WA shop</u>, restaurant, fast food or takeaway food businesses page for more information about employing children under the age of 15 years, including a template for written parental permission.
- Visit the <u>When children can work</u> page for more information.

## Allowances

#### Leading hand allowance

An employee appointed by the employer as a leading hand must be paid the following amount, in addition to the ordinary rate of pay, if placed in charge of:

- 3 to 10 employees \$22.50 per week
- 11 to 20 employees \$34.60 per week
- more than 20 employees \$44.80 per week

#### Meal allowance

An employee required to work overtime for more than 2 hours, without being notified on the previous day or earlier, must be supplied with a meal by the employer or be paid **\$8.60** for a meal and if, owing to the amount of overtime worked, a second or subsequent meal is required, the employee must be supplied with each such meal or be paid **\$5.90** for each meal so required.

#### Location allowance for employees in regional areas

- Employees employed in certain regional towns must be paid the weekly location allowance relevant to that town. Rates listed below are for adult employees working full time. Junior employees, casual employees, part time employees, apprentices and trainees must be paid proportionate location allowance based on the proportion which their weekly wage is to the adult rate under the WA award.
- If an employee has a dependant (a spouse or partner, or a child if there is no spouse or partner) the employee is entitled to receive double the allowance specified for the relevant town except if the dependant also receives a location or district allowance payment as part of their own employment.

- If an employee has a 'partial dependant' (a dependant who receives a district or location allowance of their own . which is less than the location allowance the employee is entitled to under this award) the employee is entitled to receive:
  - the relevant location allowance for the employee's town; plus 0
  - an amount equal to the difference between the employee's location allowance and the amount their partial 0 dependant receives in district or location allowance.
- If an employee receives free board and lodging, or is paid an allowance for board and lodging, the rate of location allowance is adjusted to 66.67% (two thirds) of the rate for the relevant town.

Town	\$ per week	Town	\$ per week	Town	\$ per week
Agnew	\$23.60	Halls Creek	\$55.70	Norseman	\$21.00
Argyle	\$63.50	Kalbarri	\$8.50	Nullagine	\$61.60
Balladonia	\$24.60	Kalgoorlie	\$10.10	Onslow	\$41.30
Barrow Island	\$41.30	Kambalda	\$10.10	Pannawonica	\$30.90
Boulder	\$10.10	Karratha	\$39.90	Paraburdoo	\$30.70
Broome	\$38.10	Koolan Island	\$41.70	Port Hedland	\$33.00
Bullfinch	\$11.00	Koolyanobbing	\$11.00	Ravensthorpe	\$12.40
Carnarvon	\$19.50	Kununurra	\$63.50	Roebourne	\$46.00
Cockatoo Island	\$41.70	Laverton	\$24.20	Sandstone	\$23.60
Coolgardie	\$10.10	Learmonth	\$34.90	Shark Bay	\$19.50
Cue	\$24.30	Leinster	\$23.60	Southern Cross	\$11.00
Dampier	\$33.20	Leonora	\$24.20	Telfer	\$56.60
Denham	\$19.50	Madura	\$25.60	Teutonic Bore	\$23.60
Derby	\$39.50	Marble Bar	\$61.70	Tom Price	\$30.70
Esperance	\$6.80	Meekatharra	\$21.00	Whim Creek	\$39.50
Eucla	\$26.50	Mount Magnet	\$26.30	Wickham	\$38.10
Exmouth	\$34.90	Mundrabilla	\$26.10	Wiluna	\$23.80
Fitzroy Crossing	\$48.10	Newman	\$22.70	Wyndham	\$59.40

#### Location allowance rates effective from the first pay period on or after 1 July 2022

#### Hours and overtime

- The ordinary hours are an average of 38 hours per week to be worked on any day Monday to Sunday.
- The ordinary hours of work must not exceed 10 hours in any day provided that up to 12 hours per day may be worked as ordinary hours by agreement between the employer and the majority of employees.
- All time worked in excess of the ordinary hours of work, between Monday and Saturday (before 12 noon), is paid for at overtime rates; time and one half for the first 2 hours and double time after that. In the calculation of overtime, each day stands alone.
- Overtime worked after 12 noon on Saturday or on a Sunday is paid at the rate of double time.
- Overtime worked on a public holiday is paid at the rate of double time and a half.

