



# 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:

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

then an employer may not deny you:

- ☆ initial employment;
- ☆ reemployment;
- ☆ retention in employment;
- ☆ promotion; or
- ☆ 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 Labor**  
1-866-487-2365



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**Office of Special Counsel**



**1-800-336-4590**

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# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

## UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

### PERMISSIBLE SALARY DEDUCTIONS FROM THE PAY OF EXEMPT EMPLOYEES

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required to comply with the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and the U.S. Department of Labor's regulations and rules governing the salary basis pay for exempt employees. Being paid on a "salary basis" means an employee regularly receives a predetermined amount of compensation each pay period. The predetermined amount cannot be reduced because of variations in the quality or quantity of the employee's work. Subject to the exceptions listed below, an exempt employee must receive his or her full salary for any workweek in which the employee performs any work, regardless of the number of days or hours they work in a given workweek. Therefore, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania prohibits any unauthorized deductions from the salary of such exempt employees. Questions concerning whether an employee is exempt should be directed to the employee's office of human resources.

#### Permissible Deductions

Deductions from the salary of an exempt, salaried employee are permitted as follows:

- 1. Personal Reasons.** When an exempt, salaried employee who is absent from work for personal reasons, other than sickness or disability, has no paid leave available, the employee's salary for that week will be reduced for each hour (or fraction of an hour) that the employee is absent for personal reasons.
- 2. Sickness or Disability.** When an exempt, salaried employee is absent from work as a result of his or her own sickness or disability, including absences as a result of a work-related accident or injury, the employee will be compensated in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's sick leave, disability or workers compensation policies, as appropriate. If the employee has no leave available and is not eligible for disability benefits, the employee's salary for that week will be reduced for each hour (or fraction of an hour) that the employee is absent due to illness.
- 3. First and Last Weeks of Employment.** During an exempt, salaried employee's first and last weeks of employment with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the employee will be paid only for the days actually worked.
- 4. Unpaid FMLA Leave.** When an exempt, salaried employee takes unpaid leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act, including intermittent leave, the employee's salary will be reduced for each hour (or fraction of an hour) of unpaid leave taken.
- 5. Suspensions for Major Safety Rule Violations.** When an exempt, salaried employee is suspended for violation of safety rules of major significance, the employee's salary will be reduced for each hour (or fraction of an hour) of the length of the suspension.
- 6. Suspensions for Workplace Conduct Violations.** When an exempt, salaried employee is suspended for one or more full days for violation of one or more of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's workplace conduct rules, the employee's salary will be reduced for each day of the suspension. Workplace conduct rules do not include issues with an employee's job performance or attendance.

This policy addresses pay deductions from exempt, salaried employees based on the employee's absence from work. The following salary deductions are not covered by this policy: deductions required by federal, state and local laws; deductions under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's benefit plans; and any other voluntary deductions authorized by the employee.

#### Complaint Procedure

If you are an exempt, salaried employee and you believe that an improper deduction has been made from your salary, you should immediately report this information to your direct supervisor or to your office of human resources, who will provide you with a complaint form to be utilized to document the complaint. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is committed to investigating and resolving all complaints as promptly, but also as accurately, as possible. All complaints will be investigated and resolved within a reasonable period of time. If the investigation reveals that an improper deduction from your pay was made, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will reimburse you for the improper deduction and will take whatever action it deems necessary to ensure compliance with the salary basis rules. Retaliation against an employee for making a complaint under this policy is strictly prohibited.



# 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
- Union members and applicants for membership in a union

## 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, childbirth, and related medical 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
- Interference, coercion, or threats related to exercising rights regarding disability discrimination or pregnancy accommodation

## What Organizations are Covered?

- Most private employers
- State and local governments (as employers)
- Educational institutions (as employers)
- Unions
- Staffing agencies

## 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; pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition; or a sincerely-held 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
- Conduct that coerces, intimidates, threatens, or interferes with someone exercising their rights, or someone assisting or encouraging someone else to exercise rights, regarding disability discrimination (including accommodation) or pregnancy accommodation

## 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](http://www.eeoc.gov/field-office))

**E-Mail** [info@eeoc.gov](mailto:info@eeoc.gov)

Additional information about the EEOC, including information about filing a charge of discrimination, is available at [www.eeoc.gov](http://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.

# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

## 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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# 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 work-related 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.

*This poster is available free from OSHA.*

**Contact OSHA. We can help.**

## 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.



# Your Employee Rights Under the Family and Medical Leave Act

## What is FMLA leave?

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) is a federal law that provides eligible employees with **job-protected leave** for qualifying family and medical reasons. The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) enforces the FMLA for most employees.

Eligible employees can take **up to 12 workweeks** of FMLA leave in a 12-month period for:

- The birth, adoption or foster placement of a child with you,
- Your serious mental or physical health condition that makes you unable to work,
- To care for your spouse, child or parent with a serious mental or physical health condition, and
- Certain qualifying reasons related to the foreign deployment of your spouse, child or parent who is a military servicemember.

An eligible employee who is the spouse, child, parent or next of kin of a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness **may take up to 26 workweeks** of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember.

You have the right to use FMLA leave in **one block of time**. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, you may take FMLA leave **intermittently in separate blocks of time, or on a reduced schedule** by working less hours each day or week. Read Fact Sheet #28M(c) for more information.

FMLA leave is **not paid leave**, but you may choose, or be required by your employer, to use any employer-provided paid leave if your employer's paid leave policy covers the reason for which you need FMLA leave.

## Am I eligible to take FMLA leave?

You are an **eligible employee** if **all** of the following apply:

- You work for a covered employer,
- You have worked for your employer at least 12 months,
- You have at least 1,250 hours of service for your employer during the 12 months before your leave, and
- Your employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of your work location.

Airline flight crew employees have different "hours of service" requirements.

You work for a **covered employer** if **one** of the following applies:

- You work for a private employer that had at least 50 employees during at least 20 workweeks in the current or previous calendar year,
- You work for an elementary or public or private secondary school, or
- You work for a public agency, such as a local, state or federal government agency. Most federal employees are covered by Title II of the FMLA, administered by the Office of Personnel Management.

## How do I request FMLA leave?

Generally, to **request FMLA leave you must**:

- Follow your employer's normal policies for requesting leave,
- Give notice at least 30 days before your need for FMLA leave, or
- If advance notice is not possible, give notice as soon as possible.

You **do not have to share a medical diagnosis** but must provide enough information to your employer so they can determine whether the leave qualifies for FMLA protection. You **must also inform your employer if FMLA leave was previously taken** or approved for the same reason when requesting additional leave.

Your **employer may request certification** from a health care provider to verify medical leave and may request certification of a qualifying exigency.

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.

State employees may be subject to certain limitations in pursuit of direct lawsuits regarding leave for their own serious health conditions. Most federal and certain congressional employees are also covered by the law but are subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or Congress.

## What does my employer need to do?

If you are eligible for FMLA leave, your **employer must**:

- Allow you to take job-protected time off work for a qualifying reason,
- Continue your group health plan coverage while you are on leave on the same basis as if you had not taken leave, and
- Allow you to return to the same job, or a virtually identical job with the same pay, benefits and other working conditions, including shift and location, at the end of your leave.

Your **employer cannot interfere with your FMLA rights** or threaten or punish you for exercising your rights under the law. For example, your employer cannot retaliate against you for requesting FMLA leave or cooperating with a WHD investigation.

After becoming aware that your need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, your **employer must confirm whether you are eligible** or not eligible for FMLA leave. If your employer determines that you are eligible, your **employer must notify you in writing**:

- About your FMLA rights and responsibilities, and
- How much of your requested leave, if any, will be FMLA-protected leave.

## Where can I find more information?

Call **1-866-487-9243** or visit **dol.gov/fmla** to learn more.

If you believe your rights under the FMLA have been violated, you may file a complaint with WHD or file a private lawsuit against your employer in court. **Scan the QR code to learn about our WHD complaint process.**



**WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION**  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR



# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

## UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

### FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

# \$7.25

 PER HOUR

BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009

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

**OVERTIME PAY** At least 1½ times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

**CHILD LABOR** An employee must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs and at least 18 to work 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.

