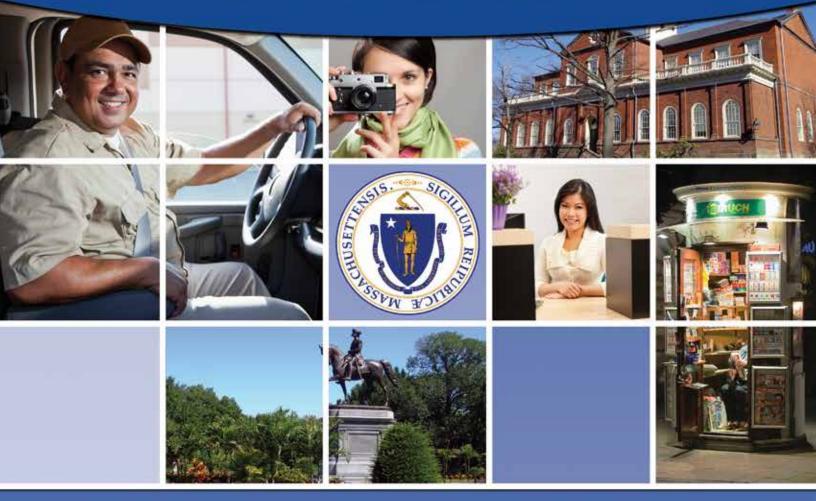
# **Massachusetts**



# **Comply Anywhere Poster Pack**

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#### **Employee Notice – Your Rights Are Protected**

The Federal Government and the State of Massachusetts have established laws and regulations that protect the rights of employees. As your employer, we are conspicuously posting the information that is required by the Federal Government and the State of Massachusetts to better inform you of your rights as an employee of our company. If you should have any questions regarding these postings, please contact the personnel office or your immediate supervisor.

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# **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT**

## FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE 7.25

**BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009** 

PER HOUR

The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it.

At least 11/2 times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek. **OVERTIME PAY** 

- An employee must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs and at least 18 to work **CHILD LABOR** in non-farm jobs declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor. Youths 14 and 15 years old may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs with certain work hours restrictions. Different rules apply in agricultural employment.
- Employers of "tipped employees" who meet certain conditions may claim a partial wage credit **TIP CREDIT** based on tips received by their employees. Employers must pay tipped employees a cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour if they claim a tip credit against their minimum wage obligation. If an employee's tips combined with the employer's cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour do not equal the minimum hourly wage, the employer must make up the difference.
- The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing mother employee NURSING who is subject to the FLSA's overtime requirements in order for the employee to express breast **MOTHERS** milk for her nursing child for one year after the child's birth each time such employee has a need to express breast milk. Employers are also required to provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public, which may be used by the employee to express breast milk.
- **ENFORCEMENT** The Department has authority to recover back wages and an equal amount in liquidated damages in instances of minimum wage, overtime, and other violations. The Department may litigate and/or recommend criminal prosecution. Employers may be assessed civil money penalties for each willful or repeated violation of the minimum wage or overtime pay provisions of the law. Civil money penalties may also be assessed for violations of the FLSA's child labor provisions. Heightened civil money penalties may be assessed for each child labor violation that results in the death or serious injury of any minor employee, and such assessments may be doubled when the violations are determined to be willful or repeated. The law also prohibits retaliating against or discharging workers who file a complaint or participate in any proceeding under the FLSA.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** 

- · Certain occupations and establishments are exempt from the minimum wage, and/or overtime pay provisions.
- · Special provisions apply to workers in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- Some state laws provide greater employee protections; employers must comply with both.
- Some employers incorrectly classify workers as "independent contractors" when they are actually employees under the FLSA. It is important to know the difference between the two because employees (unless exempt) are entitled to the FLSA's minimum wage and overtime pay protections and correctly classified independent contractors are not.
- Certain full-time students, student learners, apprentices, and workers with disabilities may be paid less than the minimum wage under special certificates issued by the Department of Labor.



WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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# EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

The Employee Polygraph Protection Act prohibits most private employers from using lie detector tests either for pre-employment screening or during the course of employment.

#### PROHIBITIONS

Employers are generally prohibited from requiring or requesting any employee or job applicant to take a lie detector test, and from discharging, disciplining, or discriminating against an employee or prospective employee for refusing to take a test or for exercising other rights under the Act.

## **EXEMPTIONS** Federal, State and local governments are not affected by the law. Also, the law does not apply to tests given by the Federal Government to certain private individuals engaged in national security-related activities.

The Act permits polygraph (a kind of lie detector) tests to be administered in the private sector, subject to restrictions, to certain prospective employees of security service firms (armored car, alarm, and guard), and of pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and dispensers.

The Act also permits polygraph testing, subject to restrictions, of certain employees of private firms who are reasonably suspected of involvement in a workplace incident (theft, embezzlement, etc.) that resulted in economic loss to the employer.

The law does not preempt any provision of any State or local law or any collective bargaining agreement which is more restrictive with respect to lie detector tests.

**EXAMINEE RIGHTS** Where polygraph tests are permitted, they are subject to numerous strict standards concerning the conduct and length of the test. Examinees have a number of specific rights, including the right to a written notice before testing, the right to refuse or discontinue a test, and the right not to have test results disclosed to unauthorized persons.

**ENFORCEMENT** The Secretary of Labor may bring court actions to restrain violations and assess civil penalties against violators. Employees or job applicants may also bring their own court actions.

#### THE LAW REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO DISPLAY THIS POSTER WHERE EMPLOYEES AND JOB APPLICANTS CAN READILY SEE IT.



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## Know Your Rights: Workplace Discrimination is Illegal

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces Federal laws that protect you from discrimination in employment. If you believe you've been discriminated against at work or in applying for a job, the EEOC may be able to help.

#### Who is Protected?

- Employees (current and former), including managers and temporary employees
- Job applicants
- What Organizations are Covered?
- Most private employers
- State and local governments (as employers)
- Educational institutions (as employers)

• Union members and

applicants for membership

Unions

in a union

Staffing agencies

## What Types of Employment Discrimination are Illegal?

Under the EEOC's laws, an employer may not discriminate against you, regardless of your immigration status, on the bases of:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National origin
- Sex (including pregnancy and related conditions, sexual orientation, or gender identity)
- Age (40 and older)
- Disability

- Genetic information

   (including employer requests for, or purchase, use, or disclosure of genetic tests, genetic services, or family medical history)
- Retaliation for filing a charge, reasonably opposing discrimination, or participating in a discrimination lawsuit, investigation, or proceeding.

## What Employment Practices can be Challenged as Discriminatory?

All aspects of employment, including:

- Discharge, firing, or lay-off
- Harassment (including unwelcome verbal or physical conduct)
- Hiring or promotion
- Assignment
- Pay (unequal wages or compensation)
- Failure to provide reasonable accommodation for a disability or a sincerelyheld religious belief, observance or practice
- Benefits

- Job training
- Classification
- Referral
- Obtaining or disclosing genetic information of employees
- Requesting or disclosing medical information of employees
- Conduct that might reasonably discourage someone from opposing discrimination, filing a charge, or participating in an investigation or proceeding.
- What can You Do if You Believe Discrimination has Occurred?

Contact the EEOC promptly if you suspect discrimination. Do not delay, because there are strict time limits for filing a charge of discrimination (180 or 300 days, depending on where you live/ work). You can reach the EEOC in any of the following ways:

- Submit an inquiry through the EEOC's public portal: https://publicportal.eeoc.gov/Portal/Login.aspx
- Call 1–800–669–4000 (toll free) 1–800–669–6820 (TTY) 1–844–234–5122 (ASL video phone)
- Visit an EEOC field office (information at www.eeoc.gov/field-office)
- E-Mail info@eeoc.gov

Additional information about the EEOC, including information about filing a charge of discrimination, is available at *www.eeoc.gov*.



#### **EMPLOYERS HOLDING FEDERAL CONTRACTS OR SUBCONTRACTS**

The Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) enforces the nondiscrimination and affirmative action commitments of companies doing business with the Federal Government. If you are applying for a job with, or are an employee of, a company with a Federal contract or subcontract, you are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

#### Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, National Origin

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination by Federal contractors based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

#### Asking About, Disclosing, or Discussing Pay

Executive Order 11246, as amended, protects applicants and employees of Federal contractors from discrimination based on inquiring about, disclosing, or discussing their compensation or the compensation of other applicants or employees.

#### Disability

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment by Federal contractors. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship to the employer. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

#### **Protected Veteran Status**

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits employment discrimination against, and requires affirmative action to recruit, employ, and advance in employment, disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (i.e., within three years of discharge or release from active duty), active duty wartime or campaign badge veterans, or Armed Forces service medal veterans.

#### Retaliation

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination by Federal contractors under these Federal laws.

Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under OFCCP's authorities should contact immediately:

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210 1–800–397–6251 (toll-free)

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services. OFCCP may also be contacted by submitting a question online to OFCCP's Help Desk at *https://ofccphelpdesk.dol.gov/s/*, or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor and on OFCCP's "Contact Us" webpage at *https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ofccp/contact*.

#### **PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

#### Race, Color, National Origin, Sex

In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VI if the primary objective of the financial assistance is provision of employment, or where employment discrimination causes or may cause discrimination in providing services under such programs. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial assistance.

#### **Individuals with Disabilities**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity which receives Federal financial assistance. Discrimination is prohibited in all aspects of employment against persons with disabilities who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

(Revised 10/20/2022)













## YOUR RIGHTS UNDER USERRA THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

#### **REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS**

You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed service and:

- you ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service;
- ☆ you have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with that particular employer;
- ☆ you return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and
- ☆ you have not been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions.

If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service or, in some cases, a comparable job.