#### Additional rates for ordinary hours

Full time, part time or casual employees must be paid the following additional loadings (calculated as a proportion of the appropriate full time employee's total weekly rate, divided by 38) for each hour's work performed in ordinary

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Day	From 7.00am to 6.00pm	Between 6.00pm and 7.00am
Monday to Friday	Ordinary rate	+15% of hourly full time rate
On Saturday	+25% of hourly full time rate	+40% of hourly full time rate
On Sunday	+75% of hourly full time rate	+90% of hourly full time rate
On public holidays	+100% of hourly full time rate	+115% of hourly full time rate

In the case of casual employees the above additional loadings are paid on top of, but are not compounded on, the 20% casual loading. For example, a casual employee working between 7.00am and 6.00pm on a Saturday would be paid as follows:

Total rate of pay = full time hourly rate of pay + 25% + 20%

= full time hourly rate of pay + 45%

## **Meal breaks**

- Where it is practical to relieve an employee from the work station, an employee must be allowed an **unpaid** meal break in accordance with the following:
  - more than 5 and up to 8 ordinary hours 30 minutes;
  - o more than 8 and up to 10 ordinary hours 45 minutes; and
  - more than 10 and up to 12 ordinary hours 1 hour.
- An employee who is rostered to take an unpaid meal break and is prevented from doing so for more than one hour must be paid at overtime rates for the period commencing at the scheduled meal break until the meal interval is taken.
- Where it is not practical for an employee to be relieved from the workstation for a rostered and uninterrupted meal break, a **paid** meal break must be allowed to an employee in accordance with the following:
  - more than 5 and up to 8 ordinary hours 20 minutes;
  - o more than 8 and up to 10 ordinary hours 30 minutes; and
  - o more than 10 and up to 12 ordinary hours 45 minutes.
- Employees entitled to a paid meal break must be allowed the meal break at the workstation to partake of meals and refreshments that would ordinarily be allowed for unpaid breaks, provided that customer service must be maintained at all times.

## **Public holidays**

- Full time employees are entitled to public holidays (or days substituted for public holidays) without deduction of pay. Part time employees are entitled to public holidays (or days substituted for public holidays) without deduction of pay if they would ordinarily be required to work on that day if it was not a public holiday.
- Under this award, if a public holiday (except Easter Sunday) falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday
  will be considered to be the public holiday. However, if Boxing Day falls on a Sunday or Monday, the following
  Tuesday will be considered to be the public holiday. When a public holiday is substituted with another day, the
  public holiday itself is no longer considered a public holiday for the purposes of the award.
- From 2022, Easter Sunday is a public holiday in Western Australia. The Easter Sunday public holiday is observed on the actual day, and it is not substituted to another day solely because it falls on a weekend. Employees required to work on Easter Sunday must be paid at public holiday penalty rates. Visit the <u>Easter Sunday public holiday</u> page for more information.
- Visit the Public Holidays in Western Australia page to view the public holiday dates.

## Leave entitlements

Quick ref	erence guide	Quick reference guide				
Leave entitlement	Full time	Part time	Casual			
Annual leave	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	x			
Personal leave	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	x			
Unpaid personal leave for caring purposes	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓			
Bereavement leave	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓			
Unpaid parental leave	$\checkmark$	✓	✓			
Long service leave	$\checkmark$	✓	✓			
Unpaid family and domestic violence leave	$\checkmark$	✓	✓			

#### This WA award summary covers the basic leave entitlements for employees covered by the **Motor Vehicle Industry Award** but does **not** include all details on leave obligations and entitlements. Full details of conditions are contained in the award, available on the WA Industrial Relations Commission website <u>www.wairc.wa.gov.au</u>, the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993* and the *Long Service Leave Act 1958*.

