



HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED TO LIVE?

YOU CAN USE THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO HELP YOU FIX YOUR DEMAND FOR A LIVING WAGE. YOU CAN USE IT TO HELP YOU NEGOTIATE WITH THE BOSSES. LET THEM TELL YOU THAT THERE IS ANYTHING HERE THAT WORKERS DO NOT NEED.

COSATU NEWS WILL PUBLISH THE AVERAGE WAGE THAT WORKERS WANT FOR A LIVING WAGE IF YOU SEND YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE TO US OR WRITE AND TELL US WHAT YOU NEED (PO BOX 1019, JOHANNESBURG).



Questionnaire wage index system

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Sex: Female.....Male.....
 Race.....
 Department in your place of work.....
 Job category.....
 Skills.....
 Number of shifts per week.....
 Number of hours per shift.....
 Number of hours of overtime per week.....
 Has this number of overtime hours changed in the period Jan.198_ to May 198-
 Yes..... No.....
 In what way has it changed?.....

State the number of dependents you have:..... children
 unemployed
 pensioners
 other
 Has this number of dependents changed over the year 198_?
 yes..... no.....

Give the reasons for this change:..... childbirth
 retrenchment
 other(what_)
 What is your present wage? R..... per week\ Month

When was your last increase?..... month/year
 How much was your last increase? R..... month/week
 How many wage increases have you had since Jan. 198_?
 How long have you worked in your present job?..... weeks..... months..... years

2. INCOME

What is your total household income? R..... per week\ per month
 State where this money comes from:
 Informal work R..... per week\per month
 Insurance R..... per week\per month
 Other wage earners R..... per week\per month
 Disability grants R..... per week\per month
 Pensions R..... per week\ per month
 UIF R..... per week\per month
 Other(What_) R..... per week\ per month

3. EXPENDITURE PER MONTH

A. RENT Say what type of dwelling you live in: Where would you like to live?

State the rent you pay each month:
 Hostel R.....
 Shack R.....
 Back room R.....
 House own R.....
 House shared R.....

Where do you live?.....

B. TRANSPORT State what form of transport you use: What would you like to use?

Give the amount you spend per month:
 Own car maintenance R.....
 petrol R.....
 Train R.....
 Bus R.....
 Taxi R.....
 Company transport R.....
 Amount spent by woker each month: Amount spent by worker and dependents.

C. CLOTHING State the amount spent on clothing for the family per. year

Regular clothing R.....
 Special work clothes R.....
 Uniforms for work R.....
 Amount spent by worker each year: Amount spent by and dependents
 R..... R.....
 Do you (or your dependents) buy clothes on H.P.? NO/YES R..... per month

D. EDUCATION How much do you spend on education per year?

Fees (school) R.....
 Books R.....
 Tours R.....
 Boarding fees R.....
 Other (.....) R.....
 Does your company offer a subsidy on your school fees? YES/NO

E. FURNITURE AND BEDDING State the amount spent per year

R.....
 Do you (or your dependents) buy any furniture on H.P.?
 NO/YES R..... per month

F. APPLIANCES State the amount spent per year

Radio & batteries R.....
 Telephone R.....
 Electrical (stove, fridge, kettle etc) R.....
 Do you (or your dependents) buy any of the above on H.P.? NO/Yes R...../M

G. FUEL AND LIGHTING State the amount spent per month:

Paraffin R.....
 Coal R.....
 Candles R.....
 Gas(for stove etc) R.....
 Electricity R.....
 Other R.....

H. OTHER PAYMENTS AND SUBSCRIPTION State the amount spent per month

	WORKER	WORKER & DEPENDENTS
Repayments of debts	R.....	R.....
Interest on loans	R.....	R.....
Burial society	R.....	R.....
Licenses	R..... per/ m	R.....
	R..... per/year	R.....

I. SUBSCRIPTIONS

	WORKER	WORKER & DEPENDENTS
Church	R.....	R.....
Union	R.....	R.....
Clubs	R.....	R.....
Stokvels	R.....	R.....

Savings State the amount per month

..... worker
 total house

J. REPAIRS ON HOUSE State the amount spent on repairs per month R.....

K. MEDICAL EXPENSES

	R.....
Medicine	R.....
Clinic/hospital	R.....
Doctors	R.....
Others	R.....

L. ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT YOU SPEND	WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEND
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WORKER

	WORKER	WORKER & DEPENDENTS
Sport	R.....	R.....
N. Paper	R.....	R.....
Movies	R.....	R.....
Music/disco	R.....	R.....
Gambling	R.....	R.....
Other	R.....	R.....

M. CLEANSING & CLEANING

WHAT YOU SPEND	WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEND
WORKER & DEPENDENTS	WORKER & DEPENDENTS

Blue soap .. cakes	R..... cakes	R.....
Soap powder .. kgs	R..... kgs	R.....
Floor polish .. tins	R..... tins	R.....
Stove polis .. tins	R..... tins	R.....
Shoe polish .. tins	R..... tins	R.....
Soap .. cakes	R..... cakes	R.....
Toothpaste .. tubes	R..... tubes	R.....
Toilet paper .. rolls	R..... rolls	R.....
Other ..	R.....	R.....

N. FOOD Where do you buy your food?(state the most to the least)
 most..... average..... least

Local trading store.....
 Shopping centre.....
 Informal traders.....
 Other.....

PER MONTH WHAT YOU BUY
 Worker & dependents

	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Milk fresh	.. lts	R.....	.. lts	R.....
Powdered	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Condensed	.. tins	R.....	.. tins	R.....
Maas	.. lts	R.....	.. lts	R.....
Meat	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Chicken	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Oil	.. lts	R.....	.. lts	R.....
Margarine	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Butter	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
W. Bread	.. loaves	R.....	.. loaves	R.....
B. Bread	.. loaves	R.....	.. loaves	R.....
Sugar	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Jam	.. tins	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Cheese	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Mealie Meal	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Samp	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Pasta	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Rice	.. kgs	R.....	.. kgs	R.....
Coffee	.. tins	R.....	.. tins	R.....
Tea	.. boxes	R.....	.. boxes	R.....
Cold drinks	.. lts	R.....	.. lts	R.....
Alcohol	.. lts	R.....	.. lts	R.....
Sweets	.. pkts	R.....	.. pkts	R.....
Tobacco	.. pkts	R.....	.. pkts	R.....
Salt	.. kgs	R.....	.. pkts	R.....
Other (state)		R.....		R.....
		R.....		R.....
		R.....		R.....

Tinned foods: state

..... tins	R.....	R.....
..... tins	R.....	R.....
..... tins	R.....	R.....
..... tins	R.....	R.....

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