**TIP CREDIT** Employers of “tipped employees” who meet certain conditions may claim a partial wage 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.

**PUMP AT WORK** The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing employee to express breast milk for their nursing child for one year after the child’s birth each time the employee needs to express breast milk. Employers must 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. Certain narrow exemptions also apply to the pump at work requirements.
- 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.



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# MINIMUM WAGE LAW SUMMARY

MUST BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN EVERY PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESS GOVERNED BY THE MINIMUM WAGE ACT

## Minimum Wage Rate

**\$7.25 per hour  
Effective  
July 24, 2009**

(Except as Described)

## Overtime Rate

Workers shall be paid  
1½ times their regular rate  
of pay after 40 hours worked  
in a workweek

(Except as Described)

The Pennsylvania Minimum Wage Act establishes a fixed Minimum Wage and Overtime Rate for employees. It also sets forth compliance-related duties for the Department of Labor & Industry and for employers. In addition, the Minimum Wage Act provides penalties for noncompliance. This summary is for general information only and is not an official position formally adopted by the Department of Labor & Industry.

### TIPPED EMPLOYEES:

An employer may pay a minimum of \$2.83 per hour to an employee who makes \$135.00 per month in tips. The employer must make up the difference if the tips and \$2.83 do not meet the regular Pennsylvania minimum wage.

### KEEPING RECORDS:

Every employer must maintain accurate records of each employee's earnings and hours worked, and provide access to Labor & Industry.

### PENALTIES:

Failure to pay the legal minimum wage or other violations may result in payment of back wages and other civil or criminal action where warranted.

### EXEMPTIONS:

Overtime applies to certain employment classifications. (see pages 2 and 3)

### SPECIAL ALLOWANCES FOR:

Students, learners and people with disabilities, upon application only.

# EXEMPTIONS FROM BOTH Minimum Wage and Overtime Rates

- Labor on a farm
- Domestic service in or about the private home of the employer
- Delivery of newspapers to the consumer
- Publication of weekly, semi-weekly or daily newspaper with a circulation of less than 4,000 when the major portion of circulation is in the county where published or a bordering county
- Bona fide outside salesman
- Educational, charitable, religious, or nonprofit organization where no employer-employee relationship exists and service is rendered gratuitously
- Golf caddy
- In seasonal employment, if the employee is under 18 years of age or if a student under 24 years of age is employed by a nonprofit health or welfare agency engaged in activities dealing with children with disabilities or by a nonprofit day or resident seasonal recreational camp for campers under the age of 18 years, which operates for a period of less than three months in any one year
- In employment by a public amusement or recreational establishment, organized camp, or religious or nonprofit educational conference center, if (i) it does not operate more than seven months a year or (ii) during the preceding calendar year, the average receipts for any 6 months were not more than 33% of its average receipts for the other 6 months of such year
- Switchboard operator employed by an independently-owned public telephone company which has no more than 750 stations
- Employees not subject to civil service laws who hold elective office or are on the personal staff of such an officeholder, are immediate advisers to the officeholder, or are appointed by the officeholder to serve on a policy making level
- Executive, Administrative, and Professional employees, as defined by the Department

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## ALLOWANCES

Wages paid to any employee may include reasonable cost of board, lodging and other facilities. This may be considered as part of the minimum wage if the employee is notified of this condition and accepts it as a usual condition of employment at the time of hire or change of classification. The wages, including food credit plus tips, must equal the current minimum wage.