#### **RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION**

#### If you:

- $\Rightarrow$  are a past or present member of the uniformed service;
- ightarrow have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or
- $\Rightarrow$  are obligated to serve in the uniformed service;

then an employer may not deny you:

- $\Rightarrow$  initial employment;
- $\Rightarrow$  reemployment;
- m in retention in employment;
- $\Rightarrow$  promotion; or
- lpha any benefit of employment

because of this status.

In addition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION**

- If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in the military.
- Even if you don't elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusions) except for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

- ☆ The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.
- ☆ For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit its website at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at https://webapps.dol.gov/elaws/vets/userra
- ☆ If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.
- ☆ You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.

The rights listed here may vary depending on the circumstances. The text of this notice was prepared by VETS, and may be viewed on the internet at this address: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/userra/poster Federal law requires employers to notify employees of their rights under USERRA, and employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees.









U.S. Department of Justice

**Office of Special Counsel** 

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# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS	Eligible employees who work for a covered employer can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month period for the following reasons:
	<ul> <li>The birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care;</li> <li>To bond with a child (leave must be taken within 1 year of the child's birth or placement);</li> <li>To care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a qualifying serious health condition;</li> <li>For the employee's own qualifying serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job;</li> <li>For qualifying exigencies related to the foreign deployment of a military member who is the employee's spouse, child, or parent.</li> </ul>
	An eligible employee who is a covered servicemember's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin may also take up to 26 weeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember with a serious injury or illness.
	An employee does not need to use leave in one block. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, employees may take leave intermittently or on a reduced schedule.
	Employees may choose, or an employer may require, use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. If an employee substitutes accrued paid leave for FMLA leave, the employee must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.
BENEFITS &	While employees are on FMLA leave, employers must continue health insurance coverage as if the employees were not on leave.
PROTECTIONS	Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to the same job or one nearly identical to it with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms and conditions.
	An employer may not interfere with an individual's FMLA rights or retaliate against someone for using or trying to use FMLA leave, opposing any practice made unlawful by the FMLA, or being involved in any proceeding under or related to the FMLA.
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	An employee who works for a covered employer must meet three criteria in order to be eligible for FMLA leave. The employee must:
	Have worked for the employer for at least 12 months;
	<ul> <li>Have at least 1,250 hours of service in the 12 months before taking leave;* and</li> <li>Work at a location where the employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of the employee's worksite.</li> </ul>
	*Special "hours of service" requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.
REQUESTING LEAVE	Generally, employees must give 30-days' advance notice of the need for FMLA leave. If it is not possible to give 30-days' notice, an employee must notify the employer as soon as possible and, generally, follow the employer's usual procedures.
	Employees do not have to share a medical diagnosis, but must provide enough information to the employer so it can determine if the leave qualifies for FMLA protection. Sufficient information could include informing an employer that the employee is or will be unable to perform his or her job functions, that a family member cannot perform daily activities, or that hospitalization or continuing medical treatment is necessary. Employees must inform the employer if the need for leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified.
	Employers can require a certification or periodic recertification supporting the need for leave. If the employer determines that the certification is incomplete, it must provide a written notice indicating what additional information is required.
EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES	Once an employer becomes aware that an employee's need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, the employer must notify the employee if he or she is eligible for FMLA leave and, if eligible, must also provide a notice of rights and responsibilities under the FMLA. If the employee is not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for ineligibility.
	Employers must notify its employees if leave will be designated as FMLA leave, and if so, how much leave will be designated as FMLA leave.
ENFORCEMENT	Employees may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.
	The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave rights.



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#### Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

#### Notice 797

(Rev. December 2022)

#### Possible Federal Tax Refund Due to the Earned Income Credit (EIC)

#### What Is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

#### What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

Your employer sent you this notice to make you aware of an important federal tax benefit. Even if you had no income tax withheld from your wages during the year, you may be eligible for the EIC.

#### How Much Is the EIC?

For 2022, the EIC can be as much as \$3,733 if you have one qualifying child who has a valid SSN; \$6,164 if you have two qualifying children who have valid SSNs; \$6,935 if you have three or more qualifying children who have valid SSNs; and \$560 if you have no qualifying children who have a valid SSN.

#### How Do You Claim the EIC?

To claim the EIC, you must:

- 1. Be eligible for the EIC, and
- 2. File a 2022 tax return (including Schedule EIC if you have a qualifying child).

To figure out if you are eligible, see Pub. 596 or visit IRS.gov/EITC.

If eligible, you can claim the EIC to get a refund even if you had no tax withheld from your pay or owe no tax. For example, if you had no tax withheld in 2022 and owe no tax but are eligible for a credit of \$800, you must file a 2022 income tax return to get the \$800 refund.

Most people qualify for free tax preparation. If you earned less than \$73,000, you can file for free online at IRS.gov/FreeFile. In addition, IRS-certified volunteers can prepare your return for free in person if you earned less than \$60,000 or are age 60 or older. To find locations, visit IRS.gov/VITA or call 800-906-9887.

#### **More Information**

Refer to instructions for the tax return you are filing, Pub. 596, or IRS.gov/EITC for details on the EIC. You can download IRS forms and publications at IRS.gov/Forms, and you can get printed copies mailed to you by going to IRS.gov/OrderForms or by calling 800-829-3676.

> Notice 797 (Rev. 12-2022) Cat. No. 63924Z



#### Notice 1015

(Rev. December 2022)

#### Have You Told Your Employees About the Earned Income Credit (EIC)?

#### What Is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

#### Which Employees Must I Notify About the EIC?

You must notify each employee who worked for you at any time during the year and from whose wages you did not withhold income tax. However, you do not have to notify any employee who claimed exemption from withholding on Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Certificate.

Note: You are encouraged to notify all employees whose wages for 2022 are less than \$59,187 that they may be eligible for the EIC.

#### How and When Must I Notify My Employees?

You must give the employee one of the following.

• The IRS Form W-2. Wage and Tax Statement, which has the required information about the EIC on the back of Copy B.

• A substitute Form W-2 with the same EIC information on the back of the employee's copy that is on Copy B of the IRS Form W-2.

• Notice 797, Possible Federal Tax Refund Due to the Earned Income Credit (EIC).

• Your written statement with the same wording as Notice 797.

If you give an employee a Form W-2 on time, no further notice is necessary if the Form W-2 has the required information about the EIC on the back of the employee's copy. If you give an employee a substitute Form W-2, but it does not have the required information, you must notify the employee within 1 week of the date the substitute Form W-2 is given. If Form W-2 is required but is not given on time, you must give the employee Notice 797 or your written statement by the date Form W-2 is required to be given. If Form W-2 is not required, you must notify the employee by February 6, 2023.

You must hand the notice directly to the employee or send it by first-class mail to the employee's last known address. You will not meet the notification requirements by posting Notice 797 on an employee bulletin board or sending it through office mail. However, you may want to post the notice to help inform all employees of the EIC. You can download copies of the notice at www.irs.gov/FormsPubs. Or you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to order it.

#### How Will My Employees Know if They Can Claim the EIC?

The basic requirements are covered in Notice 797. For more detailed information, the employee needs to see Pub. 596, Earned Income Credit (EIC), or the Instructions for Forms 1040 and 1040-SR.

#### How Do My Employees Claim the EIC?

Eligible employees claim the EIC on their 2022 tax return. Even an employee who has no tax withheld from wages and owes no tax may claim the EIC and ask for a refund, but they must file a tax return to do so. For example, if an employee has no tax withheld in 2022 and owes no tax but is eligible for a credit of \$800, they must file a 2022 tax return to get the \$800 refund.

> Notice 1015 (Rev. 12-2022) Cat. No. 205991





# Job Safety and Health IT'S THE LAW!

#### All workers have the right to:

- A safe workplace.
- Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a workrelated injury or illness, without being retaliated against.
- Receive information and training on job hazards, including all hazardous substances in your workplace.
- Request a confidential OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions. You have the right to have a representative contact OSHA on your behalf.
- Participate (or have your representative participate) in an OSHA inspection and speak in private to the inspector.
- File a complaint with OSHA within 30 days (by phone, online or by mail) if you have been retaliated against for using your rights.
- See any OSHA citations issued to your employer.
- Request copies of your medical records, tests that measure hazards in the workplace, and the workplace injury and illness log.

#### **Employers must:**

- Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.
- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- Notify OSHA within 8 hours of a workplace fatality or within 24 hours of any work-related inpatient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Prominently display this poster in the workplace.
- Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

On-Site Consultation services are available to small and medium-sized employers, without citation or penalty, through OSHA-supported consultation programs in every state.



Contact OSHA. We can help.

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# **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

#### UNDER THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT

The NLRA guarantees the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively with their employers, and to engage in other protected concerted activity. Employees covered by the NLRA\* are protected from certain types of employer and union misconduct. This Notice gives you general information about your rights, and about the obligations of employers and unions under the NLRA. Contact the National Labor Relations Board, the Federal agency that investigates and resolves complaints under the NLRA, using the contact information supplied below, if you have any questions about specific rights that may apply in your particular workplace.

## Under the NLRA, you have the right to:

- Organize a union to negotiate with your employer concerning your wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.
- Form, join or assist a union.
- Bargain collectively through representatives of employees' own choosing for a contract with your employer setting your wages, benefits, hours, and other working conditions.
- Discuss your terms and conditions of employment or union organizing with your co-workers or a union.
- Take action with one or more co-workers to improve your working conditions by, among other means, raising workrelated complaints directly with your employer or with a government agency, and seeking help from a union.
- Strike and picket, depending on the purpose or means of the strike or the picketing.
- Choose not to do any of these activities, including joining or remaining a member of a union.

Illegal conduct will not be permitted. If you believe your rights or the rights of others have been violated, you should contact the NLRB promptly to protect your rights, generally within six months of the unlawful activity. You may inquire about possible violations without your employer or anyone else being informed of the inquiry. Charges may be filed by any person and need not be filed by the employee directly affected by the violation. The NLRB may order an employer to rehire a worker fired in violation of the law and to pay lost wages and benefits, and may order an employer or union to cease violating the law. Employees should seek assistance from the nearest regional NLRB office, which can be found on the Agency's website: www.nlrb.gov.



