

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### EMPLOYED BEFORE 1 AUGUST 1987

If you were employed prior to 1 August 1987 depending on your designation you may be entitled to the dependant or without dependant rate. The dependant rate is \$960 plus the without dependant rate which decreases depending on your designation and your increment. Once you no longer have dependants you continue to receive the without dependant rate.

#### **I currently receive the NTA dependant rate, as I was employed prior to 1987 if my circumstances change, will I be entitled to receive the without dependant rate?**

Yes, while you continue to be employed with the NTPS if your circumstances change and you no longer have dependants you will continue to receive the without dependant rate.

#### **Currently when I am on a period of higher duties my NTA rate reduces. How will short term higher duties affect my NTA now?**

It is proposed that your NTA will remain the same during periods of short term higher duties.

#### **Will my NTA rate reduce?**

The proposal is to set a single NTA rate for each designation (eg Physical 1; Physical 2; Physical 3 etc) rather than a rate for each increment within a designation. The single rate will be set from the top increment in each designation. Most people who currently receive the 1987 NTA rates are already at the top increment and so their NTA will not change.

For the small number of staff who are not at the top increment their NTA will reduce slightly. As an example a Physical 3 at the bottom increment their NTA would reduce by \$20 over the year (less than a dollar per fortnight); for a Technical 3 at the bottom increment their NTA would reduce by \$148 over the year (around \$6 per fortnight). However the rate will not decrease during short periods of higher duties.

#### **Will changes to the NTA affect my Airfares?**

No, the changes to the NTA will not affect entitlements to airfares.

#### **Where can I get more information?**

If you need more information you can send your question to: <http://www.enterpriseagreements.nt.gov.au/feedback/>. Please make sure you include your email address so we can respond.