**Board:** Food furnished in the form of meals on an established schedule.

**Lodging:** Housing facility available for the personal use of the employee at all hours.

**Reasonable Cost:** Actual cost, exclusive of profit, to the employer or to anyone affiliated with the employer.

# QUESTIONS/COMPLAINTS

CONTACT:	COUNTIES SERVED:		
<p>Bureau of Labor Law Compliance Altoona District Office 1130 12th Avenue Suite 200 Altoona, PA 16601-3486 Phone: <b>814-940-6224</b> or <b>877-792-8198</b></p>	<p>Armstrong Bedford Blair Cambria Cameron Centre Clarion Clearfield</p>	<p>Clinton Elk Fayette Forest Fulton Huntingdon Indiana</p>	<p>Jefferson McKean Mifflin Potter Somerset Warren Westmoreland</p>
<p>Bureau of Labor Law Compliance Harrisburg District Office 651 Boas Street, Room 1301 Harrisburg, PA 17121-0750 Phone: <b>717-787-4671</b> or <b>800-932-0665</b></p>	<p>Adams Columbia Cumberland Dauphin Franklin Juniata</p>		<p>Lancaster Lebanon Montour Perry York</p>
<p>Bureau of Labor Law Compliance Philadelphia District Office 110 North 8th St., Suite 203 Philadelphia, PA 19107 Phone: <b>215-560-1858</b> or <b>877-817-9497</b></p>		<p>Bucks Chester Delaware Montgomery Philadelphia</p>	
<p>Bureau of Labor Law Compliance Pittsburgh District Office 301 5th Avenue, Suite 330 Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Phone: <b>412-565-5300</b> or <b>877-504-8354</b></p>	<p>Allegheny Beaver Butler Crawford Erie</p>		<p>Greene Lawrence Mercer Venango Washington</p>
<p>Bureau of Labor Law Compliance Scranton District Office 201-B State Office Bldg. 100 Lackawanna Avenue Scranton, PA 18503 Phone: <b>570-963-4577</b> or <b>877-214-3962</b></p>	<p>Berks Bradford Carbon Lackawanna Lehigh Luzerne Lycoming</p>	<p>Monroe Northampton Northumberland Pike Schuylkill Snyder Sullivan</p>	<p>Susquehanna Tioga Union Wayne Wyoming</p>

## MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Additional information about the Minimum Wage Act is available online at: [www.dli.pa.gov](http://www.dli.pa.gov),  
PA Keyword: Minimum Wage. From the Web site you can submit a complaint form, find answers to **frequently asked questions** and read more about the Minimum Wage Act.

*Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Equal Opportunity Employer/Program*

# EXCEPTIONS from Minimum Wage Rates

- Learners and students (bona fide high school or college), after obtaining a Special Certificate from the Bureau of Labor Law Compliance, (651 Boas Street, Room 1301, Harrisburg, PA 17121-0750) may be paid 85% of the minimum wage as follows:  
  
Learners: 40 hours a week. Maximum eight weeks  
  
Students: Up to 20 hours a week. Up to 40 hours a week during school vacation periods
- Individuals with a physical or mental deficiency or injury may be paid less than the applicable minimum wage if a license specifying a rate commensurate with productive capacity is obtained from the Bureau of Labor Law Compliance, (651 Boas Street, Room 1301, Harrisburg, PA 17121-0750), or a federal certificate is obtained under Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act from the U.S. Department of Labor

# EXEMPTIONS from Overtime Rates

- A seaman
- Any salesman, partsman or mechanic primarily engaged in selling and servicing automobiles, trailers, trucks, farm implements or aircraft, if employed by a non-manufacturing establishment primarily engaged in the selling of such vehicles to ultimate purchasers. (Example: 51% of business is selling as opposed to 49% in servicing such vehicles)
- Taxicab driver
- Any employee of a motor carrier the Federal Secretary of Transportation has power to establish qualifications and maximum hours of service under 49 U.S.C. Section 3102 (b)(1) and (2) (relating to requirements for qualifications, hours of service, safety and equipment standards)
- Any employee engaged in the processing of maple sap into sugar (other than refined sugar) or syrup
- Employment by a motion picture theatre
- Announcer, news editor, chief engineer of a radio or television station, the major studio of which is located in:
  - City or town of 100,000 population or less, if it is not part of a standard metropolitan statistical area having a total population in excess of 100,000; or
  - City or town of 25,000 population or less, which is part of such an area but is at least 40 airline miles from the principal city in the area
- The hours of an employee of an air carrier subject to the provisions of Title II of the Railway Labor Act (Public Law 69-257, 44 Stat. 577, 45 U.S.C. § 181 et seq.) when:
  - the hours are voluntarily worked by the employee pursuant to a shift-trading practice under which the employee has the opportunity to reduce hours worked in any workweek by voluntarily offering a shift for trade or reassignment; or
  - the required hours of work, wages and overtime compensation have been agreed to either in a collective bargaining agreement between the employer and labor organization representing employees for purposes of collective bargaining or pursuant to a voluntary agreement or understanding arrived at between the employer and employee

The name, address and telephone number of your employer's workers' compensation insurance company, third-party administrator (TPA), or person handling workers' compensation claims for your company, are shown below.