This is an official Government Notice and must not be defaced by anyone.

#### Under the NLRA, it is illegal for a union or for the union that represents you in bargaining with your employer to:

- Threaten you that you will lose your job unless you support the union.
- Refuse to process a grievance because you have criticized union officials or because you are not a member of the union.
- Use or maintain discriminatory standards or procedures in making job referrals from a hiring hall.
- Cause or attempt to cause an employer to discriminate against you because of your union-related activity.
- Take other adverse action against you based on whether you have joined or support the union.

If you and your coworkers select a union to act as your collective bargaining representative, your employer and the union are required to bargain in good faith in a genuine effort to reach a written, binding agreement setting your terms and conditions of employment. The union is required to fairly represent you in bargaining and enforcing the agreement.

You can also contact the NLRB by calling toll-free: 1-844-762-NLRB (6572). Language assistance is available. Hearing impaired callers who wish to speak to an NLRB representative should send an email to relay.service@nlrb.gov. An NLRB representative will email the requestor with instructions on how to schedule a relay service call.



## Under the NLRA, it is illegal for your employer to:

- Prohibit you from soliciting for a union during non-work time, such as before or after work or during break times; or from distributing union literature during non-work time, in non-work areas, such as parking lots or break rooms.
- Guestion you about your union support or activities in a manner that discourages you from engaging in that activity.
- Fire, demote, or transfer you, or reduce your hours or change your shift, or otherwise take adverse action against you, or threaten to take any of these actions, because you join or support a union, or because you engage in concerted activity for mutual aid and protection, or because you choose not to engage in any such activity.
- Threaten to close your
   workplace if workers choose
   a union to represent them.
- Promise or grant promotions, pay raises, or other benefits to discourage or encourage union support.
- Prohibit you from wearing union hats, buttons, t-shirts, and pins in the workplace except under special circumstances.
- Spy on or videotape peaceful union activities and gatherings or pretend to do so.

\*The National Labor Relations Act covers most private-sector employers. Excluded from coverage under the NLRA are public-sector employees, agricultural and domestic workers, independent contractors, workers employed by a parent or spouse, employees of air and rail carriers covered by the Railway Labor Act, and supervisors (although supervisors that have been discriminated against for refusing to violate the NLRA may be covered).

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## This Organization Participates in E-Verify

## Esta Organización Participa en E-Verify



This employer participates in E-Verify and will provide the federal government with your Form I-9 information to confirm that you are authorized to work in the U.S.

If E-Verify cannot confirm that you are authorized to work, this employer is required to give you written instructions and an opportunity to contact Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or Social Security Administration (SSA) so you can begin to resolve the issue before the employer can take any action against you, including terminating your employment.

Employers can only use E-Verify once you have accepted a job offer and completed the Form I-9.

#### **E-Verify Works for Everyone**

For more information on E-Verify, or if you believe that your employer has violated its E-Verify responsibilities, please contact DHS. Este empleador participa en E-Verify y proporcionará al gobierno federal la información de su Formulario I-9 para confirmar que usted está autorizado para trabajar en los EE.UU..

Si E-Verify no puede confirmar que usted está autorizado para trabajar, este empleador está requerido a darle instrucciones por escrito y una oportunidad de contactar al Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS) o a la Administración del Seguro Social (SSA) para que pueda empezar a resolver el problema antes de que el empleador pueda tomar cualquier acción en su contra, incluyendo la terminación de su empleo.

Los empleadores sólo pueden utilizar E-Verify una vez que usted haya aceptado una oferta de trabajo y completado el Formulario I-9.

#### **E-Verify Funciona Para Todos**

Para más información sobre E-Verify, o si usted cree que su empleador ha violado sus responsabilidades de E-Verify, por favor contacte a DHS.

## 888-897-7781 dhs.gov/e-verify



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## THE AMERICAN POLICY IS OUR POLICY.

#### Anti-Discrimination Notice.

It is illegal to discriminate against work-authorized individuals.

Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) an employee may present to establish employment authorization and identity.

The refusal to hire or continue to employ an individual because the documentation presented has a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

If you think discrimination has occurred, call the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section at 1-800-255-7688.

# IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO WORK



# DON'T LET ANYONE TAKE IT AWAY

f you have the skills, experience, and legal right to work, your citizenship or immigration status shouldn't get in the way. Neither should the place you were born or another aspect of your national origin. A part of U.S. immigration laws protects legally-authorized workers from discrimination based on their citizenship status and national origin. You can read this law at 8 U.S.C. § 1324b.

The <u>Immigrant and Employee Rights Section</u> (IER) may be able to help if an employer treats you unfairly in violation of this law.

The law that IER enforces is 8 U.S.C. § 1324b. The regulations for this law are at 28 C.F.R. Part 44.

Call IER if an employer:

Does not hire you or fires you because of your national origin or citizenship status (this may violate a part of the law at 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(1))

Treats you unfairly while checking your right to work in the U.S., including while completing the Form I-9 or using E-Verify (this may violate the law at 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(1) or (a)(6)) Retaliates against you because you are speaking up for your right to work as protected by this law (the law prohibits retaliation at 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(5)) The law can be complicated. Call IER to get more information on protections from discrimination based on citizenship status and national origin.

Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER)

1-800-255-7688 TTY 1-800-237-2515

www.justice.gov/ier

IER@usdoj.gov



U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Immigrant and Employee Rights Section, January 2019

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# Notice

## Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act

This federal law requires agricultural employers, agricultural associations, farm labor contractors and their employees to observe certain labor standards when employing migrant and seasonal farmworkers unless specific exemptions apply. Further, farm labor contractors are required to register with the U.S. Department of Labor.

#### Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Have These Rights

- To receive accurate information about wages and working conditions for the prospective employment
- To receive this information in writing and in English, Spanish or other languages, as appropriate
- To have the terms of the working arrangement upheld
- To have farm labor contractors show proof of registration at the time of recruitment
- To be paid wages when due
- To receive itemized, written statements of earnings for each pay period
- To purchase goods from the source of their choice
- To be transported in vehicles which are properly insured and operated by licensed drivers, and which meet federal and state safety standards
- For migrant farmworkers who are provided housing
  - \* To be housed in property which meets federal and state safety and health standards
  - \* To have the housing information presented to them in writing at the time of recruitment
  - \* To have posted in a conspicuous place at the housing site or presented to them a statement of the terms and conditions of occupancy, if any

Workers who believe their rights under the act have been violated may file complaints with the department's Wage and Hour Division or may file suit directly in federal district court. The law prohibits employers from discriminating against workers who file complaints, testify or in any way exercise their rights on their own behalf or on behalf of others. Complaints of such discrimination must be filed with the division within 180 days of the alleged event.

For further information, get in touch with the nearest office of the Wage and Hour Division, listed in most telephone directories under the U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

#### WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR 1-866-487-9243



The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it.

# **Aviso**

## Ley de Protección de Trabajadores Migrantes y Temporales en la Agricultura

Esta ley federal exige que los patrones agrícolas, las asociaciones agrícolas, los contratistas de mano de obra agrícola (o troqueros), y sus empleados cumplan con ciertas normas laborales cuando ocupan a los trabajadores migrantes y temporales en la agricultura, a menos que se apliquen excepciones específicas. Los contratistas, o troqueros, tienen además la obligación de registrarse con el Departamento del Trabajo.

#### Los Trabajadores Migrantes y Temporales en la Agricultura Tienen los Derechos Siguientes

- Recibir detalles exactos sobre el salario y las condiciones de trabajo del empleo futuro
- Recibir estos datos por escrito en inglés, en español, o en otro idioma que sea apropiado
- Cumplimiento de todas las condiciones de trabajo como fueron presentadas cuando se les hizo la oferta de trabajo
- Al ser reclutados para un trabajo, ver una prueba de que el contratista se haya registrado con el Departamento del Trabajo
- Cobrar el salario en la fecha fijada
- Recibir cada día de pago un recibo indicando el salario y la razón de cualquier deducción
- Comprar mercancías al comerciante que ellos escojan
- Ser transportados en vehículos que tengan seguros adecuados y que hayan pasado las inspecciones federales y estatales de seguridad, y conducidos por choferes que tengan permisos de manejar
- Las garantías para los trabajadores migrantes a quienes se les proporcionen viviendas o alojamiento
  - \* Viviendas que satisfazcan los requisitos federales y estatales de seguridad y de sanidad
  - \* Al ser reclutados, recibir por escrito informes sobre las viviendas y su costo
  - \* Recibir de su patron un aviso escrito explicando las condiciones de ocupación de la vivienda, o que tal aviso esté colocado en un lugar visible de la vivienda

Los trabajadores que crean haber sufrido una violación de sus derechos pueden presentar sus quejas a la División de Salarios y Horas o pueden presentar una demanda directamente a los tribunales federales. La ley prohibe cualquier discriminación o sanción hacia los trabajadores que presenten tales quejas, que hagan declaraciones, o que reclamen de cualquier manera sus derechos, sea a beneficio de sí mismos o a beneficio de otros. Hay que presentar las quejas de discriminación o de sanción a la división dentro de 180 días del suceso.