#### **Bereavement leave**

- All employees, including casual employees, are entitled to two days paid bereavement leave per occasion on the death of a spouse, de facto partner, parent, step-parent, grandparent, child, step-child, grandchild, sibling or any other member of the employee's household. The two days need not be consecutive.
- Bereavement leave is a minimum entitlement from the Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993.

#### **Annual leave**

- Full time employees are entitled to a minimum of four weeks of paid annual leave for each year of completed service, up to 152 hours. Part time employees are entitled to a minimum of annual leave of four weeks per year paid on a pro rata basis according to the number of hours they are required ordinarily to work in a four week period. Casual employees are not entitled to annual leave.
- Annual leave is a minimum entitlement in the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993* and the Motor Vehicle Industry Award sets out additional requirements regarding annual leave and annual leave loading.
- During a period of annual leave an employee must be paid annual leave loading of 17.5%. If an employee would have received any additional rates for work performed in ordinary hours, had he or she not been on leave, and this would be a greater amount than the 17.5% loading, then such additional rates must be paid in lieu of the 17.5% loading. On termination, annual leave loading of 17.5% is paid out on fully accrued annual leave entitlements for completed years of employment. Annual leave loading is not paid on proportionate leave (leave accrued in an incomplete year of employment) on termination.
- Annual leave accrues on a weekly basis:
  - A full time employee accrues 2.923 hours of annual leave for each completed week of work.
  - A part time employee accrues the relevant proportion of 2.923 hours annual leave for each completed week of work.
  - Wageline's <u>Annual leave calculation guide</u> can assist with calculating annual leave entitlements.
- Visit Wageline's <u>Annual leave</u> page for more information.

#### **Parental leave**

Employees, including eligible casual employees, are entitled to the unpaid parental leave entitlements in the National Employment Standards of the *Fair Work Act 2009*, as well as a number of more beneficial conditions contained in the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993* (a return to work after parental leave on a modified basis and a reversion to pre-parental leave working conditions). Visit the <u>Parental leave</u> page for more details.

#### **Personal leave**

- Personal leave entitles a full time or part time employee to paid time off work due to either illness or injury to themselves, or because they have to care for a member of their family or household who requires care or support because they are sick, injured or affected by an unexpected emergency.
- Each year, full time and part time employees accrue paid personal leave equal to the number of hours they would ordinarily work in a two week period, up to 76 hours per year. Personal leave is a cumulative entitlement, and any leave not taken in one year is carried over and able to be taken in future years.
- Paid personal leave accrues on a weekly basis for full and part time employees. Wageline's <u>Personal leave</u> <u>calculation guide</u> can assist with calculating paid personal leave entitlements.
- An employee, including a casual employee, is entitled to up to two days of unpaid personal leave per occasion when a member of the employee's family or household requires care or support because of a personal illness or injury or unexpected emergency affecting the member. A full time or part time employee cannot take unpaid personal leave for caring purposes if they have paid personal leave available.
- Casual employees are not entitled to paid personal leave. Casual employees can access up to two days of unpaid personal leave for caring purposes per occasion.
- Personal leave is a minimum entitlement from the Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993.
- Visit Wageline's <u>Personal leave</u> page for definitions of 'member of the family or household' or for more information.

#### Family and domestic violence leave

- All employees are entitled to five days' unpaid family and domestic violence leave in each 12 month period. This
  leave is available in full at the start of each 12 month period of an employee's employment and does not
  accumulate from year to year. The five days' leave is available in full to part time and casual employees (i.e. it is
  not pro rata).
- An employee is able to take unpaid family and domestic violence leave if:
  - o the employee is experiencing family and domestic violence; and
  - o the employee needs to do something to deal with the impact of the family and domestic violence; and
  - o it is impractical for the employee to do that thing outside the employee's ordinary hours of work.
- Leave can be taken in a single continuous five day period, separate periods of one or more days each, or periods
  of less than one day.

