



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN THE WORKPLACE

**OREGON & FEDERAL
PRINTABLE LABOR LAWS**

OREGON PRINTABLE LABOR LAW GUIDE

Thank you for choosing LaborLawCenter™ to meet compliance regulations for you and your remote workers!

- This guide covers:**
- Remote Worker Use
 - Printing the Labor Law Posters
 - Sending Customized Acknowledgment Agreements

How to Use

The mandated state and federal labor law posters that all employees must be informed of are located in this document. State poster names are in red and federal poster names are in blue.

Your remote workers can reference these laws anytime by saving the file to their desktop or printing the individual posters.

How to Print the Individual Notices

Located at the bottom, right-hand corner on each poster is the print icon. The required print size from the regulating agency is listed next to the icon. Click on the icon to open the 'Print' window and proceed.

Look For This Button

PRINT

Official Print Size - 8.5" x 11"
Compliance Ready - Do Not Scale

NOTE: Each notice is formatted according to state or federal regulations, such as font size, posting size, color and layout. To be in compliance when printing the posters, do not scale.

How to Customize and Send the Acknowledgment Agreement

The last page of this document includes a 'Signature Acknowledgment'. A signed acknowledgement agreement is important to keep in employee records to show that each remote worker has been informed of their rights in case of labor disputes or lawsuits.

Before sending to your remote worker, you must complete the "Comments" field with:

- The reply-to email address or addresses that the remote worker should send the signed acknowledgement to
- Additional information your business requires, such as the Employee Identification Number or where to post instructions

Note: Please ensure the document is opened in Adobe Acrobat, not your web browser, in order to complete the Acknowledgement Agreement

Each remote worker must complete the "Employee Name" and "Date Received" fields before sending back.

Fill In Comments

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I certify that I have received and read the contents of the Labor Laws.

Employee Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Signature of Recipient: _____

Comments:

SUBMIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

NOTE: Signed acknowledgments should be stored securely by the administrator. That agreement is the only electronic acknowledgment copy for your records. LaborLawCenter™ does not store or keep on file your records.

OREGON EQUAL PAY LAW

Your employer must pay you the same amount as other people doing similar work.



- ▶ **It's illegal for your employer to pay you less than someone else because of your gender, race, veteran status, disability, age, color, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, or pay history.**
- ▶ Different pay may be allowed if there is system based on bona fide factors including one or more of the following: seniority, merit, a system that measures earnings by quantity or quality of production, workplace location, travel, education, training, or experience.
- ▶ You're also protected during the hiring process:
 - » Employers cannot ask for your salary/pay history before they make an offer of employment
 - » Employers cannot screen job applicants based on current or past salary/pay history
 - » Employers cannot determine compensation for a job based on the pay history of a potential new employee (not including internal transfers)
- ▶ Your employer can't use pay cuts to make your pay equal with other employees.
- ▶ If you need to, you can file a complaint at oregon.gov/boli. You could get back pay or the pay difference you are owed.

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING WORKPLACE MEETINGS

Effective January 1, 2010, an employer or an employer's agent, representative or designee may not discharge, discipline or otherwise penalize or threaten to discharge, discipline or otherwise penalize or take any adverse employment action against an employee:

- a. Who declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting or communication with the employer or the agent, representative or designee of the employer if the primary purpose of the meeting or communication is to communicate the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters;
- b. As a means of requiring an employee to attend a meeting or participate in communications described in paragraph (a) of this subsection; or
- c. Because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, makes a good faith report, orally or in writing, of a violation or a suspected violation of this section. This paragraph does not apply if the employee knows that the report is false.

An aggrieved employee may bring a civil action to enforce this section no later than 90 days after the date of the alleged violation in the circuit court of the judicial district where the violation is alleged to have occurred or where the principal office of the employer is located.

Note: This law does not prohibit an employer from offering meetings, forums or other communications about religious or political matters for which attendance or participation is strictly voluntary.

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WORKPLACE ACCOMMODATIONS NOTICE

_____ is an equal opportunity employer and does not
Company Name
discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or any other classification protected by law.

