

Clause-wise List of Amendments to NREGA 2005

Date of Notification	NREGA 2005	Amended NREGA	Comments
25 January 2006			Notification of districts covered by NREGA
14 March 2006			Extension to more districts
21 March 2006			NREGA Central Council Rules 2006
8 January 2007			Formulation of state schemes within 6 months
6 March 2007 1. Schedule 1, Sub-para 4, Para 1 and Schedule 2, para 13	Schedule 1 (iv) provision of irrigation facility to land owned by households belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or to land of beneficiaries of land reforms or that of the beneficiaries under the IndiraAwas Yojana of the Government of India; Schedule 2 13. A new work under the Scheme shall be commenced only if- (a) at least fifty labourers become available for such work; and	1. Schedule 1 Provision of irrigation facility, horticulture plantation and land development facilities on land owned by households belonging the SC and ST or to BPL families or to beneficiaries of land reforms or to the beneficiaries under IAY of govt. of India. 2. Schedule 2 A new work under the scheme can be commenced if at least ten laborers become available for work.	

	(b) the labourers cannot be absorbed in the ongoing works:		
26 March, 2007			Extension to more districts
12 May 2007			Extension to J&K
15 May 2007			Extension to more UP districts
11 June 2007			Extension to JK districts
1 January 2008			Extension to districts in Karnataka, Punjab, Andaman and Nicobar
18 February 2008			Extension to districts in Gujarat and Arunachal Pradesh

<p>2 April 2008 Schedule 2, Para 2</p>	<p>2. It shall be the duty of the Gram Panchayat to register the household, after making such enquiry as it deems fit and issue a job card containing such details of adult members of the household affixing their photographs, as may be specified by the State Government in the Scheme.</p>	<p>"2. (1) It shall be the duty of the Gram Panchayat to register the household, after making such enquiry as it deems fit, and issue a Job Card containing the following essential details of registered adult members of the household, nemely: —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Job Card number; (ii) household member-wise work demand and allocation; (iii) description of the work done; (iv) dates and days worked; (v) muster roll numbers by which wages have been paid; (vi) amount of wages paid; (vii) unemployment allowance, if any paid; (viii) postal account/bank account number; (ix) insurance policy number: and 	
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<p>18 June 2008 Schedule 1, Para 1, Sub- Para 4</p>	<p>(iv) provision of irrigation facility to land owned by households belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or to land of beneficiaries of land reforms or that of the beneficiaries under the Indira Awas Yojana of the Government of India;</p>	<p>(i) “Provided that the following conditions are fulfilled, namely :—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the individual land owner shall be a job card holder and also work in the project; (b) for each such project, the labour material ratio of 60 : 40 shall be maintained at the Gram Panchayat level; (c) projects shall be approved by the Gram Sabha and the Gram Panchayat and shall be part of the annual shelf of projects; (d) no contractors or machinery shall be used in the execution of work; and (e) no machinery shall be purchased.” 	
<p>15 January 2008 Schedule 1, Para 8</p>	<p>8. The schedule of rates of wages for unskilled labourers shall be so fixed that a person working for seven hours would normally earn a wage equal to the wage rate.</p>	<p>for paragraph 8, the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely :—</p> <p>“ 8 (1) The Schedule of rates of wages for various unskilled labourers shall be so fixed that an adult person working for nine hours would normally earn a wage equal to the wage rate.</p> <p>(2) The working days of an adult worker shall be so arranged that inclusive of intervals of rest, if any, it shall not spread over more than twelve hours on any day”;</p>	<p>Working hours increased from 7 to 9 hours and max limit set at 12 hrs.</p>