En caso de que necesite más información, comuníquense con la oficina de la División de Salarios y Horas más cercana, que aparece en la mayoría de los directorios telefónicos bajo el título U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

DIVISIÓN DE HORAS Y SALARIOS DEPARTAMENTO DE TRABAJO DE LOS EE.UU. 1-866-487-9243 www.dol.gov/whd



La ley exige que los patrones fijen este aviso en un lugar donde puedan verlo fácilmente los trabajadores. REV 0483

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# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

THIS ESTABLISHMENT IS PERFORMING GOVERNMENT CONTRACT WORK SUBJECT TO: (CHECK ONE)

# SERVICE CONTRACT ACT (SCA) PUBLIC CONTRACTS ACT (PCA)

MINIMUM WAGES	Your rate must be no less than the federal minimum wage established by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). A higher rate may be required for SCA contracts if a wage determination applies. Such wage determination will be posted as an attachment to this notice.
FRINGE BENEFITS	SCA wage determinations may require fringe benefit payments (or a cash equivalent). PCA contracts do not require fringe benefits.
OVERTIME PAY	You must be paid 1.5 times your basic rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a week. There are some exceptions.
CHILD LABOR	No person under 16 years of age may be employed on a PCA contract.
SAFETY & HEALTH	Work must be performed under conditions that are sanitary, and not hazardous or dangerous to employees' health and safety.
ENFORCEMENT	Specific DOL agencies are responsible for the administration of these laws. To file a complaint or obtain information, contact the <b>Wage and Hour Division</b> (WHD) by calling its toll-free help line at 1-866-4-USWAGE (1-866-487-9243), or visit <b>www.dol.gov/whd</b>
	Contact the <b>Occupational Safety and Health Administration</b> (OSHA) by calling 1-800-321-OSHA (1-800-321-6742), or visit <b>www.osha.gov</b>

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#### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

The purpose of the discussion below is to advise contractors which are subject to the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act or the Service Contract Act of the principal provisions of these acts.

#### WALSH-HEALEY PUBLIC CONTRACTS ACT

**General Provisions** – This act applies to contracts which exceed or may exceed \$10,000 entered into by any agency or instrumentality of the United States for the manufacture or furnishing of materials, supplies, articles, or equipment. The act establishes minimum wage, maximum hours, and safety and health standards for work on such contracts, and prohibits the employment on contract work of convict labor (unless certain conditions are met) and children under 16 years of age. The employment of homeworkers (except homeworkers with disabilities employed under the provisions of Regulations, 29 CFR Part 525) on a covered contract is not permitted.

In addition to its coverage of prime contractors, the act under certain circumstances applies to secondary contractors performing work under contracts awarded by the Government prime contractor.

All provisions of the act except the safety and health requirements are administered by the Wage and Hour Division.

**Minimum Wage**—Covered employees must currently be paid not less than the Federal minimum wage established in section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

**Overtime**—Covered workers must be paid at least one and one-half times their basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 a week. Overtime is due on the basis of the total hours spent in all work, Government and non-Government, performed by the employee in any week in which covered work is performed.

**Child Labor**—Employers may protect themselves against unintentional child labor violations by obtaining certificates of age. State employment or age certificates are acceptable.

**Safety and Health**—No covered work may be performed in plants, factories, buildings, or surroundings or under work conditions that are unsanitary or hazardous or dangerous to the health and safety of the employees engaged in the performance of the contract. The safety and health provisions of the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act are administered by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**Posting**—During the period that covered work is being performed on a contract subject to the act, the contractor must post copies of Notice to Employees Working on Government Contracts in a sufficient number of places to permit employees to observe a copy on the way to or from their place of employment.

**Responsibility for Secondary Contractors** – Prime contractors are liable for violations of the act committed by their covered secondary contractors.

#### SERVICE CONTRACT ACT

**General Provisions**—The Service Contract Act applies to every contract entered into by the United States or the District of Columbia, the principal purpose of which is to furnish services in the United States through the use of service employees. Contractors and subcontractors performing on such Federal contracts must observe minimum wage and safety and health standards, and must maintain certain records, unless a specific exemption applies.

**Wages and Fringe Benefits**—Every service employee performing any of the Government contract work under a service contract in excess of \$2,500 must be paid not less than the monetary wages, and must be furnished the fringe benefits, which the Secretary of Labor has determined to be prevailing in the locality for the classification in which the employee is working or the wage rates and fringe benefits (including any accrued or prospective wage rates and fringe benefits) contained in a predecessor contractor's collective bargaining agreement. The wage rates and fringe benefits required are usually specified in the contract but in no case may employees doing work necessary for the performance of the contract be paid less than the minimum wage established in section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Service contracts which do not exceed \$2,500 are not subject to prevailing rate determinations or to the safety and health requirements of the act. However, the act does require that employees performing work on such contracts be paid not less than the minimum wage rate established in section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Service contracts which do not exceed \$2,500 are not subject to prevailing rate determinations or to the safety and health requirements of the act. However, the act does require that employees performing work on such contracts be paid not less than the minimum wage rate established in section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

**Overtime**—The Fair Labor Standards Act and the Contract Work Hours Safety Standards Act may require the payment of overtime at time and one-half the regular rate of pay for all hours work on the contract in excess of 40 a week. The Contract Work Hours Safety Standards Act is more limited in scope than the Fair Labor Standards Act and generally applies to Government contracts in excess of \$100,000 that require or involve the employment of laborers, mechanics, guards, watchmen.

**Safety and Health**—The act provides that no part of the services in contracts in excess of \$2,500 may be performed in buildings or surroundings or under working conditions, provided by or under the control or supervision of the contractor or subcontractor, which are unsanitary or hazardous or dangerous to the health or safety of service employees engaged to furnish the services. The safety and health provisions of the Service Contract Act are administered by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**Notice to Employees**—On the date a service employee commences work on a contract in excess of \$2,500, the contractor (or subcontractor) must provide the employee with a notice of the compensation required by the act. The posting of the notice (including any applicable wage determination) contained on the reverse in a location where it may be seen by all employees performing on the contract will satisfy this requirement.

**Notice in Subcontracts** – The contractor is required to insert in all subcontracts the labor standards clauses specified by the regulations in 29 CFR Part 4 for Federal service contracts exceeding \$2,500.

Responsibility for Secondary Contractors – Prime contractors are liable for violations of the act committed by their covered secondary contractors.

**Other Obligations**—Observance of the labor standards of these acts does not relieve the employer of any obligation he may have under any other laws or agreements providing for higher labor standards.

Additional Information – Additional Information and copies of the acts and applicable regulations and interpretations may be obtained from the nearest office of the Wage and Hour Division or the national office in Washington, D.C. Information pertaining to safety and health standards may be obtained from the nearest office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration or the national office in Washington, D.C.

# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE DAVIS-BACON ACT

## FOR LABORERS AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON FEDERAL OR FEDERALLY ASSISTED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

PREVAILING WAGES	You must be paid not less than the wage rate listed in the Davis-Bacon Wage Decision posted with this Notice for the work you perform.
OVERTIME	You must be paid not less than one and one-half times your basic rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a work week. There are few exceptions.
ENFORCEMENT	Contract payments can be withheld to ensure workers receive wages and overtime pay due, and liquidated damages may apply if overtime pay requirements are not met. Davis-Bacon contract clauses allow contract termination and debarment of contractors from future federal contracts for up to three years. A contractor who falsifies certified payroll records or induces wage kickbacks may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution, fines and/or imprisonment.
APPRENTICES	Apprentice rates apply only to apprentices properly registered under approved Federal or State apprenticeship programs.
PROPER PAY	If you do not receive proper pay, or require further information on the applicable wages, contact the Contracting Officer listed below:

or contact the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.



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# **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

## FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES PAID AT SUBMINIMUM WAGES

This establishment has a certificate authorizing the payment of subminimum wages to workers who are disabled for the work they are performing. Authority to pay subminimum wages to workers with disabilities generally applies to work covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act (SCA), and/or Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act (PCA). Such subminimum wages are referred to as "commensurate wage rates" and are less than the basic hourly rates stated in an SCA wage determination and/or less than the FLSA minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. A "commensurate wage rate" is based on the worker's individual productivity, no matter how limited, in proportion to the wage and productivity of experienced workers who do not have disabilities that impact their productivity when performing essentially the same type, quality, and quantity of work in the geographic area from which the labor force of the community is drawn. Employers shall make this poster available and display it where employees and the parents and guardians of workers with disabilities can readily see it. Subminimum wages under section 14(c) are not applicable unless a worker's disability actually impairs the worker's earning or productive capacity for the work being performed. The fact that a worker may have a WORKERS WITH disability is not in and of itself sufficient to warrant the payment of a subminimum wage DISABILITIES For purposes of payment of commensurate wage rates under a certificate, a worker with a disability is defined as: An individual whose earnings or productive capacity is impaired by a physical or mental disability, including those related to age or injury, for the work to be performed. Disabilities which may affect productive capacity include an intellectual or developmental disability, psychiatric disability, a hearing or visual impairment, and certain other impairments. The following do not ordinarily affect productive capacity for purposes of paying commensurate wage rates: educational disabilities; chronic unemployment; receipt of welfare benefits; nonattendance at school; juvenile delinquency; and correctional parole or probation. Each worker with a disability and, where appropriate, the parent or guardian of such worker, shall be informed orally and in writing by the employer of the terms of the certificate under which such worker is employed. WORKER NOTIFICATION Nondisabled worker standard — The objective gauge (usually a time study of the production of workers who do not have disabilities that impair their productivity for the job) against which the productivity of a **KEY ELEMENTS OF** COMMENSURATE worker with a disability is measured. Prevailing wage rate - The wage paid to experienced workers who do not have disabilities that impair their WAGE RATES productivity for the same or similar work and who are performing such work in the area. Most SCA contracts include a wage determination specifying the prevailing wage rates to be paid for SCA-covered work. Evaluation of the productivity of the worker with a disability-Documented measurement of the production of the worker with a disability (in terms of quantity and quality). The wages of all workers paid commensurate wages must be reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at periodic intervals. At a minimum, the productivity of hourly-paid workers must be reevaluated at least every six months and a new prevailing wage survey must be conducted at least once every twelve months. In addition, prevailing wages must be reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, whenever there is a change in the job or a change in the prevailing wage rate, such as when the applicable state or federal minimum wage is increased. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) amended the Rehabilitation Act by adding WIOA section 511, which places limitations on the payment of subminimum wages to individuals with disabilities by mandating the completion of certain requirements prior to and during the payment of a subminimum wage. Executive Order 13658, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors, established a minimum wage that **EXECUTIVE ORDER** generally must be paid to workers performing on or in connection with a covered contract with the Federal Government. Workers covered by this Executive Order and due the full Executive Order minimum wage include 13658 workers with disabilities whose wages are calculated pursuant to certificates issued under section 14(c) of the FI SA Neither the FLSA nor the PCA have provisions requiring vacation, holiday, or sick pay nor other fringe benefits FRINGE BENEFITS such as health insurance or pension plans. SCA wage determinations may require such fringe benefit payments (or a cash equivalent). Workers paid under a certificate authorizing commensurate wage rates must receive the full fringe benefits listed on the SCA wage determination. Generally, if a worker is performing work subject to the FLSA, SCA, and/or PCA, that worker must be paid at **OVERTIME** least 1 1/2 times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek Minors younger than 18 years of age must be employed in accordance with the child labor provisions of the FLSA. No persons under 16 years of age may be employed in manufacturing or on a PCA contract. **CHILD LABOR** Workers with disabilities paid at subminimum wages may petition the Administrator of the Wage and Hour **PETITION PROCESS** Torision of the Department of Labor for a review of their wage rates by an Administrative Law Judge. No particular form of petition is required, except that it must be signed by the worker with a disability or his or her parent or guardian and should contain the name and address of the employer. Petitions should be mailed to: Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.