- Family and domestic violence leave is a minimum entitlement from the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993*.
- Visit Wageline's Family and domestic violence leave page for more information.

#### Long service leave

- Long service leave is a paid leave entitlement for full time, part time and casual employees. Under the *Long Service Leave Act 1958* (LSL Act), an employee may be eligible for long service leave:
  - after 10 years of continuous employment with the same employer, and for every 5 years of continuous employment after the initial 10 years; and
- o on a pro-rata basis when their employment ends after 7 years of continuous employment but before 10 years.
- The <u>Long service leave</u> pages of the Wageline website contain information on who is covered by the LSL Act, the entitlement to long service leave, how long service leave can be taken and frequently asked questions.
- To be entitled to long service leave an employee's employment with their employer must be continuous. There are some paid and unpaid absences or interruptions to an employee's employment that:
  - o do not break an employee's continuous employment; and
  - count towards the employee's period of employment for the purposes of accruing long service leave.
     Some other types of absences do not break an employee's continuous employment, but do not count towards an employee's period of employment for the purposes of accruing long service leave. Visit the Long service leave What is continuous employment page for details.
- An employee's employment may in some circumstances also be continuous despite a change in the ownership of a business and the associated change of employer. This applies regardless of anything written in a sale of business contract. Visit the <u>Long service leave – What happens when business ownership changes</u>? page for details.
- The <u>WA long service leave calculator</u> can provide an estimate of an employee's long service leave entitlement when employment ends as a result of resignation, dismissal, death or redundancy.

## Resignation, termination and redundancy

#### **Resignation by the employee**

An employee wishing to terminate their services with the employer needs to give one week's notice.

During a probationary period (not exceeding eight weeks) an employee is not required to give notice to terminate the employment contract.

A casual employee may terminate with one hour's notice.

#### Termination

An employer is required to give a casual employee one hour's notice of termination.

Except in cases of serious misconduct, an employer is required to give full time and part time employees the following period of notice of termination (or payment in lieu):

Period of continuous service	Notice period
Not more than 1 year	1 week
More than 1 year but not more than 3 years*	2 weeks
More than 3 years but not more than 5 years*	3 weeks
More than 5 years*	4 weeks

\*Employees over 45 years of age with two or more years of continuous service must receive an additional week's notice.

#### **Dismissal requirements**

Under state laws, employees cannot be dismissed if to do so would be harsh, unfair or oppressive. There must be a valid and fair reason for dismissal, such as:

- consistent unsatisfactory work performance (which has been raised with the employee and the employee given further training and an opportunity to improve their work performance);
- inappropriate behaviour or actions; or
- serious misconduct.

The <u>Dismissal information</u> page outlines obligations and requirements when an employee is terminated.

#### Redundancy

An employee is redundant when their employer has made a definite decision that they no longer wish the job the employee has been doing to be done by anyone.

When an employee has been made redundant they are entitled to receive:

- the appropriate notice period or pay in lieu of notice, as outlined above in the termination section;
- paid leave for job interviews;
- any unpaid wages;
- any unused accrued and pro rata annual leave;
- any unused accrued long service leave;
- pro rata long service leave (if applicable); and
- severance pay (if applicable).

Visit the <u>Redundancy – General information</u> page for information on redundancy obligations.

#### Severance pay – Employers who employ 15 or more employees

Employers covered by this award who employ 15 or more employees must pay severance pay when an employee is made redundant, as outlined in the table below.