<p>12 September 2008 Schedule 2, Para 35 (added)</p>		<p>Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, in the event of national calamities in the nature of flood, cyclone, tsunami and earthquake resulting into mass dislocation of rural population the adult members of rural households of the areas so affected may—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) seek for registration and get job card issued by Gram Panchayat or Programme Officer of the area of temporary relocation; (ii) submit written or oral applications for work to the Programme Officer or the Gram Panchayat of the area of temporary relocation; and (iii) apply for re-registration and re-issuance of job card in the event of loss or destruction. 	
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<p>31 December 2008 Schedule 2, para 36 (added)</p>		<p>“ 36 The complaints received , taken cognizance of suo motto and as otherwise provided under the Act or Schedule therein shall be dealt as prescribed below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Programme Officer shall enter every complaint in a complaint register maintained by him and dated and numbered acknowledgement shall be issued. b) Enquiry through spot verification, inspection and disposal shall be completed within 7 working days. c) Complaints that fall within the jurisdiction of the Programme Officer, including any complaints concerning the implementation of the Act by a Gram Panchayat shall be disposed of by the Programme Officer within 7 days, as prescribed under Section 23(6) of the Act. In case a complaint relates to a matter to be resolved by any other authority, the Programme Officer shall conduct a preliminary enquiry and refer the matter to such authority within 7 days under intimation to the complainant. d) Failure to dispose of a complaint in 7 days will be considered a contravention of the Act by the Programme Officer, punishable under Section 25. Complaints against such failure will be lodged with the District Programme Coordinator. e) In case of a prima facie evidence regarding financial irregularities the District Programme Coordinator will ensure that a First Information Report is filed. f) State Government/District Programme Coordinator/Programme Officer or any other authority authorized by the State Government may inquire into any complaint on its own will or through reference and establishment of guilt will impose the penalty against the concerned guilty under Section 25 of the Act. g) In case the concerned authority finds violation of entitlements, it will be responsible for informing and redressing the person/party aggrieved. The concerned authority will be responsible for such grievance redressal with a week and not alter than 15 days. 	
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<p>31 December, 2008 Schedule 1 Para 3, 13 and 16</p>	<p>3. The works taken up under the scheme shall be in rural areas.</p> <p>13. Every Scheme shall contain adequate provisions for ensuring transparency and accountability at all level of implementation.</p> <p>16. All accounts and records relating to the Scheme shall be made available for public scrutiny and any person desirous of obtaining a copy or relevant extracts therefrom may be provided such copies or extracts on demand and after paying such fee as may be specified in the Scheme.</p>	<p>"3. The works taken up under the scheme shall be in rural areas and shall be subject to the following:-</p> <p>(a) A unique identity number shall be given to each work</p> <p>(b) All work must be executed by the workers who have job cards and who have demanded work.</p> <p>(c) No person below the age of 18 shall be permitted to work under NREGA projects.</p> <p>(d) Each muster roll shall have a unique identity number and be certified by the Programme Officer. The format of the muster roll will be as specified by the Government of India.</p>	
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<p>1 January, 2009 Section 6, sub-section 1</p>	<p>Notwithstanding anything contained in the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Central Government may, by notification, specify the wage rate for the purposes of this Act: Provided that different rates of wages may be specified for different areas: Provided further that the</p>	<p>S.O. 1(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 6 of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (42 of 2005), the Central Government specifies the wage rate under Column 3 in respect of the State/UT as mentioned in Column 2 of the scheduled annexed hereto for payment to the unskilled workers working on various Schemes under the Act.</p> <p>Arunachal (Rs. 65-67), Maharashtra (Rs. 66-72), JK, Meghalaya and Orissa (Rs. 70), Chhattisgarh (Rs. 72.23), Uttarakhand (Rs. 73), HP, Gujarat, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal (Rs. 75), Assam (Rs. 79.60), AP and Tamil Nadu (Rs. 80), Bihar (Rs. 81), Manipur (Rs. 81.4), Karnataka (Rs. 82), MP and Mizoram (Rs.</p>	<p>Minimum wage freeze</p>

