

16 Meaning of *base rate of pay*

General meaning

- (1) The ***base rate of pay*** of a national system employee is the rate of pay payable to the employee for his or her ordinary hours of work, but not including any of the following:
 - (a) incentive-based payments and bonuses;
 - (b) loadings;
 - (c) monetary allowances;
 - (d) overtime or penalty rates;
 - (e) any other separately identifiable amounts.

Division 6—Base rate of pay under enterprise agreements

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If an employee is covered by a modern award that is in operation

- (1) If:
 - (a) an enterprise agreement applies to an employee; and
 - (b) a modern award that is in operation covers the employee;the base rate of pay payable to the employee under the agreement (the ***agreement rate***) must not be less than the base rate of pay that would be payable to the employee under the modern award (the ***award rate***) if the modern award applied to the employee.
- (2) If the agreement rate is less than the award rate, the agreement has effect in relation to the employee as if the agreement rate were equal to the award rate.