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## Pay Guide - Professional Employees Award

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# Rates of pay

## Full-time & part-time

Classification	Hourly pay rate
Graduate professional - level 1.1 - 3 year degree	\$28.34
Graduate professional -level 1.1 - 4 or 5 year degree	\$29.07
Graduate professional - level 1.2	\$29.55
Graduate professional - level 1.3	\$30.78
Graduate professional - level 1.4	\$32.34
Experienced professional/quality auditor - level 2	\$33.43
Professional/senior (lead) quality auditor - level 3	\$36.54
Professional - level 4	\$41.21
Graduate professional medical research employee - level 1 - pay point 1.1 (3 year degree)	\$28.34
Graduate professional medical research employee - level 1 - pay point 1.1 (4 or 5 year degree)	\$29.07
Graduate professional medical research employee - level 1 - pay point 1.2	\$29.55
Graduate professional medical research employee - level 1 - pay point 1.3	\$30.78
Graduate professional medical research employee - level 1 - pay point 1.4	\$32.34
Experienced professional medical research employee - level 2	\$33.43
Experienced medical research employee - level 3	\$36.54
Experienced medical research employee - level 4	\$41.21
Experienced medical research employee - level 5	\$49.65

## Casual

Classification	Hourly pay rate
Graduate professional - level 1.1 - 3 year degree	\$35.43
Graduate professional -level 1.1 - 4 or 5 year degree	\$36.34
Graduate professional - level 1.2	\$36.94
Graduate professional - level 1.3	\$38.48
Graduate professional - level 1.4	\$40.43
Experienced professional/quality auditor - level 2	\$41.79
Professional/senior (lead) quality auditor - level 3	\$45.68
Professional - level 4	\$51.51
Graduate professional medical research employee - level 1 - pay point 1.1 (3 year degree)	\$35.43
Graduate professional medical research employee - level 1 - pay point 1.1 (4 or 5 year degree)	\$36.34
Graduate professional medical research employee - level 1 - pay point 1.2	\$36.94
Graduate professional medical research employee - level 1 - pay point 1.3	\$38.48
Graduate professional medical research employee - level 1 - pay point 1.4	\$40.43
Experienced professional medical research employee - level 2	\$41.79
Experienced medical research employee - level 3	\$45.68
Experienced medical research employee - level 4	\$51.51
Experienced medical research employee - level 5	\$62.06

## Allowances

Allowances	Rate
Travelling expenses reimbursement	reimbursement for reasonable expenses including accommodation, meals and out-of-pocket expenses incurred when travelling on the employer's business
Travelling time reimbursement	an agreed amount for reasonable excess time spent travelling
Vehicle allowance	\$0.91 per km

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