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# WORKER RIGHTS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13658

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE FOR CONTRACTORS \$12.15 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023

The law requires certain federal contractors to display this poster where employees can easily see it.

MINIMUM WAGE	Federal construction and service contracts are generally subject to a minimum wage rate under either Executive Order (EO) 13658 or EO 14026.
	• If the contract was entered into on or between January 1, 2015, and January 29, 2022, EO 13658 generally requires that workers be paid at least \$12.15 per hour for all time spent performing on or in connection with the contract in calendar year 2023.
	• If the contract is renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022, or a new contract is entered into on or after January 30, 2022, EO 14026 generally requires that workers be paid at least \$16.20 per hour for all time spent performing on or in connection with the contract in calendar year 2023.
EXCLUSIONS	<ul> <li>The EO minimum wage may not apply to some workers who provide support in connection with covered federal contracts for less than 20 percent of their hours worked in a week.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The EO minimum wage may not apply to certain other occupations and workers.</li> </ul>
ENFORCEMENT	• The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) is responsible for enforcing this law. WHD can answer questions about your workplace rights and protections, investigate employers, and recover back wages. All WHD services are free and confidential. Employers cannot retaliate or discriminate against someone who files a complaint or participates in an investigation. WHD will accept a complaint in any language. You can find your nearest WHD office online at <i>www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/contact/local-offices</i> or by calling toll-free 866-4US-WAGE (866-487-9243). We do not ask workers about their immigration status. <b>We can help</b> .
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<ul> <li>Workers with disabilities must be paid at least the EO minimum wage rate for time spent performing on or in connection with covered contracts.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Some state or local laws may provide greater worker protections and employers must follow the law that requires the highest rate of pay.</li> </ul>
	• More information about the EO minimum wage is available online at www.



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# WORKER RIGHTS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 14026

## FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE FOR CONTRACTORS \$16,20 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023

The law requires certain federal contractors to display this poster where employees can easily see it.

MINIMUM WAGE	Executive Order 14026 (EO) requires that federal contractors pay workers performing work on or in connection with covered contracts at least (1) \$15.00 per hour beginning January 30, 2022, and (2) beginning January 1, 2023, and every year thereafter, an inflation-adjusted amount determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the EO and appropriate regulations. The EO hourly minimum wage in effect from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, is \$16.20.
TIPS	Covered tipped employees must be paid a cash wage of at least \$13.75 per hour effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. If a worker's tips combined with the required cash wage of at least \$13.75 per hour paid by the contractor do not equal the EO hourly minimum wage for contractors, the contractor must increase the cash wage paid to make up the difference. Certain other conditions must also be met.
EXCLUSIONS	<ul> <li>The EO minimum wage may not apply to some workers who provide support "in connection with" covered contracts for less than 20 percent of their hours worked in a week.</li> <li>The EO minimum wage may not apply to certain other occupations and workers.</li> </ul>
ENFORCEMENT	The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) is responsible for enforcing this law. WHD can answer questions about your workplace rights and protections, investigate employers, and recover back wages. All WHD services are free and confidential. Employers cannot retaliate or discriminate against someone who files a complaint or participates in an investigation. WHD will accept a complaint in any language. You can find your nearest WHD office online at <i>www. dol.gov/agencies/whd/contact/local-offices</i> or by calling toll-free 866-4US-WAGE (866-487-9243). We do not ask workers about their immigration status. <b>We can help.</b>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<ul> <li>The EO applies only to new federal construction and service contracts, as defined by the Secretary in the regulations at 29 CFR part 23.</li> <li>Workers with disabilities whose wages are governed by special certificates issued under section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act must also receive no less than the full EO minimum wage rate.</li> <li>Some state or local laws may provide greater worker protections; employers must follow the law that requires the highest rate of pay.</li> <li>More information about the EO is available online at www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts/eo14026</li> </ul>



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# **PAY TRANSPARENCY** NONDISCRIMINATION PROVISION

The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against employees or applicants because they have inquired about, discussed, or disclosed their own pay or the pay of another employee or applicant. However, employees who have access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of their essential job functions cannot disclose the pay of other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to compensation information, unless the disclosure is (a) in response to a formal complaint or charge, (b) in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or (c) consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information. 41 CFR 60-1.35(c)

If you believe that you have experienced discrimination contact OFCCP 1.800.397.6251 | TTY 1.877.889.5627 | www.dol.gov/ofccp



200 CONSTITUTION AVENUE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20210 tel: 1-800-397-6251 TTY: 1-877-889-5627 www.dol.gov/ofccp

# **WORKED, UP TO 56 HOURS EACH YEAR**

#### PAID SICK LEAVE

Executive Order 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors, requires certain employers that contract with the Federal Government to provide employees working on or in connection with those contracts with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work—up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year.

Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury, or other health-related needs, including preventive care; to assist a family member who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member who is the victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Employers are required to inform employees of their paid sick leave balances and must approve all valid requests to use paid sick leave. Rules about when and how employees should ask to use paid sick leave also apply. More information about the paid sick leave requirements is available at www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts/eo13706

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

The Wage and Hour Division (WHD), which is responsible for making sure employers comply with Executive Order 13706, has offices across the country. WHD can answer questions, in person or by telephone, about your workplace rights and protections. WHD can investigate employers and recover wages to which workers may be entitled. All services are free and confidential. If you are unable to file a complaint in English, WHD will accept the complaint in any language.

The law prohibits discriminating against or discharging workers who file a complaint or participate in any proceeding under the Executive Order.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Executive Order 13706 applies to new contracts and replacements for expiring contracts with the Federal Government starting January 1, 2017. It applies to federal contracts for construction and many types of federal contracts for services.

Some state and local laws also require that employees be provided with paid sick leave. Employers must comply with all applicable requirements.



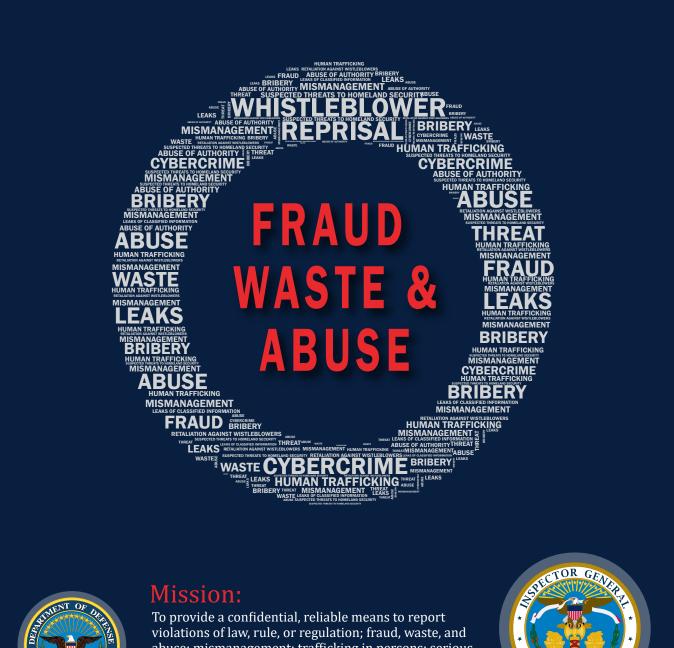


WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION TTY: 1-877-889-5627 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts



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## **Report to the DoD Inspector General...**



violations of law, rule, or regulation; fraud, waste, and abuse; mismanagement; trafficking in persons; serious security incidents; or other criminal or administrative misconduct that involve DoD personnel and operations, without fear of reprisal.







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## MILITARY \* CIVILIAN \* CONTRACTOR

STATES OF

## FAIR EMPLOYMENT IN MASSACHUSETTS

Applicants to and employees of private employers with 6 or more employees\*, state and local governments, employment agencies and labor organizations are protected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 151B from discrimination on the following bases:

## RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, DISABILITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, SEX, PREGNANCY AND PREGNANCY-RELATED CONDITIONS, GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENETIC INFORMATION, ANCESTRY, MILITARY SERVICE

M.G.L. c. 151B protects applicants and employees from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, compensation, benefits, training, classification and other aspects of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, national origin (including unlawful language proficiency requirements), age (if you are 40 years old or older), sex, pregnancy or a condition related to pregnancy, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, ancestry, and military service. Religious discrimination includes failing to reasonably accommodate an employee's religious practices where the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship.

#### HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment includes sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or as a basis for employment decisions; (b) such advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive work environment. *The law also prohibits harassment based on the protected classes set forth above.* 

#### PREGNANCY

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of pregnancy and pregnancyrelated conditions, such as lactation or the need to express breast milk for a nursing child, and describes employers' obligations to employees that are pregnant or lactating and the protections these employees are entitled to receive.