Period of continuous service*		Number of weeks severance pay
Less than 1 year		Nil
1 year and less than 2 years		4 weeks
2 years and less than 3 years		6 weeks
3 years and less than 4 years		7 weeks
4 years and less than 5 years		8 weeks
5 years and less than 6 years	•	10 weeks
6 years and less than 7 years		11 weeks
7 years and less than 8 years		13 weeks
8 years and less than 9 years		14 weeks
9 years and less than 10 years		16 weeks
10 years and over		12 weeks

\*An employee's period of continuous service includes any service with that business under a previous employer where there has been a transmission of the business.

Employers who employ less than 15 employees are not required to make severance payments to redundant employees.

These severance pay requirements do not apply to probationary employees, apprentices and trainees, casual and contract employees or employees terminated due to serious misconduct or for other reasons not related to redundancy.

Redundancy pay is calculated based on the applicable number of weeks' severance multiplied by ordinary time earnings. Ordinary time earnings excludes overtime, penalty rates, and allowances.

If the employee resigns during the notice period, they are entitled to the same severance pay they would receive if they had worked until the end of the notice period. However, in this circumstance the employee is not entitled to payment in lieu of notice.

Visit the <u>Recondancy payments</u> page for more information on redundancy payments.

## Pay slip and record keeping requirements

Employers must provide all employees with a pay slip, and must keep employment records as required by state employment law. There are penalties for not keeping records and not providing a pay slip.

#### **Pay slips**

Employers need to provide a pay slip to each employee within one working day of paying the employee for work performed. The employer can decide whether to give a hard copy or electronic form of the pay slip.

A pay slip needs to include the following information:

- the employer's name and Australian Business Number (if any);
- the employee's name;
- the period to which the pay slip relates;
- the date on which the payment referred to in the pay slip was made;
- the gross and net amounts of the payment, and any amount withheld as tax;
- any incentive based payment, or payment of a bonus, loading, penalty rates or another monetary allowance or separately identifiable entitlement;
- if an amount is deducted from the gross amount of the payment:
  - the name of the person in relation to whom or which the deduction was made;
  - if the deduction was paid into a fund or account the name, or the name and number, of the fund or account; and
  - the purpose of the deduction;
- if the employee is paid at an hourly rate of pay:
  - the rate of pay for the employee's ordinary hours;
  - o the number of hours worked during the period to which the pay slip relates; and
  - the amount of the payment made at that rate;
- if the employee is paid a weekly or an annual rate of pay the rate as at the latest date to which the payment relates;
- if the employer is required to make superannuation contributions for the benefit of the employee:
  - the amount of each contribution that the employer made during the period to which the pay slip relates and the name, or the name and number, of any fund to which the contribution was made; or
  - the amounts of the contributions that the employer is liable to make in relation to the period to which the pay slip relates, and the name, or the name and number, of any fund to which the contributions will be made.

Wageline's Pay slip information page provides more information and a pay slip template to assist employers.

#### **Employment records**

#### Record keeping requirements

It is compulsory for all employers to keep employment records which include the following information:

- the employee's name and, if under 21 years of age, their date of birth;
- the employer's name and Australian Business Number (if any);
- the name of the WA award that applies (in this case the Motor Vehicle Industry Award);
- date the employee commenced employment with the employer;
- for each day of work:
  - the time at which the employee started and finished work;
  - o period/s for which the employee was paid; and
  - $\,\circ\,$  details of work breaks including meal breaks;
- for each pay period:
  - o the employee's designation (such as full time, part time, casual) and employee classification;
  - o the gross and net amounts paid to the employee;
  - o any amount withheld as tax; and
  - $\,\circ\,$  all deductions from pay and the reasons for them;
- any incentive based payment, bonus, loading, penalty rates or other monetary allowance or entitlement;
- all leave taken, whether paid, partly paid or unpaid;

- the following matters relating to superannuation:
  - the date on which each superannuation contribution was made, the amount of the contributions, the period over which the contributions were made, the name of any fund to which a contribution was made;
  - how the employer worked out the amount of superannuation owed; and
  - any choice made by the employee as to which fund their contributions are to be made and the date on which the choice was made;
- the information necessary for the calculation of and payment of long service leave under the LSL Act. Employers are also be required to comply with the record keeping requirements in the LSL Act. Visit www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/longserviceleave for details;
- any other information necessary to show that the pay and benefits received by the employee comply with the WA award and other legal obligations such as employee entitlements under the MCE Act or LSL Act; and
- any other information required by the WA award to be recorded.

