

Re: FAS Training Allowances - Electrical Apprentices.

Apprentices are paid an allowance by FAS whilst attending their off the job phases during their apprenticeship. The allowances are calculated with reference to gross wage norms applicable in industry for the different trade sectors. The actual allowance received will generally be less, as it is based on the net take home pay. The current electrical apprentices' rates are based on the following Gross Wage Norm.

Effective 1/4/07

Phase 2	€242.58
Phase 4	€363.87
Phase 6	€525.72
4th Year	€647.01

Some apprentices may have recently experienced a reduction in the allowance paid to them. This is due to the imposition of the 2% Income levy (1% from January 2009 and a further 1% from May 2009).

The following are approximately what the allowances actually paid should be (which is the gross wage norm with the deduction of notional tax) from 1st May, 2009.

Phase 2	€242.58
Phase 4	€344.73
Phase 6	€443.47
4th Year	€528.37

(The above includes Aircraft Mechanics, Electrical, Electrical Instrumentation, Refrigeration & Air-conditioning, Instrumentation).

Should you require clarification or have any queries regarding the above, please contact the undersigned at Anna_f@teeu.ie.

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Information Officer.