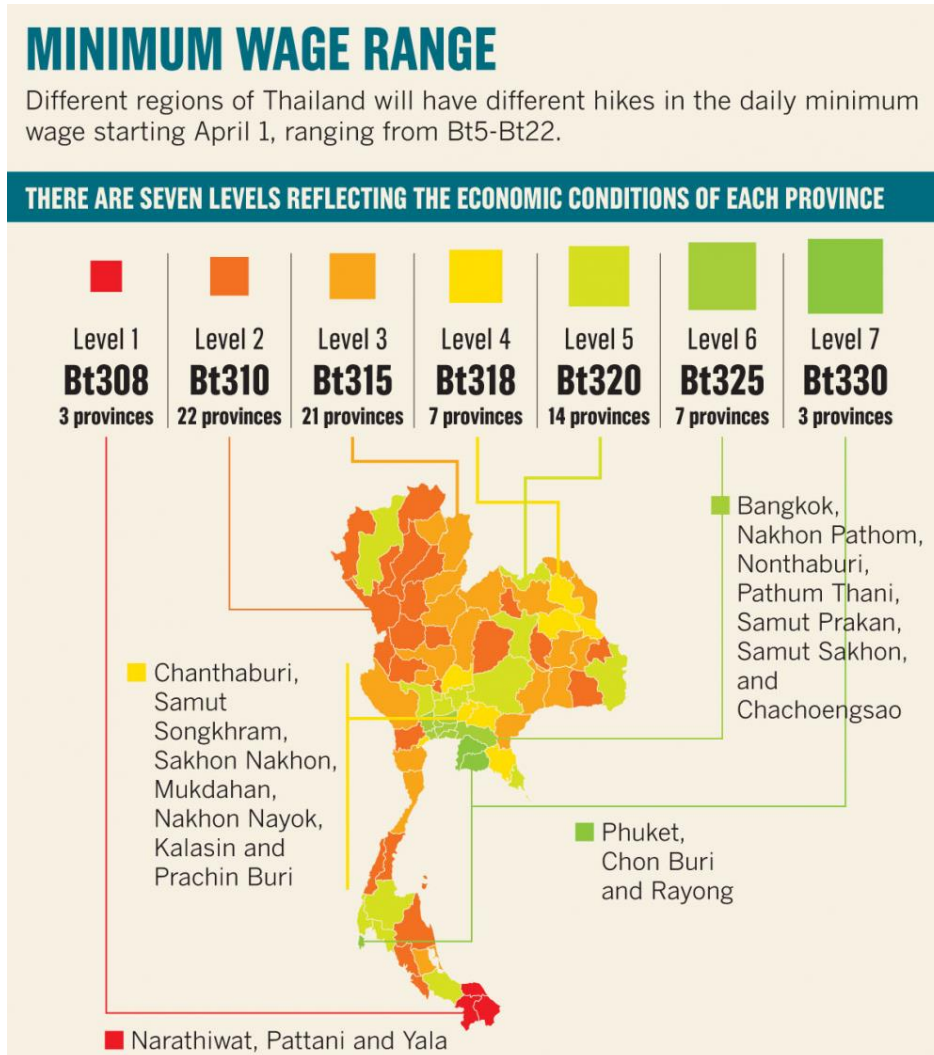


2018 New Minimum Wages



The minimum daily wage will increase nationwide in the range of 5-22 baht. The committee agreed the wage rises would come into effect on April 1. There will be seven wage rates - 308 baht, 310 baht, 315 baht, 318 baht, 320 baht, 325 baht and 330 baht. The average minimum wage is 315.97 baht. Mr Jarin, Permanent secretary for the Labour Ministry Jarin Jakkaphark, chairman of the wage committee, said at a briefing for the media just before midnight that "Wages have to rise with economic conditions -- the cost of living and economic growth in each province".