It is also compulsory to keep employment records that detail specific information regarding:

- termination related matters; and
- any supported wage system or a supported wage industrial instrument provision that applies to an employee with a disability.

If an employer makes a payment to an employee in cash, the employer must provide a record of the payment to the employee and ensure that a copy of the record of payment is kept as an employment record.

Wageline's <u>Employment records - Employer obligations</u> page provides more information and record keeping templates to assist employers.

#### Time periods for keeping records

It is compulsory that each entry in relation to annual leave and long service leave must be retained during the employee's period of employment and for not less than 7 years after the employment ends and each other employment record must be retained for not less than 7 years after it is made.

### Classifications

During the first 8 weeks of employment a new employee who has no previous experience at that level may be paid the rates of pay prescribed for the level immediately below their classification whilst skills acquisition and on the job training is occurring.

#### Motor vehicle industry employee level 1

An employee at this level performs routine duties essentially of a manual nature and to the level of their training:

- a) performs general labouring and cleaning duties
- b) exercises minimal judgement
- c) works under direct supervision
- d) is undertaking structured training so as to enable the employee to work at Level 2
- e) provides customer service to the required standard.

Level 1 employees carry out work connected with functions including:

- car washing/polishing (manual)
- provisioning of driveway supplies
- windscreen cleaning
- manual fuel dispensing

#### Motor vehicle industry employee level 2

An employee at this level performs work above and beyond the skills of an employee at Level 1 and to the level of the employee's training:

- a) works under direct supervision either individually or in a team environment
- b) understands and undertakes basic quality control/assurance procedures including
  - (i) the ability to recognise the basic quality deviations and faults
  - (ii) the ability to determine the level of action required and takes appropriate action having regard to the employee's level of skills, competence and training
- c) provides customer service to the required standard
- d) exercises limited discretion within established procedures and limits

Level 2 employees carry out work connected with the functions including:

- control of the automated car washing facilities including supervising Level 1 and rectifying faults
- stock counting and recording, replenishing and rotation
- maintenance of vehicle presentation standards of interior/exterior
- removal and replacement of minor panelling and application of rust proofing for routine vehicles
- under bonnet checks, tyre pressure checks and wheel changing
- assist with hire and sales transactions (e.g. trailers, vehicles, lawnmowers)
- assist with the provisions of on the job training
- greasing and lubrication
- servicing of vehicles (where no mechanical knowledge is required)

#### Motor vehicle industry employee level 3

An employee at this level performs work above and beyond the skills of an employee at Level 2 and to the level of the employee's training:

- a) is responsible for the quality of the employee's own work subject to routine supervision
- b) works under routine supervision either individually or in a team environment
- c) exercises discretion within the employee's level of skills and training
- d) provides customer service to the required standard

Level 3 employees carry out work connected with the functions including:

- vehicle detailing
- wheel balancing, tyre repair and fitting
- assisting in console operation and all sales/hire/service/credit transactions
- co-ordination of rust proofing duties and perform non routine tasks

#### Motor vehicle industry employee level 4

An employee at this level performs work above and beyond the skills of an employee at Level 3 and to the level of the employee's training:

- a) works from complex instructions and procedures
- b) assists in the provision of on the job training
- c) co-ordinates work in a team environment or works individually under general supervision
- d) is responsible for assuring the quality of the employee's own work
- e) provides customer service to the required standard

Level 4 employees carry out work connected with the following functions:

- console operators working alone responsible for customer/supplier requirements and/or who are responsible for the work of Level 3 console operators
- advanced stock control procedures including ordering and receiving.