#### PARENTAL LEAVE

The law requires employers to grant an employee who has completed an initial probationary period and has given two (2) weeks' notice of the anticipated date of departure and the employee's intention to return, at least eight (8) weeks of paid or unpaid leave for the purpose of childbirth, adoption of a child under 18, or adoption of a child under 23 years old if the child has a mental or physical disability.

#### DISABILITY

M.G.L. c. 151B prohibits discrimination the basis of disability, a record of disability or perceived disability, in hiring, promotion, discharge, compensation, benefits,

training, classification and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination may include failing to reasonably accommodate an otherwise qualified person with a disability.

#### RETALIATION

It is illegal to retaliate against any person because s/he has opposed any discriminatory practices or because s/he has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding before the Commission. It is also illegal to aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce any act forbidden under M.G.L. c. 151B, or attempt to do so.

#### DOMESTIC WORKERS

M.G.L. c. 151B prohibits discrimination and harassment against certain domestic workers where the employer has one (1) or more employee.\* While some exclusions apply, domestic workers generally include individuals paid to perform work of a domestic nature within a household on a regular basis, such as housekeeping, housecleaning, nanny services, and/or caretaking. Employers are prohibited from engaging in sexual harassment and harassment and/ or discrimination based on the protected classes described above, i.e. race, color, etc. Domestic workers are also entitled to parental leave.

#### **CRIMINAL HISTORY INQUIRIES**

The law prohibits employers from asking applicants on an initial employment application for any criminal background information unless an exemption by statute or regulation exists.

#### MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY ADMISSION INQUIRIES

Employers may not refuse to hire or terminate an employee for failing to furnish information regarding his/her admission to a facility for the care and treatment of mentally ill persons. An employment application may not seek information about an applicant's admission to such a facility.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST

If you feel you have been harassed or discriminated against, you should <u>immediately</u> file a charge of discrimination with the **Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination**, www.mcad.gov, at one of the offices below. <u>An agreement</u> <u>with your employer to arbitrate your discrimination</u> <u>claim(s) does not bar you from filing a charge of</u> <u>discrimination</u>.

Boston Office: 1 Ashburton Pl., Suite 601, Boston, MA 02108 – P: 617-994-6000 F: 617-994-6024 New Bedford Office: 800 Purchase St., Room 501, New Bedford, MA 02740 – P: 508-990-2390 F: 508-990-4260 Springfield Office: 436 Dwight St., Room 220, Springfield, MA 01103 – P: 413-739-2145 F: 413-784-1056 Worcester Office: 484 Main St., Room 320, Worcester, MA 01608 – P: 508-453-9630 F: 508-755-3861 For more information, please see our website: www.mass.gov/mcad/

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** DEPARTMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

## Information on Employees' Unemployment Insurance Coverage

**Employer** name

Employer DUA ID #

Address

Employees of this business or organization are covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI), a program financed entirely by Massachusetts employers. No deductions are made from your salary to cover the cost of your Unemployment Insurance benefits.

If you lose your job, you may be entitled to collect Unemployment Insurance. Outlined below is the information you need in order to apply for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. Before you file, your employer will give you a copy of the pamphlet: How to Apply for Unemployment Insurance Benefits, provided by the Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA).

You must be in the United States, its territories, or Canada when filing a claim or certifying for weekly UI benefits.

## There are two ways to apply for UI Benefits:



## Apply by Using UI Online

UI Online is a secure, easy-to-use, self-service system. You can apply for benefits, reopen an existing claim, request weekly benefit payments, check your claim status, sign up for direct deposit, update your address, and even file an appeal online. To apply for benefits using UI Online, go to www.mass.gov/dua, and select UI Online for Claimants, and complete the required information to submit your application.

## Apply by calling the TeleClaim Center



Unemployment Insurance services are available by telephone. You can apply for Unemployment Insurance benefits, reopen a current claim, obtain up-to-date information on the status of your claim and benefit payment, resolve problems, and sign up for direct deposit — all by telephone. To apply for benefits by telephone, call the TeleClaim Center at 1-877-626-6800 from area codes 351, 413, 508, 774, and 978; or 1-617-626-6800 from any other area code. You will be asked to enter your Social Security Number and the year you were born. You will then be connected to an agent who will take the information necessary to file your claim.

Note: During peak periods from Monday through Thursday, call scheduling may be implemented, providing priority for callers based on the last digit of their Social Security Number. This helps ensure that you and others can get through to the TeleClaim Center in a timely manner. Please check the schedule on the right before calling.

If the last digit of your Social Security Number is:	Assigned day to call Teleclaim is:
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2, 3	Tuesday
4, 5, 6	Wednesday
7, 8, 9	Thursday
Any last digit	Friday

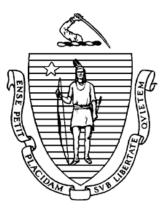
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IMPORTANT: Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 151A, Section 62A requires that this notice be displayed at each site operated by an employer, in a conspicuous place, where it is accessible to all employees. It must include the name and mailing address of the employer, and the identification number assigned to the employer by the Department of Unemployment Assistance.

An equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For hearing-impaired relay services, call 711. www.mass.gov/dua

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES



## NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS LAFAYETTE CITY CENTER, 2 AVENUE DE LAFAYETTE, BOSTON, MA 02111 (617) 727-4900 – www.mass.gov/dia

As required by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 152, Sections 21, 22 & 30, this will give you notice that I (we) have provided for payment to our injured employees under the above-mentioned chapter by insuring with:

#### NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY

#### ADDRESS OF INSURANCE COMPANY

POLICY NUMBER

EMPLOYER

NAME OF INSURANCE AGENT

ADDRESS

ADDRESS

EMPLOYER'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION OFFICER (IF ANY)

DATE

PHONE #

**EFFECTIVE DATES** 

## MEDICAL TREATMENT

The above named insurer is required in cases of personal injuries arising out of and in the course of employment to furnish adequate and reasonable hospital and medical services in accordance with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act. A copy of the First Report of Injury must be given to the injured employee. The employee may select his or her own physician. The reasonable cost of the services provided by the treating physician will be paid by the insurer, if the treatment is necessary and reasonably connected to the work related injury. In cases requiring hospital attention, employees are hereby notified that the insurer has arranged for such attention at the

NAME OF HOSPITAL

ADDRESS

## TO BE POSTED BY EMPLOYER

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## **Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination**

#### SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY OF I. Introduction

Name of Employer

Name of Employer It is the goal of to promote a workplace that is free of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment of employees occurring in the workplace or in other settings in which employees may find themselves in connection with their employment is unlawful and will not be tolerated by this organization. Further, any retaliation against an individual who has complained about sexual harassment or retaliation against individuals for cooperating with an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint is similarly unlawful and will not be tolerated. To achieve our goal of providing a workplace free from sexual harassment, the conduct that is described in this policy will not be tolerated and we have provided a procedure by which inappropriate conduct will be dealt with, if encountered by employees.

Name of Employer Because

takes allegations of sexual harassment seriously, we will respond promptly to complaints of sexual harassment and where it is determined that such inappropriate conduct has occurred, we will act promptly to eliminate the conduct and impose such corrective action as is necessary, including disciplinary action where appropriate.

Please note that while this policy sets forth our goals of promoting a workplace that is free of sexual harassment, the policy is not designed or intended to limit our authority to discipline or take remedial action for workplace conduct which we deem unacceptable, regardless of whether that conduct satisfies the definition of sexual harassment.

#### **II. Definition Of Sexual Harassment**

In Massachusetts, the legal definition for sexual harassment is this: "sexual harassment" means sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

(a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or as a basis for employment decisions; or,

(b) such advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive work environment.

Under these definitions, direct or implied requests by a supervisor for sexual favors in exchange for actual or promised job benefits such as favorable reviews, salary increases, promotions, increased benefits, or continued employment constitutes sexual harassment.

The legal definition of sexual harassment is broad and in addition to the above examples, other sexually oriented conduct, whether it is intended or not, that is unwelcome and has the effect of creating a work place environment that is hostile, offensive, intimidating, or humiliating to male or female workers may also constitute sexual harassment.

While it is not possible to list all those additional circumstances that may constitute sexual harassment, the following are some examples of conduct which if unwelcome, may constitute sexual harassment depending upon the totality of the circumstances including the severity of the conduct and its pervasiveness: \*Unwelcome sexual advances -- whether they involve physical touching or not;

\*Sexual epithets, jokes, written or oral references to sexual conduct, gossip regarding one's sex life; comment on an individual's body, comment about an individual's sexual activity, deficiencies, or prowess;

\*Displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons;

\*Unwelcome leering, whistling, brushing against the body, sexual gestures, suggestive or insulting comments;

\*Inquiries into one's sexual experiences; and,

\*Discussion of one's sexual activities.

All employees should take special note that, as stated above, retaliation against an individual who has complained about sexual harassment, and retaliation against individuals for cooperating with an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint is unlawful and will not be tolerated by this organization.

#### III. Complaints of Sexual Harassment

If any of our employees believes that he or she has been subjected to sexual harassment, the employee has the right to file a complaint with our organization. This may be done in writing or orally.

Name, Address & Phone Number of Contact If you would like to file a complaint you may do so by contacting Name of Additional Contact(s) [is/are] also available to discuss any concerns you may have and to provide information to you

about our policy on sexual harassment and our complaint process.

#### **IV. Sexual Harassment Investigation**

When we receive the complaint we will promptly investigate the allegation in a fair and expeditious manner. The investigation will be conducted in such a way as to maintain confidentiality to the extent practicable under the circumstances. Our investigation will include a private interview with the person filing the complaint and with witnesses. We will also interview the person alleged to have committed sexual harassment. when we have completed our investigation, we will, to the extent appropriate inform the person filing the complaint and the person alleged to have committed the conduct of the results of that investigation.

