

# Joint Negotiating Committee for Local Authority Craft & Associated Employees

**To: Chief Executives in England and Wales  
(with copies for Personnel Director, Finance Director and DLO Manager)  
Provincial Employers' Secretaries  
Local Authority Associations' Secretaries  
Members of the Joint Negotiating Committee**

6 October 2008

Dear Chief Executive,

## **CIRCULAR CR 1/08**

### **2008/09 CRAFT PAY RATES**

**1. Pay (see Annex A)**

Agreement has now been reached on rates of pay applicable from **1 April 2008**.

**2. Tool Allowances / Insurance (see Annex A)**

Agreement has now been reached on rates of tool allowances, together with the maximum liability for insurance purposes, from **1 April 2008**.

Yours sincerely

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Joint Secretaries

**1. CRAFT & ASSOCIATED EMPLOYEES**

Pay for craft & associated employees from the pay week including 1 April 2008 are as follows:

Designation	1 Apr 08 £ Per Week	1 Apr 08 £ Per Annum
1. Building Labourer	240.82	12,557
2. Heating & Ventilation Mate	272.17	14,192
3. Building Craft Operative	274.51	14,314
4. Plumber	293.98	15,329
5. Engineer & Electrician	303.45	15,823

**1. APPRENTICES & TRAINEES**

**RATES LINKED TO RESPECTIVE CRAFT RATES EXPRESSED IN PERCENTAGE EQUIVALENTS OF THE FULLTIME CRAFTWORKERS RATE OF PAY.**

**2.1 Building & Civil Engineering Apprentices (excluding plumbers)**

(a) Building Industry Apprentices following a recognised training course. Rate per week and rate for calculation of overtime and other premium payments from the pay week including 1 April 2008 are as follows (percentage of full time rate is denoted in brackets).

Age at Entry	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year and Until Skills Test or NVQ Level 2 is Passed	On Passing Skills Test or NVQ Level 2
	1 Apr 08	1 Apr 08	1 Apr 08
<b>16 Years</b>	£150.99 (55%)	£192.17 (70%)	£260.80 (95%)
<b>17 Years</b>	£150.99 (55%)	£233.35 (85%)	£260.80 (95%)

(b) Building and Civil Engineering entrants over 18 years of age. Normal period of three years. Rate per week and rate for calculation of overtime and other premium payments from the pay week including 1 April 2008 are as follows (percentage of full time rate is denoted in brackets).

<b>Age at Entry</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>
	<b>1 Apr 08</b>	<b>1 Apr 08</b>	<b>1 Apr 08</b>
<b>Entrants over 18 Years</b>	£233.35 (85%)	£247.07 (90%)	£260.80 (95%)

(a) Young Labourers. When 16 and 17 year olds are not fulfilling the full duties of a Building Labourer locally determined rates will apply.

## 2.2 Apprentice Plumbers

premium Plumbing Apprentices following a recognised training course. Rate per week and rate for calculation of overtime and other payments from the pay week including 1 April 2008 are as follows (percentage of full time rate is denoted in brackets). \*Plumbing Apprentices with no ACS.

<b>Age at Entry</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year*</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year</b>
	<b>1 Apr 08</b>	<b>1 Apr 08</b>	<b>1 Apr 08</b>	<b>1 Apr 08*</b>	<b>1 Apr 08</b>
<b>16 Yrs</b>	£161.69 (55%)	£205.78 (70%)	£264.58 (90%)	£270.45 (92%)*	£279.27 (95%)
<b>17 Yrs</b>	£161.69 (55%)	£235.17 (80%)	£264.58 (90%)	£270.45 (92%)*	£279.27 (95%)
<b>18 Yrs +</b>	£235.17 (80%)	£249.88 (85%)	£264.58 (90%)	£270.45 (92%)*	£279.27 (95%)

### 2.3 Apprentice Engineers & Electricians

Engineering and Electrical Apprentices following a recognised training course. Rate per week and rate for calculation of overtime

and

other premium payments from the pay week including 1 April 2008 are as follows (percentage of full time rate is denoted in brackets).