_____ will make reasonable accommodations for
Company Name
known physical or mental disabilities of an applicant or employee as well as known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition, such as lactation, unless the accommodation would cause an undue hardship. Among other possibilities, reasonable accommodations could include:

- Acquisition or modification of equipment or devices;
- More frequent or longer break periods or periodic rest;
- Assistance with manual labor
- A reasonable period of leave; or
- Modification of work schedules or job assignments.

Employees and job applicants have a right to be free from unlawful discrimination and retaliation.

This includes discrimination because of pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions.

For this reason, _____ **will not:**
Company Name

- Deny employment opportunities on the basis of a need for reasonable accommodation.
- Deny reasonable accommodation for known limitations, unless the accommodation would cause an undue hardship.
- Take an adverse employment action, discriminate or retaliate because the applicant or employee has inquired about, requested or used a reasonable accommodation.
- Require an applicant or an employee to accept an accommodation that is unnecessary.
- Require an employee to take family leave or any other leave, if the employer can make reasonable accommodation instead.

To request an accommodation or to discuss concerns or questions about this notice, please contact

any one of our supervisors or _____ in the human
Company Name
resources department.

[Provide multiple ways for employees to reach out with requests or concerns.]

Rev. February 2023

Alternate format available on request

OREGON SICK TIME LAW

All Oregon workers get protected sick time.

If you work for an employer with 10+ employees (6+ if they have a location in Portland),
you get paid sick time.



- ▶ **Your employer must give you sick time.** You get at least 1 hour of protected sick time for every 30 hours you work up to at least 40 hours a year.
- ▶ **You can use sick time for many reasons** including if you (or a family member) are sick, injured, experiencing mental illness, or need to visit the doctor. Also covered: bereavement, parental leave, and leave to care for a child whose school or place of care is closed for a public health emergency.
- ▶ Your employer must pay you your regular wage when you take sick time if they have 10+ employees (6+ if they have a location in Portland). Otherwise, your sick time is protected but unpaid.
- ▶ You can start taking protected sick time after you've worked for at least 90 days. Your employer must regularly let you know how much sick time you have earned.

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OREGON MINIMUM WAGE

You must be paid at least minimum wage.
The rate depends on where you work.

\$14.20 per hour

Standard

Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Deschutes, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Yamhill, parts of

★ Clackamas, Multnomah, & Washington

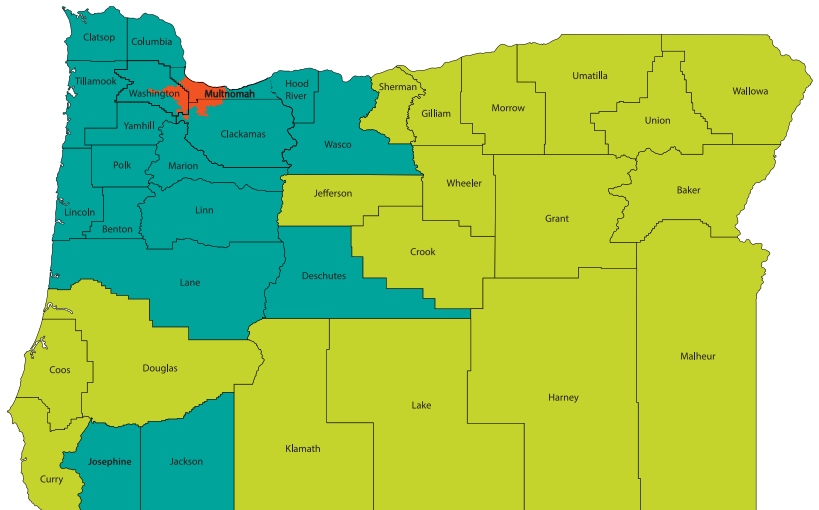


★ The minimum wage you should get depends on your employer's exact address. If you work **INSIDE** the urban growth boundary, you should make at least \$14.75. If you work **OUTSIDE** the urban growth boundary, you should make at least \$13.50. Look up your work address here: bit.ly/metroboundary