If it is determined that inappropriate conduct has occurred, we will act promptly to eliminate the offending conduct, and where it is appropriate we will also impose disciplinary action.

#### V. Disciplinary Action

If it is determined that inappropriate conduct has been committed by one of our employees, we will take such action as is appropriate under the circumstances. Such action may range from counseling to termination from employment, and may include such other forms of disciplinary action as we deem appropriate under the circumstances.

#### VI. State and Federal Remedies

In addition to the above, if you believe you have been subjected to sexual harassment, you may file a formal complaint with either or both of the government agencies set forth below. Using our complaint process does not prohibit you from filing a complaint with these agencies. Each of the agencies has a short time period for filing a claim (EEOC - 300 days; MCAD - 300 days).

1. The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") One Congress Street, 10th Floor Boston, MA 02114, (617) 565-3200.

2. The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination ("MCAD") Boston Office: One Ashburton Place, Rm. 601, Boston, MA 02108, (617) 994-6000. Springfield Office: 424 Dwight Street, Rm. 220, Springfield, MA 01103, (413) 739-2145.



## Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination



## PARENTAL LEAVE

An Act Relative to Parental Leave expands the current maternity leave law, G.L. c. 149, § 105D, which is enforced by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD). Currently, Massachusetts law requires employers with six or more employees to provide eight weeks of unpaid maternity leave for the purpose of giving birth or for the placement of a child under the age of 18, or under the age of 23 if the child is mentally or physically disabled, for adoption. The new law goes into effect on April 7, 2015 and expands the current leave law in the following ways:

The parental leave law is now gender neutral. Both men and women are entitled to parental leave.

If the employer agrees to provide parental leave for longer than 8 weeks, the employer must reinstate the employee at the end of the extended leave unless it clearly informs the employee in writing before the leave and before any extension of that leave, that taking longer than 8 weeks of leave shall result in the denial of reinstatement or the loss of other rights and benefits.

The law clarifies that the right to leave applies to employees who have completed an initial probationary period set by the terms of employment, but which is not greater than 3 months.

The law provides that if two employees of the same employer give birth to or adopt the same child, the two employees are entitled to an aggregate of 8 weeks of leave.

The law clarifies that an employee seeking leave must provide at least 2 weeks' notice of the anticipated date of departure and the employee's intention to return, but also permits the employee to provide notice as soon as practicable if the delay is for reasons beyond the employee's control.

The law clarifies that an employee on parental leave for the adoption of a child shall be entitled to the same benefits offered to an employee on leave for the birth of a child.

The law expands the notice requirements, mandating that employers keep a posting in a conspicuous place describing the law's requirements and the employer's policies as to parental leave.

Boston: One Ashburton Place, Room 601, Boston, MA 02108; 617-994-6000 Springfield: 436 Dwight Street, Room 220, Springfield, MA 01103; 413-739-2145 Worcester: 484 Main Street, Room 320, Worcester, MA 01608; 508-453-9630 New Bedford: 800 Purchase, Room 501, New Bedford, MA 02740; 508-990-2390 Visit our website for more resources and instructions on filing a complaint: www.mass.gov/mcad

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## **NO SMOKING OR VAPING** It is illegal to smoke or vape in this establishment.



MGL Chapter 270, Section 22

# To report a violation, contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at 1-800-992-1895.

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## Massachusetts Wage & Hour Laws

**Effective Date** 

January 1, 2017

January 1, 2019

January 1, 2020

January 1, 2021

January 1, 2022

January 1, 2023



Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey

#### Fair Labor Hotline (617) 727-3465 TTY (617) 727-4765





State law requires all employers to post this notice at the workplace in a location where it can easily be read. M.G.L. Chapter 151, Section 16; 454 C.M.R. 27.07(1)

Service Rate

\$3.75

\$4.35

\$4.95

\$5.55

\$6.15

\$6.75

#### Minimum Wage

#### M.G.L. Chapter 151, Sections 1, 2, 2A, and 7

In Massachusetts, all workers are presumed to be employees. The minimum wage applies to **all** employees, except:

- agricultural workers (\$8.00 per hour is the minimum wage for most agricultural workers),
- members of a religious order,
- workers being trained in certain educational, nonprofit, or religious organizations, and
- outside salespeople.

#### M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 152A; M.G.L. Chapter 151, Section 7

Minimum Wage

\$11.00

\$12.00

\$12.75

\$13.50

\$14.25

\$15.00

The hourly "service rate" applies to workers who provide services to customers and who make more than \$20 a month in tips. The average hourly tips, plus the hourly service rate paid to the worker must add up to the minimum wage per each shift. Employers, owners and employees with managerial or supervisory responsibilities on a given day must never take any of your tips. Tips and service charges listed on a bill must be given only to wait staff, service bartenders, or other service employees. Tip pooling is allowed only for wait staff, service bartenders, and other service employees.

#### Overtime

Tips

#### M.G.L. Chapter 151, Sections 1A and 1B

M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 148

Generally, employees who work more than 40 hours in any week must be paid overtime. Overtime pay is at least 1.5 x the regular rate of pay for each hour worked over 40 hours in a week.

For some employees who get paid the "service rate," the overtime rate is 1.5 x the basic minimum wage, *not* the service rate. *Exception*: Under state law, some jobs and workplaces are exempt from overtime. For a complete list of overtime exemptions, visit *www.mass.gov/ago/fairlabor* or call the Attorney General's Fair Labor Division at (617) 727-3465.

#### **Payment of Wages**

The law says when, what, and how employees must be paid. An employee's pay (or wages) includes payment for all hours worked, including tips, earned vacation pay, promised holiday pay, and earned commissions that are definitely determined, due and payable. Hourly employees must be paid every week or every other week (bi-weekly). The deadline to pay is 6 or 7 days after the pay period ends, depending on how many days an employee worked during one calendar week.

Employees who quit must be paid in full on the next regular payday or by the first Saturday after they quit (if there is no regular payday). Employees who are *fired* or *laid off* must be paid in full on their last day of work.

#### **Paystub Information**

All employees must get a statement, at no cost, with their pay that says the name of the employer and employee, the date of payment (month, day, and year), the number of hours worked during the pay period, the hourly rate, and all deductions or increases made during the pay period.

#### **Pay Deductions**

An employer cannot deduct money from an employee's pay unless the law allows it (such as state and federal income taxes), or the employee asked for a deduction to be made for the employee's own benefit (such as to put money aside in the employee's savings account).

An employer cannot take money from an employee's pay for the employer's ordinary business costs (for example: supplies, materials or tools needed for the employee's job). An employer who requires an employee to buy or rent a uniform must refund the actual costs to the employee.

The law also puts limits on when and how much money an employer can take from an employee's pay for housing and meals the employer gives to the employee.

#### **Hours Worked**

Hours worked or "working time" includes all time that an employee must be on duty at the employer's worksite or other location, and works before or after the normal shift to complete the work.

#### **Meal Breaks**

#### M.G.L. Chapter 149, Sections 100 and 101

M.G.L. Chapter 151, Section 15

454 C.M.R. 27.02

Most employees who work more than 6 hours must get a 30-minute meal break. During their meal break, employees must be free of all duties and free to leave the workplace. If, at the request of the employer, an employee agrees to work or stay at the workplace during the meal break, the employee must get paid for that time.

#### **Payroll Records**

Payroll records must include the employee's name, address, job/occupation, amount paid each pay period, and hours worked (each day and week).

Employers must keep payroll records for 3 years. Employees have the right to see their own payroll records at reasonable times and places.

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#### Sick Leave

Most employees have the right to earn 1 hour of sick leave for every 30 hours they work, and they may earn and take up to 40 hours of sick leave a year. Employees begin accruing sick time on their first day of work. Employees must have access to their sick leave 90 days after starting work.

Eligible employees may use their sick leave if they or their child, spouse, parent, or spouse's parent is sick, injured, or has a routine medical appointment. They may also use sick leave for themselves or their child to address the effects of domestic violence. Unless it is an emergency, employees must notify the employer before using sick leave.

Employees who miss more than 3 days in a row may need to provide their employer a doctor's note.

#### Paid Sick Leave

Employers with 11 or more employees must provide paid sick leave. Employers with fewer than 11 employees must provide sick leave; however, it does not need to be paid.

#### Employers Must <u>Not</u> Discriminate

M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 105A; M.G.L. Chapter 151B, Section 4 Subject to certain limited exceptions, employers must not pay one employee less for doing the same or comparable work as another employee of a different gender.

Age

They must not discriminate in hiring, pay or other compensation, or other terms of employment based on a person's:

- Race or color
- Religion, national origin, or ancestry
- Sex (including pregnancy)
- Military service

#### Small Necessities Leave

In some cases, employees have the right to take up to 24 hours unpaid leave every 12 months for their:

- child's school activities,
- child's doctor or dentist appointment, or
- · elderly relative's doctor or dentist appointments, or other appointments.
- Employees are eligible for this leave if the employer has at least 50 employees and the employee has:
  - been employed for at least 12 months by the employer and
  - worked at least 1,250 hours for the employer during the previous 12-month period.

#### **Reporting Pay**

Most employees must be paid for 3 hours at no less than minimum wage if the employee is scheduled to work 3 or more hours, and reports to work on time, and is not given the expected hours of work.

#### **Rights of Temporary Workers**

To learn about rights of temporary workers and employees hired through staffing agencies, call: 617-626-6970 or go to: www.mass.gov/dols.

#### **Rights of Domestic Workers**

To learn about additional rights for workers who provide housekeeping, cleaning, childcare, cooking, home management, elder care, or similar services in a household, go to www.mass.gov/ago/DW.

#### **Public Works and Public Construction Workers**

Workers who work on public construction projects and certain other public work must be paid the prevailing wage, a minimum rate set by the Department of Labor Standards based on the type of work performed.

#### **Domestic Violence Leave**

Employees who are victims, or whose family members are victims, of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or kidnapping have the right to 15 days of leave for related needs, such as health care, counseling, and victims services; safe housing; care and custody of their children; and legal help, protective orders, and going to court.

