

Pay Guide - Poultry Processing Award

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When do the rates in the pay guide apply from? The first full pay period starting on or after 01 July 2026.

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Rates of pay

If the Leading hand allowance applies the rates below should not be used, and should be calculated using the [Pay and Conditions Tool](#).

Adult

Full-time & part-time

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Classification	Weekly pay rate	Hourly pay rate	Saturday - day workers (agreement to work ordinary hours) and shiftworkers	Sunday - day workers (agreement to work ordinary hours) and shiftworkers	Public holiday	Early morning shift - Monday to Friday	Afternoon shift - Monday to Friday
Process employee level 1	\$997.40	\$26.25	\$39.38	\$45.94	\$65.63	\$28.88	\$30.19
Process employee level 2	\$1,024.10	\$26.95	\$40.43	\$47.16	\$67.38	\$29.65	\$30.99
Process employee level 3	\$1,037.70	\$27.31	\$40.97	\$47.79	\$68.28	\$30.04	\$31.41
Process employee level 4	\$1,051.20	\$27.66	\$41.49	\$48.41	\$69.15	\$30.43	\$31.81
Process employee level 5	\$1,064.30	\$28.01	\$42.02	\$49.02	\$70.03	\$30.81	\$32.21
Process employee level 6	\$1,091.70	\$28.73	\$43.10	\$50.28	\$71.83	\$31.60	\$33.04

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Classification	Night shift - Monday to Friday	Permanent night shift - Monday to Friday	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - first 3 hours	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - after 3 hours	Overtime - Sunday	Overtime - public holiday	Less than 10 hour break between shifts	Less than 8 hour break between shifts - change to shift
Process employee level 1	\$30.19	\$32.81	\$39.38	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$65.63	\$52.50	\$52.50
Process employee level 2	\$30.99	\$33.69	\$40.43	\$53.90	\$53.90	\$67.38	\$53.90	\$53.90
Process employee level 3	\$31.41	\$34.14	\$40.97	\$54.62	\$54.62	\$68.28	\$54.62	\$54.62
Process employee level 4	\$31.81	\$34.58	\$41.49	\$55.32	\$55.32	\$69.15	\$55.32	\$55.32
Process employee level 5	\$32.21	\$35.01	\$42.02	\$56.02	\$56.02	\$70.03	\$56.02	\$56.02
Process employee level 6	\$33.04	\$35.91	\$43.10	\$57.46	\$57.46	\$71.83	\$57.46	\$57.46

Casual

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Classification	Hourly pay rate	Saturday - day workers (agreement to work ordinary hours) and shiftworkers	Sunday - day workers (agreement to work ordinary hours) and shiftworkers	Public holiday	Early morning shift - Monday to Friday	Afternoon shift - Monday to Friday	Night shift - Monday to Friday
Process employee level 1	\$32.81	\$39.38	\$45.94	\$65.63	\$35.44	\$36.75	\$36.75
Process employee level 2	\$33.69	\$40.43	\$47.16	\$67.38	\$36.38	\$37.73	\$37.73
Process employee level 3	\$34.14	\$40.97	\$47.79	\$68.28	\$36.87	\$38.23	\$38.23
Process employee level 4	\$34.58	\$41.49	\$48.41	\$69.15	\$37.34	\$38.72	\$38.72
Process employee level 5	\$35.01	\$42.02	\$49.02	\$70.03	\$37.81	\$39.21	\$39.21
Process employee level 6	\$35.91	\$43.10	\$50.28	\$71.83	\$38.79	\$40.22	\$40.22

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Classification	Permanent night shift - Monday to Friday	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - first 3 hours	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - after 3 hours	Overtime - Sunday	Overtime - public holiday
Process employee level 1	\$39.38	\$39.38	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$65.63
Process employee level 2	\$40.43	\$40.43	\$53.90	\$53.90	\$67.38
Process employee level 3	\$40.97	\$40.97	\$54.62	\$54.62	\$68.28
Process employee level 4	\$41.49	\$41.49	\$55.32	\$55.32	\$69.15
Process employee level 5	\$42.02	\$42.02	\$56.02	\$56.02	\$70.03
Process employee level 6	\$43.10	\$43.10	\$57.46	\$57.46	\$71.83

