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Welcome to the Employment New Zealand newsletter. Here you will find the latest news and information about employment rights and responsibilities.



Minimum wage increases take effect on 1 April

An increase to the adult minimum wage will take effect on 1 April 2022. The minimum wage for starting-out and training will also increase.

Find out more about the increases, and how to be ready.

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Financial support during COVID-19

The Government has put in place a range of measures to support businesses, employers and employees impacted by COVID-19. These include the new COVID-19 Support Payment to help businesses struggling financially during the Omicron outbreak, a Short Term Absence Payment and the Leave Support Scheme.

Please note that the Leave Support Scheme is there to help businesses to pay employees who are required to self-isolate and cannot work from home – regardless of whether or not they are sick themselves.

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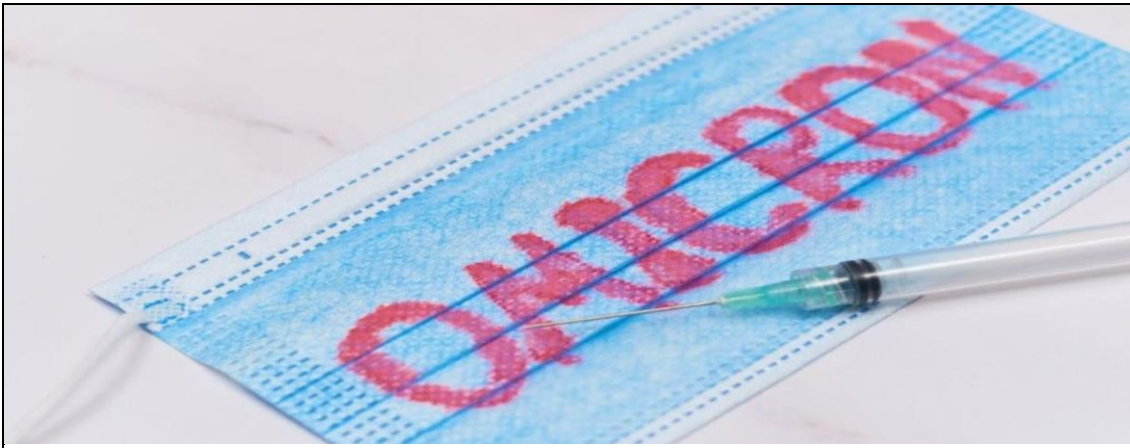


Resolve workplace issues before they become more serious

Employment New Zealand, part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), provides a free phone-based service to help resolve workplace issues early, quickly and informally – before they become more serious and require a more formal process.

Find out how the Early Resolution service works, and where to start.

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Keep up with your rights and obligations during the Omicron outbreak

Employers and employees continue to work together to slow the spread of COVID-19, protect New Zealand and keep us all safe. As the outbreak has evolved, so have the measures required to achieve that goal.

If you have a question about the rules relating to such things as self-isolation, leave and pay, and changes in work arrangements, our online guide has the answers.

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