The leave can be paid or unpaid depending on the employer's policy. This law applies to employers with 50 or more employees.

#### **Employees Have the Right to Sue** M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 150; M.G.L. Chapter 151, Sections 1B and 20

Employees have the right to sue their employer for most violations of wage and hour laws. Employees may sue as an individual or they may sue their employer as a group if they have similar complaints. Employees who win their case will receive back pay, triple damages, attorneys' fees, and court costs.

Important! There are strict deadlines for starting a lawsuit. For most cases, the deadline is 3 years after the violation.

#### Employers Must <u>Not</u> Retaliate

M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 148A; M.G.L. Chapter 151, Section 19

It is against the law for an employer to punish or discriminate against an employee for making a complaint or trying to enforce the rights explained in this poster.

The laws explained in this poster apply to all workers, regardless of immigration status, including undocumented workers. If an employer reports or threatens to report a worker to immigration authorities because the worker complained about a violation of rights, the employer can be prosecuted and/or subject to civil penalties.

M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 148C

M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 26-27H

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M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 159C

M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 190

M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 52E

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M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 52D

· Genetic information or disability

• Sexual orientation or gender identity or expression

#### Employees Under 18 – Child Labor

All employers in Massachusetts must follow state and federal laws for employees who are under 18 (minors). These laws say when, where, and how long minors may work. They also say what kinds of work or tasks minors must NOT do. Work Permits Required - Most workers under 18 must obtain a work permit. Employers must keep their minor workers' work permits on file at the worksite. To get a work permit, the minor must apply to the superintendent of the school district where the minor lives or goes to school. To learn more about getting a work permit, contact the Department of Labor Standards at (617) 626-6975, or www.mass.gov/dols.

Age	Must Not	
16 & 17	Drive most motor vehicles or forklifts	• Handle, serve, or sell alcoholic beverages
	<ul> <li>Work at a job that requires that he employee have or use a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Work 30 or more feet off of the ground</li> </ul>
	firearm	
	• Use, clean or repair certain kinds of power-driven machines	
14 & 15	• Cook (except on electric or gas grills that do not have open	Work in freezers or meat coolers
	flames), operate fryolators, rotisseries, NEICO broilers, or	<ul> <li>Perform any baking activities</li> </ul>
	pressure cookers	• Work in or near factories, construction sites,
	Operate, clean or repair power-driven food slicers,	manufacturing plants, mechanized workplaces
	grinders, choppers, processors, cutters, and mixers	garages, tunnels, or other risky workplaces
Under 14	• Minors under 14 cannot work in Massachusetts in most cases.	

#### Dangerous Jobs & Tasks Minors Must Not Do

**These are just some examples** of tasks prohibited under both state and federal law. **For a complete list** of prohibited jobs for minors, contact the Attorney General's Fair Labor Division: (617) 727-3465 • *www.mass.gov/ago/youthemployment*. Or contact the U.S. Department of Labor: (617) 624-6700 • *www.youth.dol.gov* 

#### **Time & Schedule Restrictions for Minors**

Age	Must not work	At any time:	
16 & 17	At <b>night</b> , from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. (or past 10:15 if the employer stops serving customers at 10 p.m.) <i>Exception:</i> On non-school nights, may work until 11:30 p.m. or until midnight, if working at a restaurant or racetrack.	<ul> <li>More than <b>9 hours</b> per day</li> <li>More than <b>48 hours</b> per week</li> <li>More than <b>6 days</b> per week</li> </ul>	
14 & 15	At <b>night</b> , from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. <i>Exception:</i> In summer (July 1 – Labor Day), may work until 9 p.m.		
	<ul> <li>During the School Year:*</li> <li>During school hours</li> <li>More than 3 hours on any school day</li> <li>More than 18 hours during any week</li> <li>More than 8 hours on any weekend or holiday</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When school is not in session:</li> <li>More than 8 hours on any day</li> <li>More than 40 hours per week</li> <li>More than 6 days per week</li> </ul>	

\**Exception:* For school-approved career or experience-building jobs, students may be allowed to work during the school day, up to 23 hours a week.

Adult Supervision Required After 8 p.m. - After 8 p.m., all minors must be directly supervised by an adult who is located in the workplace and is reasonably accessible. *Exception:* Adult supervision is not required for minors working at a kiosk or stand in a common area of an enclosed shopping mall that has security from 8 p.m. until the mall closes.

? Contact the Attorney General's Fair Labor Division: (617) 727-3465 – www.mass.gov/ago/fairlabor

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## STATE PANELS EARNED SICK TIME Notice of Employee Rights

Beginning July 1, 2015, Massachusetts employees have the right to earn and take sick leave from work.

#### WHO QUALIFIES?

All employees in Massachusetts can earn sick time.

This includes full-time, part-time, temporary, and seasonal employees.

#### **HOW IS IT EARNED?**

- Employees earn 1 hour of sick time for every 30 hours they work.
- Employees can earn and use up to 40 hours per year if they work enough hours.
- Employees with unused earned sick time at the end of the year can rollover up to 40 hours.
- Employees begin earning sick time on their first day of work and may begin using earned sick time 90 days after starting work.

#### WILL IT BE PAID?

- O If an employer has 11 or more employees, sick time must be paid.
- For employers with 10 or fewer employees, sick time may be unpaid.
- Paid sick time must be paid on the same schedule and at the same rate as regular wages.

## WHEN CAN IT BE USED?

- An employee can use sick time when the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse is sick, has a medical appointment, or has to address the effects of domestic violence.
- O The smallest amount of sick time an employee can take is one hour.
- Sick time cannot be used as an excuse to be late for work without advance notice of a proper use.
- Use of sick time for other purposes is not allowed and may result in an employee being disciplined.

## **CAN AN EMPLOYER HAVE A DIFFERENT POLICY?**

Yes. Employers may have their own sick leave or paid time off policy, so long as employees can use at least the same amount of time, for the same reasons, and with the same job-protections as under the Earned Sick Time Law.

#### RETALIATION

Employees using earned sick time cannot be fired or otherwise retaliated against for exercising or attempting to exercise rights under the law.

Examples of retaliation include: denying use or delaying payment of earned sick time, firing an employee, taking away work hours, or giving the employee undesirable assignments.

#### **NOTICE & VERIFICATION**

- Employees must notify their employer before they use sick time, except in a emergency.
- Employers may require employees to use a reasonable notification system the employer creates.
- If an employee is out of work for 3 consecutive days OR uses sick time within 2 weeks of leaving his or her job, an employer may require documentation from a medical provider.

## **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?**

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**Call** the Fair Labor Division at 617-727-3465

Visit www.mass.gov/ago/earnedsicktime



Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General English - July 2016 The Attorney General enforces the Earned Sick Time Law and regulations. It is unlawful to violate any provision of the Earned Sick Time Law.

Violations of any provision of the Earned Sick time law, M.G.L. c. 149, §148C, or these regulations, 940 CMR 33.00 shall be subject to paragraphs (1), (2), (4), (6) and (7) of subsection (b) of M.G.L. c. 149, §27C(b) and to §150.

This notice is intended to inform. Full text of the law and regulations are available at www.mass.gov/ago/earnedsicktime.



## Notice of Benefits Available Under M.G.L. Chapter 175M Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML)

#### **Available Leave**

Covered individuals may be entitled to family and medical leave for the following reasons:

- up to 20 weeks of paid medical leave in a benefit year if they have a serious health condition that incapacitates them from work.
- up to 12 weeks of paid family leave in a benefit year related to the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child, to care for a family member with a serious health condition, or because of a qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that a family member is on active duty or has been notified of an impending call to active duty in the Armed Forces.
- up to 26 weeks of paid family leave in a benefit year to care for a family member who is a covered service member with a serious health condition.

## Covered individuals are eligible for no more than 26 total weeks, in the aggregate, of paid family and medical leave in a single benefit year.

#### **Benefits**

To fund PFML benefits, employers may deduct payroll contributions of up to 0.318% (adjusted annually) from a covered individual's wages or other earnings. A covered individual's average weekly earnings will determine his or her benefit amount, for a maximum weekly benefit of up to \$ 1,129.82 (adjusted annually).



#### Who is a Covered Individual Under the Law?

- Generally, a worker qualifies as a covered individual eligible for PFML benefits if they are:
- covered by unemployment insurance in Massachusetts and paid wages by a Massachusetts employer; or
- a self-employed individual who resides and works in Massachusetts and chooses to opt-in to the program; and
  has earned more than 30 times the expected benefit and more than \$6,000 (adjusted annually) in the last four completed guarters preceding the application for benefits.

for the duration of such leave.

#### Job Protection

Generally, an employee who has taken paid family or medical leave must be restored to the employee's previous position or to an equal position, with the same status, pay, employment benefits, length-ofservice credit, and seniority as of the date of leave.

These job protections do not apply to former employees, independent contractors, or self-employed individuals.

#### No Retaliation or Discrimination

Employers must continue to provide for and contribute to employees' employment-related health insurance benefits, if any, at the level and under the conditions coverage would havebeen provided if the employees had continued working

Health Insurance

- It is unlawful for an employer to discriminate or retaliate against an employee for exercising any right to which s/he isentitled under the law.
- An employee or former employee who is discriminated or retaliated against for exercising rights under the law may, not more than three years after the violation occurs, institute a civil action in the superior court, and may be entitled todamages of as much as three times his or her lost wages.

#### **Private Plans**

If an employer offers employees paid family leave, medical leave, or both, with benefits that are at least as generous as those provided under the law, the employer may apply for an exemption from paying the contributions. Employees continue to be protected from discrimination and retaliation under the law even when an employer opts to provide paid leave benefits through a private plan.



If you have questions or concerns about your Paid Family and Medical Leave rights, please call: (833) 344-7365 or visit: https://www.mass.gov/DFML

This notice must be posted in a conspicuous place on the employer's premises.



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