	wage rate specified from time to time under any such notification shall not be at a rate less than sixty rupees per day.	91), Jharkhand (Rs. 92), Punjab (Rs. 93-105), Goa (Rs. 110), Kerala (Rs. 125), Haryana Rs. 141). UTs: Andaman & Nicobar (Rs. 130-139), Dadra and Nagar Havelli (Rs. 108.2), Daman & Diu (Rs. 102), Lakswadweep (Rs. 115), Chandigarh (Rs. 140) Pondicherry: Rs. 80 (men, for 6 hours of work), Rs. 70 (5 hours)	
19 February 2009 Schedule 2, Para 31	31. The wages under a Scheme may be paid either wholly in cash or in cash and kind provided that at least one-fourth of the wages shall be paid in cash only. 32. The State Government may prescribe that a portion of the wages in cash may be paid to the labourers on a daily basis during the period of employment.	“31. The payment of wages shall be made through the individual or joint saving accounts of the workers in the banks or post offices opened in accordance with the directions of the Central Government.”	Payment through banks and post-offices. Provision of part payment in kind and payment on daily basis deleted!
27 February, 2009		DRAFT RULES 1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These rules may be called the National Rural Employment Guarantee (Central Council) Amendment Rules, 2009. (2) They shall come into force from the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette. 2. In the National Rural Employment Guarantee (Central Council) Rules, 2006.	Amendment to Central Council Rules

		<p>(1) In rule 3, in sub rule (1),—</p> <p>(i) In clause (b), after sub-clause (ix), the following sub-clauses shall be inserted, namely :—</p> <p>“(x) one representative of the Prime Minister's Office not below the rank of Joint Secretary.....Member.</p> <p>(xi) one representative of the Ministry of Law and Justice not below the rank of Joint Secretary.....Member.</p> <p>(xii) one representative of the Ministry of Labour and Employment not below the rank of Joint Secretary.....Member.”</p> <p>(ii) For clause (e), the following clause shall be substituted namely :—</p> <p>“(e) eight members representing the States to be nominated by the Central Government of whom—</p> <p>(i) one shall be an expert in areas of works such as water conservation, land development, afforestation and plantation and rural engineering and any other work, listed or notified under Schedule I of the Act :</p>	
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		<p>(ii) one shall be an expert in social audit ;</p> <p>(iii) one shall be an expert in wage employment ;</p> <p>(iv) one shall be an expert in print or electronic media ;</p> <p>(v) one shall be an expert in climate change ;</p> <p>(vi) one shall be an expert in convergence ;</p> <p>(vii) one shall be an expert in law; and</p> <p>(viii) one shall be an expert in communication and information technology”.</p> <p>(2) In rule (4), for sub-clauses (3) and (4), the following sub-rules shall be substituted, namely:—</p> <p>“(3) Every non-official member of Central Council nominated under sub-clause (i) of clause (d) and clause (e) of sub-rule (1) of rule 3 shall hold his office for a term of 1 year at a time from the date of publication of his appointment in the Official Gazette.</p> <p>(4) The non-official members nominated under sub-clause (i) of clause (d) and clause (e) of sub-rule (1) of rule (3) shall be eligible for re-nomination : Provided that no person referred to in this sub-rule and in sub-rule (3) shall hold office for more than 3 years in any case”.</p>	
12 March, 2009		Secretary RD, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka	Notification of state government members to CEGC
5 May, 2009			Draft Rules passed

1 June 2009		Increase in Minimum wages in Bihar (Rs. 89.), Mizoram (Rs. 110), Chhattisgarh (Rs. 75), Uttarakhand (Rs. 100).	Amendment to 1 Jan 2009 amendment.
24 July, 2009 sub-para 4 , para 1, Schedule 1		“(iv) provision of irrigation facility, horticulture plantation and land development facilities to land owned by households belonging to the Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes or below poverty line families or to beneficiaries of land reforms or to the beneficiaries under the Indira Awaas Yojana of Government of India or that of the small farmers or marginal farmers as defined in the Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008.”	