Employment Act changes take effect 1 April 2014



Better Protection for More Workers

If you are a **PME earning up to \$4,500**, you will have:



Salary protection

General protection such as unfair dismissal redress, paid public holidays, paid sick leave and hospitalisation leave etc

If you are a **non-workman** (e.g clerks, sales staff) earning between \$2,000 to \$2,500, you will have:



- Salary protection
- General protection such as unfair dismissal redress, paid public holidays, paid sick leave and hospitalisation leave etc

Working hours-related protection such as hours of work, overtime (OT) and work on rest day pay and annual leave etc

If you are a non-workman earning up to \$2,000



Or

Workman (manual workers) earning up to \$4,500



You will continue to have all the protection stated above.



Improve Employment Standards and Benefits



50%

3 years 2 years

Employers are not allowed to deduct more than 25% of an employee's salary for accommodation, amenities and services. This new sub-cap will be within the current 50% cap of an employee's salary for authorised deductions

From 1 April 2015, the period for which eligible workers are not entitled to retrenchment benefits will be reduced from 3 to 2 years



From first half of 2014, Tripartite Guidelines will be issued to encourage employers to provide payslips and keep employment records for employees

From 1 April 2014, assistance will be provided to employers

- Hands-on guidance on Employment Act changes
- A range of user-friendly tools, for example, simple payslip booklets, downloadable templates and funding support for customised solutions will be made available on MOM's website by 1 April 2014



Flexibility for Employers



Better manage

overtime/ OT cost OT rate payable for non-workmen capped at \$2,250				
Salary/month	la to Calculate Ca y Basic Rate	lculation of Hourly Basic Wage	CURRENT Overtime Hourly Wage	Overtime Hourly Wage
\$1,000		$\frac{x \$1,600}{2 \times 44} = \8.40	\$8.40 x 1.5 = \$12.60	\$8.40 x 1.5 = \$12.60 (no change)
ΦΖ,25 0 ———		x \$2,250 2 x 44 = \$ 11.80	Not covered on OT pay	\$11.80 x 1.5 = \$17.70
\$2.400		x \$2,250 2 x 44 = \$ 11.80	Not covered on OT pay	\$11.80 x 1.5 = \$17.70



- PMEs earning up to \$4,500 must have served the same employer for at least 12 months to be eligible for redress against unfair dismissal where notice is given
- Employers have additional option to grant time off in lieu for these PMEs who work on public holidays





Enhance Enforcement and Compliance

Stiffer penalties for failure to pay salaries



CURRENT

1st Offence

Maximum fine of \$5,000 and/or maximum 6 months' jail

NEW

1st Offence

Fine of between \$3,000 and \$15,000 and/or maximum 6 months' jail



Maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or maximum 12 months' jail

Subsequent Offence

Fine of between \$6,000 and \$30,000 and/or maximum 12 months' jail



The maximum composition fine will be increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000.