Junior - Full-time & part-time - Under 17 years of age

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Classification	Hourly pay rate	Saturday - day workers (agreement to work ordinary hours) and shiftworkers	Sunday - day workers (agreement to work ordinary hours) and shiftworkers	Public holiday	Early morning shift - Monday to Friday	Afternoon shift - Monday to Friday	Night shift - Monday to Friday
Process employee level 1	\$18.37	\$27.56	\$32.15	\$45.93	\$20.21	\$21.13	\$21.13
Process employee level 2	\$18.87	\$28.31	\$33.02	\$47.18	\$20.76	\$21.70	\$21.70
Process employee level 3	\$19.12	\$28.68	\$33.46	\$47.80	\$21.03	\$21.99	\$21.99
Process employee level 4	\$19.36	\$29.04	\$33.88	\$48.40	\$21.30	\$22.26	\$22.26
Process employee level 5	\$19.61	\$29.42	\$34.32	\$49.03	\$21.57	\$22.55	\$22.55
Process employee level 6	\$20.11	\$30.17	\$35.19	\$50.28	\$22.12	\$23.13	\$23.13

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Classification	Permanent night shift - Monday to Friday	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - first 3 hours	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - after 3 hours	Overtime - Sunday	Overtime - public holiday	Less than 10 hour break between shifts	Less than 8 hour break between shifts - change to shift
Process employee level 1	\$22.96	\$27.56	\$36.74	\$36.74	\$45.93	\$36.74	\$36.74
Process employee level 2	\$23.59	\$28.31	\$37.74	\$37.74	\$47.18	\$37.74	\$37.74
Process employee level 3	\$23.90	\$28.68	\$38.24	\$38.24	\$47.80	\$38.24	\$38.24
Process employee level 4	\$24.20	\$29.04	\$38.72	\$38.72	\$48.40	\$38.72	\$38.72
Process employee level 5	\$24.51	\$29.42	\$39.22	\$39.22	\$49.03	\$39.22	\$39.22
Process employee level 6	\$25.14	\$30.17	\$40.22	\$40.22	\$50.28	\$40.22	\$40.22

Junior - Full-time & part-time - 17 years of age

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Classification	Hourly pay rate	Saturday - day workers (agreement to work ordinary hours) and shiftworkers	Sunday - day workers (agreement to work ordinary hours) and shiftworkers	Public holiday	Early morning shift - Monday to Friday	Afternoon shift - Monday to Friday	Night shift - Monday to Friday
Process employee level 1	\$21.00	\$31.50	\$36.75	\$52.50	\$23.10	\$24.15	\$24.15
Process employee level 2	\$21.56	\$32.34	\$37.73	\$53.90	\$23.72	\$24.79	\$24.79
Process employee level 3	\$21.85	\$32.78	\$38.24	\$54.63	\$24.04	\$25.13	\$25.13
Process employee level 4	\$22.13	\$33.20	\$38.73	\$55.33	\$24.34	\$25.45	\$25.45
Process employee level 5	\$22.41	\$33.62	\$39.22	\$56.03	\$24.65	\$25.77	\$25.77
Process employee level 6	\$22.98	\$34.47	\$40.22	\$57.45	\$25.28	\$26.43	\$26.43

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Classification	Permanent night shift - Monday to Friday	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - first 3 hours	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - after 3 hours	Overtime - Sunday	Overtime - public holiday	Less than 10 hour break between shifts	Less than 8 hour break between shifts - change to shift
Process employee level 1	\$26.25	\$31.50	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$52.50	\$42.00	\$42.00
Process employee level 2	\$26.95	\$32.34	\$43.12	\$43.12	\$53.90	\$43.12	\$43.12
Process employee level 3	\$27.31	\$32.78	\$43.70	\$43.70	\$54.63	\$43.70	\$43.70
Process employee level 4	\$27.66	\$33.20	\$44.26	\$44.26	\$55.33	\$44.26	\$44.26
Process employee level 5	\$28.01	\$33.62	\$44.82	\$44.82	\$56.03	\$44.82	\$44.82
Process employee level 6	\$28.73	\$34.47	\$45.96	\$45.96	\$57.45	\$45.96	\$45.96