Age at Entry	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	4 <sup>th</sup> Year
	1 Apr 08	1 Apr 08	1 Apr 08	1 Apr 08
16 Yrs	£166.90 (55%)	£212.42 (70%)	£273.11 (90%)	£288.28 (95%)
17 Yrs	£166.90 (55%)	£242.77 (80%)	£273.11 (90%)	£288.28 (95%)
18 Yrs +	£242.77 (80%)	£257.94 (85%)	£273.11 (90%)	£288.28 (95%)

### 3. LONDON & FRINGE AREA ALLOWANCES

Agreement has been reached for increases in the London and Fringe Area Allowances. The new allowances, to operate from the pay week including 1 April 2008 are as follows:

	1 Apr 08
Greater London Area	£2,381
Inner Fringe	£788
Outer Fringe	£548

#### 3.1 Existing Allowances – Merging

Employees in receipt of local allowances exceeding the allowances set out above will continue to receive such allowances on a personally protected basis, subject to the excess merging in any future increases in fringe area allowances.

### 3.2 Calculation of Bonus, Overtime and Other Premia

The allowances set out above will not be taken into account in the calculation of bonus, overtime, shift and other premium payments with the following exception: employees whose place of employment falls within an area which prior to the date and terms of this settlement previously attracted the London or any similar allowance will be entitled to have bonus, overtime and other premium payments calculated on the amount of the previous allowance (if any) taken into account for this purpose before the date of this settlement.

### 4. TOOL ALLOWANCES

#### 4.1 Engineers & electricians

Agreement has been reached for increases in Tool Allowances. The new allowances, to operate from the pay week including 1 April 2008 are as follows:

<b>1 Apr 08</b>
£6.81

#### 4.2 Builders

Agreement has been reached for increases in Tool Allowances. The new allowances, to operate from the pay week including 1 April 2008 are as follows:

	<b>1 Apr 08</b>
<b>Carpenters</b>	£6.30
<b>Bank Masons</b>	£4.94
<b>Mason Fixers</b>	£3.21
<b>Plasterers</b>	£3.21
<b>Bricklayers</b>	£3.21
<b>Painters (overall allowance)</b>	£3.21
<b>Wall and Floor Tilers</b>	£3.21
<b>Street Masons and Paviours</b>	£3.21
<b>Plumbers</b>	£7.25
<b>Carpenters and Joiner Apprentices</b>	£6.30
<b>Mason (banker of fixer) Apprentices</b>	£3.21
<b>Painter Apprentices (overall allowances)</b>	£3.21

<b>Plasterer Apprentices</b>	£3.21
<b>Bricklayer Apprentices</b>	£3.21
<b>Plumber Apprentices</b>	£7.25

## 5. OTHER PAYMENTS

### 5.1 Electricians

In addition to the rates set out in Paragraph 2 the plus rates shown below will be payable hourly with effect from the pay week including 1 April 2008 are as follows: and are to be taken into account for all purposes. They shall be paid to electricians who are required to perform exacting diagnostic work over a wide range of modern electronic and control equipment, in addition to more usual maintenance or new work. This payment when made to an electrician shall absorb any existing payment to him related to the exercise of higher skills. It will be for the authority to determine, after consultation, which electricians, if any, shall receive the plus rate. In the event of disagreement the signatories to this agreement will be available for advice.

<b>1 Apr 08</b>
£0.48

### 5.2 Building & Civil Engineering Craftsmen

With effect from the pay week including 1 April 2008 Plumbers/Welders and Heating and Ventilating Engineers required by an authority to possess one or more current certificates of competency in welding who are designated as plumbers/welders or Heating and Ventilating Engineers/Welders by an authority shall be paid the following supplements:

	<b>1 Apr 08</b>
<b>Gas or ARC Certificate</b>	£0.39
<b>Gas and ARC Certificate</b>	£0.78

### 5.3 Plumbers

a Where a plumber who has met the appropriate ACOP standard and holds a Registration Card, is required by the local authority on regular and ongoing basis to use those skills on gas installation, he/she will be paid a supplement as shown below from the pay week including 1 April 2008.