**Employer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Posted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF INSURED:**  
(Complete all applicable spaces)

**IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN INSURER IS  
HANDLING CLAIMS:**  
(Complete all applicable spaces)

Name of Insurance Company:

Name of TPA (Claims administrator):

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF SELF-INSURED**  
(Complete all applicable spaces)

**IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN SELF-INSURER IS  
HANDLING CLAIMS:**  
(Complete all applicable spaces)

Name of person handling claims at  
the self-insured:

Name of TPA (Claims administrator):

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Any individual filing misleading or incomplete information knowingly and with the intent to defraud is in violation of Section 1102 of the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act, 77 P.S. §1039.2, and may also be subject to criminal and civil penalties under 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4117 (relating to insurance fraud).

Employer Information  
Services  
717.772.3702

Claims Information Services  
toll-free inside PA: 800.482.2383  
local & outside PA: 717.772.4447

Hearing Impaired  
PA Relay 7-1-1

Email  
ra-li-bwc-helpline@pa.gov



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Under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation (UC) Law, I am registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry as:

EMPLOYER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PA UC ACCOUNT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

The UC Law can provide you with an income during periods when you are either partially or totally unemployed through no fault of your own.

If you become UNEMPLOYED or your HOURS ARE REDUCED due to LACK OF WORK, the company, department, agency, commission, or bureau where you worked may provide you with a completed **Form UC-1609**, How to Apply for Unemployment Compensation (UC) Benefits.

### IMPORTANT

Your UC application will be dated effective the week in which you actually file the application for benefits. You should file a new claim or reopen an existing claim during the first week in which you are unemployed or that your hours are reduced. You may risk losing some benefit eligibility if you file after the first week you are unemployed.

**NOTE:** To file an application for UC benefits, you will need to provide your:

- Social Security Number
- Alien registration number (if not a U.S. citizen)
- Complete mailing and home address
- Name, address, and account number of employer(s) from Form UC-1609
- Dates of employment and reasons for leaving
- Most recent pay stub (optional but helpful)
- Personal Identification Number (PIN) (if you have one from a prior claim)

Scan with your  
mobile phone



You may file your new application, reopen an existing claim or get information about the UC Program online at **www.uc.pa.gov**, or by calling the UC Service Center at 888-313-7284. TTY: (Hearing Impaired) at 888-334-4046.

When claiming UC benefits, you must report *gross* wages that you *earned* during any week for which you are claiming UC benefits. Computer crossmatching is used to detect the illegal receipt of UC payments resulting from unreported work and earnings, as well as unreported pensions.

**REMEMBER:** Whenever you have questions or any problem regarding your UC claim, contact your UC Service Center. Do not take outside advice. Outside advice may be incorrect and could adversely affect your eligibility to receive UC benefits.

A person who knowingly makes a false statement or knowingly withholds information to obtain UC benefits commits a criminal offense under section 801 of the UC Law, 43 P.S. §871, and may be subject to a fine, imprisonment, restitution and loss of future benefits.

# Abstract of the Equal Pay Law

Must be Posted in a Conspicuous Place in Every Pennsylvania Business Governed by the Equal Pay Law

## **Discrimination on Basis of Sex Prohibited:**

Prohibits discrimination by any employer in any place of employment between employees on the basis of sex, by paying wages to any employee at a rate less than the rate paid to employees of the opposite sex for work under **equal** conditions on jobs which require **equal** skills. Provides that variation in payment of wages is not prohibited when based on a seniority, training or merit increase system that does not discriminate on the basis of sex.

## **Administration:**

Empowers the Secretary of Labor & Industry to administer the provisions of the act, and to issue rules and regulations to make effective the provisions of the act.