Junior - Casual - Under 17 years of age

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Classification	Hourly pay rate	Saturday - day workers (agreement to work ordinary hours) and shiftworkers	Sunday - day workers (agreement to work ordinary hours) and shiftworkers	Public holiday	Early morning shift - Monday to Friday	Afternoon shift - Monday to Friday	Night shift - Monday to Friday
Process employee level 1	\$22.96	\$27.56	\$32.15	\$45.93	\$24.80	\$25.72	\$25.72
Process employee level 2	\$23.59	\$28.31	\$33.02	\$47.18	\$25.47	\$26.42	\$26.42
Process employee level 3	\$23.90	\$28.68	\$33.46	\$47.80	\$25.81	\$26.77	\$26.77
Process employee level 4	\$24.20	\$29.04	\$33.88	\$48.40	\$26.14	\$27.10	\$27.10
Process employee level 5	\$24.51	\$29.42	\$34.32	\$49.03	\$26.47	\$27.45	\$27.45
Process employee level 6	\$25.14	\$30.17	\$35.19	\$50.28	\$27.15	\$28.15	\$28.15

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Classification	Permanent night shift - Monday to Friday	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - first 3 hours	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - after 3 hours	Overtime - Sunday	Overtime - public holiday
Process employee level 1	\$27.56	\$27.56	\$36.74	\$36.74	\$45.93
Process employee level 2	\$28.31	\$28.31	\$37.74	\$37.74	\$47.18
Process employee level 3	\$28.68	\$28.68	\$38.24	\$38.24	\$47.80
Process employee level 4	\$29.04	\$29.04	\$38.72	\$38.72	\$48.40
Process employee level 5	\$29.42	\$29.42	\$39.22	\$39.22	\$49.03
Process employee level 6	\$30.17	\$30.17	\$40.22	\$40.22	\$50.28

Junior - Casual - 17 years of age

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Process employee level 1	\$26.25	\$31.50	\$36.75	\$52.50	\$28.35	\$29.40	\$29.40
Process employee level 2	\$26.95	\$32.34	\$37.73	\$53.90	\$29.11	\$30.18	\$30.18
Process employee level 3	\$27.31	\$32.78	\$38.24	\$54.63	\$29.50	\$30.59	\$30.59
Process employee level 4	\$27.66	\$33.20	\$38.73	\$55.33	\$29.88	\$30.98	\$30.98
Process employee level 5	\$28.01	\$33.62	\$39.22	\$56.03	\$30.25	\$31.37	\$31.37
Process employee level 6	\$28.73	\$34.47	\$40.22	\$57.45	\$31.02	\$32.17	\$32.17

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Classification	Permanent night shift - Monday to Friday	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - first 3 hours	Overtime - Monday to Saturday - after 3 hours	Overtime - Sunday	Overtime - public holiday
Process employee level 1	\$31.50	\$31.50	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$52.50
Process employee level 2	\$32.34	\$32.34	\$43.12	\$43.12	\$53.90
Process employee level 3	\$32.78	\$32.78	\$43.70	\$43.70	\$54.63
Process employee level 4	\$33.20	\$33.20	\$44.26	\$44.26	\$55.33
Process employee level 5	\$33.62	\$33.62	\$44.82	\$44.82	\$56.03
Process employee level 6	\$34.47	\$34.47	\$45.96	\$45.96	\$57.45

Allowances

If any all purpose allowances apply (marked *), they should be added to the minimum rate before casual loading, penalties and overtime are calculated.

Allowances	Rate
Cold work allowance -15.6°C to -18.0°C	\$1.00 per hour or part thereof
Cold work allowance less than -18.0°C to -23.3°C	\$1.75 per hour or part thereof
Cold work allowance less than -23.3°C	\$2.75 per hour or part thereof
First aid allowance	\$22.42 per week
* Leading hand allowance - in charge of 1-19 employees	\$1.08 per hour per hour, payment in addition to the minimum wage for the highest classification supervised, or own minimum wage, whichever is higher
* Leading hand allowance - in charge of more than 20 employees	\$1.80 per hour per hour, payment in addition to the minimum wage for the highest classification supervised, or own minimum wage, whichever is higher
Meal allowance - overtime	\$19.14
Vehicle allowance	\$1.00 per km