<b>1 Apr 08</b>
£9.50

## 6. EXTRA PAYMENTS

### 6.1 Storage of Tools & Clothing

below: The Employers' maximum liability for loss of tools as set out in Section 2, Sub Section A, Appendix C will be increased as shown

<b>1 Apr 08</b>
£1,305

### 6.2 Extra Payment for Work in Discomfort & Inconvenience

With effect from the pay week including 1 April 2008 falls the following extra payments will apply.

(a) Work at Heights

<b>Detached Work Calculated from the Point of Control</b>	<b>1 Apr 08</b>
Above 15m and up to 30m	£0.05
Above 30m and up to 45m	£0.08
Above 45m and up to 60m	£0.30
Above 60m and up to 75m	£0.39
Above 75m and up to 90m	£0.47
<b>'Exposed Work' at Height on Buildings</b>	
Above 40m and up to 50m	£0.03
Above 50m and up to 60m	£0.05
Above 60m and up to 75m	£0.08

The extra payments to be increased by £0.02 per hour for each 15 metres above 75 metres

<b>Operating a Free-Standing Tower Crane from a Control Platform Above Ground Level</b>	<b>1 Apr 08</b>
Control platform over 15m and up to 30m above ground level	£0.03
Control platform over 30m and up to 45m above ground level	£0.05
Control platform over 45m above ground level	£0.08
Work in Swings, Cradles or Boats, or Boatswains Chairs	£0.36

(a) Furnace Firebrick Work & Acid-Resisting Brickwork

	<b>1 Apr 08</b>
Furnace or similar hot work up to 49°C (120°F)	£0.05
For brickwork involving the use of acid-resisting bonding material	£0.08

(a) General – Exceptional kinds of work lasting more than 1 hour in conditions which involve:

	<b>1 Apr 08</b>
work in water <b>and/or</b> close contact with dirt or filth <b>and/or</b> prolonged exposure to dust or spray or particles of a kind likely to cause irritation <b>and/or</b> prolonged exposure to the special conditions met in confined underground spaces (such as tunnels or deep basements) and in trenches, pits and wells 6 metres or more below ground level, namely poor ventilation or light, dampness, dust or the noise resulting from the use in such spaces of mechanical plant tools <b>and/or</b> work in artificially low temperatures below 5°C (41°F) such as in refrigerated or cold stores	£0.10
<b>repair or active independent sewers or cleaning out independent:</b>	
sewage plants, filter beds septic tanks and cess pools	£0.20
Labourers when using in the course of their normal work mechanically driven compressed air or percussive drills, picks, spades, rammers, tampers or hammers	£0.10
When using a cartridge operated rivet gun	£0.10
Painters using in the course of their normal work air supplied or airless paint spray machines	£0.10

### 6.3 Extra Payments for Continuous Extra Skill or Responsibility

With effect from the pay week including 1 April 2008 the following extra payments will apply

	Above Labourers' Basic Rate Per Week
	<b>1 Apr 08</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>A</b>	£11.38
<b>B</b>	£12.30
<b>C</b>	£14.57
<b>D</b>	£20.49
<b>E</b>	£22.32
<b>F</b>	£23.23
<b>G</b>	£25.95
<b>H</b>	£27.32
<b>I</b>	£32.33
<b>J</b>	£33.23
<b>K</b>	£36.43
<b>L</b>	£37.79
<b>M</b>	£39.16
<b>N</b>	£43.71

### 7.4 Extra Payments for Intermittent Responsibility

With effect from the pay week including 1 April 2008 the following extra payments will apply:

	<b>1 Apr 08</b>
Labourer erecting, altering or dismantling simple access scaffolding with a working platform no higher than 5 metres	£0.14
Operatives, other than craft operatives, employed on dry-cleaning stone work by mechanical process for the removal of protective material and/or discoloration. (Employers to provide suitable masks)	£0.65