## **Collection of Unpaid Wages in Case of Discrimination:**

Provides for the collection of unpaid wages due under the act and in addition, an equal amount of liquidated damages and reasonable attorney's fee and costs. Authorizes the Secretary of Labor & Industry and upon an employee's request, to take assignment of such a wage claim for

collection. Limits the period for such action to **two** years from the date upon which the violation occurs.

## **Records Required:**

Requires employer to keep and maintain records of wages, wage rates, job classifications and other terms and conditions of employment of the persons employed, as the Secretary of Labor & Industry shall prescribe. Requires that employers post an abstract of the law.

## **Penalties:**

Provides for a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, or imprisonment of not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days, for: (1) employer who wilfully and knowingly violates provisions of the act, or discharges or otherwise discriminates against an employee who makes a complaint, institutes, or testifies at, proceedings under the act; and (2) employer who fails to keep required records, falsifies such records, hinders, delays, or otherwise interferes with the Secretary or his authorized representative in the performance of his duties in the enforcement of the act. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

## More Information is Available Online

Additional information about the Equal Pay Law is available online at: [www.state.pa.us](http://www.state.pa.us), PA Keyword: labor & industry. Click on "Labor Law Compliance" under Quick Links.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

**EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS OF THE  
PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT**

(Act of October 27, 1955, P.L. 744, as Amended)

**PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS**

The purpose of the employment provisions of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act is to prevent and eliminate unlawful discriminatory practices in employment because of race, color, religion, ancestry, age (40 and above), sex, national origin, non-job related disability, known association with a disabled individual, possession of a diploma based on passing a general education development test, or willingness or refusal to participate in abortion or sterilization.

**UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES**

It is unlawful — on the basis of the facts listed above — for an employer, labor union or employment agency to:

1. Deny any person an equal opportunity to obtain employment, to be promoted and to be accorded all other rights to compensation, tenure and other terms, conditions and privileges of employment.
2. Deny membership rights and privileges in any labor organization.
3. Deny any person equal opportunity to be referred for employment.
4. Refuse to contract or otherwise discriminate in contracting with any independent contractor as defined by Section 4(x) of the PHRA.

It is also unlawful for any person, employer, labor union or employment agency to retaliate against an individual because the individual has filed a complaint with the Commission, or has otherwise participated in any Commission proceeding, or for any person to aid or abet any unlawful discriminatory practice under the Human Relations Act.

**PARTIES SUBJECT TO THE ACT**

The employment provisions of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act apply to: (1) Employers of 4 or more persons, including units of state and local government, (2) Labor organizations, and (3) Employment agencies.

**WHO MAY FILE A COMPLAINT**

Complaints may be filed within 180 days of the alleged act of discrimination by any of the following: (1) Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against, (2) The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, (3) The Attorney General of Pennsylvania, or (4) An employer whose employees hinder compliance with the provisions of the Act.

**PARTIES EXEMPT FROM THE ACT**

The employment provisions of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act do not apply to: (1) Any individual employed in agriculture or domestic service, (2) any individual who, as part of his or her employment, resides in the personal residence of the employer, (3) Any individual employed by his or her parents, spouse or child.

**WHO MUST POST THIS NOTICE**

Every employer, labor organization and employment agency subject to the employment provisions of this Act is required by law to post this notice in a conspicuous, easily accessible and well-lighted location customarily frequented by applicants, employees or members.

**WARNING: Removing, defacing, covering up or destroying this notice is a violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and may subject you to fine or imprisonment.**

For further information, write, phone or visit the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission:

**Executive Offices:** 333 Market Street, 8th Floor · Harrisburg, PA 17126  
(717) 787-4410 · (717) 787- 7279 (TTY) or visit us at [www .phrc.state.pa.us](http://www.phrc.state.pa.us)

**To file a complaint, contact the Regional Office nearest you:**

**Pittsburgh**

301 5th Ave., Suite 390  
Piatt Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
(412) 565-5395  
(412) 565-5711 (TTY)

**Harrisburg**

333 Market Street, 8th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
(717) 787-9780  
(717) 787-7279 (TTY)

**Philadelphia**

110 N. 8th St., Suite 501  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 560-2496  
(215) 560-3599 (TTY)