

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE MINIMUM WAGE ACROSS CANADA SINCE 2006:

- Newfoundland and Labrador will see 50-cent hikes every six months over the next two years starting 01 January 2009 to reach \$10.00 by 01 July 2010, a 25% increase from \$8.00 to \$10.00.
- Prince Edward Island increased its minimum wage from \$7.50 to \$7.75 on 01 May 2008 and from \$7.75 to \$8.00 on 01 October 2008, a total increase of 6.7%.
- In Nova Scotia, the minimum wage is scheduled to increase 27% to \$9.65 by October 2010 from \$7.60 prior to 01 May 2008.
- New Brunswick increased its minimum wage 16% since October 2006 from \$6.60 to \$7.75.
- Quebec's general minimum wage increased from \$7.60 in early 2006 to \$8.50, a 12% gain. Quebec's minimum wage for tipped employees increased by 13% over the same period from \$6.85 to \$7.75.
- Ontario's minimum wage will increase by 17% between now and 31 March 2010. Added to the most recent hike on 31 March 2008, the minimum wage will increase 28% over a two year period from \$8.00 to \$10.25.
- Manitoba's minimum wage has increased 17% in the past three years from \$7.25 to \$8.50.
- Saskatchewan will see its minimum wage increase from \$7.95 prior to 01 January 2008 to \$9.25 on 01 May 2009, an increase of more than 16%.
- Since September 2007 Alberta has increased its minimum wage from \$7.00 to \$8.40, a 20% increase.
- British Columbia has held its minimum wage at \$8.00 since 01 November 2001.