\$15.45 per hour

Portland Metro Area

★ Clackamas, Multnomah, & Washington



\$13.20 per hour

Nonurban Counties

Baker, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wheeler

- ▶ **Every worker must be paid at least minimum wage.** There are exceptions but they are uncommon.
- ▶ The minimum wage goes up every year. These rates are in effect from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The next minimum wage increase is on July 1, 2024.
- ▶ **Tip credits are illegal in Oregon.**
- ▶ Deductions are allowed if legally required or if you agree in writing and the deduction is for your benefit. Your paycheck must show this information.
- ▶ If you make close to minimum wage, you may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Visit eitc.outreach.org

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NOTICE TO AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

- In general, agricultural workers must be paid at least the minimum wage for the region where your employer is located.
- Effective January 1, 2023, agricultural workers also earn overtime for hours worked over 55 in a workweek.
- For each 8-hour work shift, you get two 10 minute paid rest breaks (15 minutes if you are under 18) and one 30 minute unpaid meal break free from work responsibilities.
- Minors under 18 years of age may work in non-hazardous farm jobs outside of school hours. Minors 14 through 17 years of age who operate power driven farm machinery or ride in or on machinery must obtain a certificate of training and the employer must obtain an employment certificate. Employers must obtain a permit to employ minors under the age of 14.

Minimum Wage + Exceptions

Agricultural employers are not required to pay minimum wage to:

- Members of the employer's immediate family.
- Local hand harvest or pruning workers who are paid piece rate and who worked fewer than 13 weeks during the previous calendar year.
- Migrant hand harvest workers 16 or younger who are paid the same piece rate as workers over 16.
- Workers mainly engaged in the range production of livestock.
- Hand harvest and pruning workers who are paid piece rate and work for an employer who did not exceed 500 piecerate-work-days* of agricultural labor in any quarter of the previous calendar year.

* A piece-rate-work-day accrues for each day an employee performs piece rate agricultural labor for at least one hour.

If you make close to minimum wage, you may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Visit eitcoutreach.org to check.

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OREGON FAMILY LEAVE ACT

You can take time off to take care of yourself or close family members under the Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA).



▶ **This time is protected, but often unpaid unless you have vacation, sick, or other paid leave available.** Paid family leave will be available in 2023.

▶ To be eligible, you must have worked an average of 25 hours per week for 180 days - just 180 days for parental leave. Separation from employment or removal from the schedule for up to 180 days does not count against eligibility. During a public health emergency, you are eligible for all types of OFLA leave after working for at least 30 days prior at an average of at least 25 hours per week. Your employer must have at least 25 employees.

▶ You can take up to a total of 12 weeks of time off per year for any of these reasons.

» **Parental leave** for either parent to take time off for the birth, adoption, or foster placement of a child. If you use all 12 weeks, you can take up to 12 more weeks for sick child leave.

» **Serious health condition** of your own, or to care for a family member.

» **Pregnancy disability leave** before or after birth of child or for prenatal care. You can take up to 12 weeks of this in addition to 12 weeks for any reason listed here.

» **Military family leave** up to 14 days if your spouse is a service member who has been called to active duty or is on leave from active duty.

» **Sick child leave** for your child with an illness, injury or condition that requires home care but is not serious, or to care for a child whose school or place of care is closed because of a public health emergency.

» **Bereavement leave** for up to 2 weeks after the death of a family member.

▶ Your employer must keep giving you the same health insurance benefits as when you are working. When you come back you must be returned to your former job or a similar position if your old job no longer exists.

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT + DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIONS

Oregon laws protect your right to work free from harassment. They also require your employer to provide supports if you are a victim of domestic violence.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- ▶ You have the right to a workplace free from harassment, discrimination, and sexual assault. Your employer must have a policy to reduce and prevent these violations.
- ▶ **Discrimination because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, marital status, uniformed service, disability, or age is illegal.**
- ▶ Sexual harassment can look like unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or conduct of a sexual nature (verbal, physical, or visual), that is directed toward an individual.
- ▶ It can also include conduct that is not sexual but is gender-related. Sexual harassment can be targeted toward someone of the same or different sex or gender.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIONS

- ▶ If you experience domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault, or stalking (or if you are a parent or guardian of a victim), **your employer must make reasonable changes to support your safety.**
- ▶ These changes might include: a transfer, reassignment, modified schedule, unpaid leave, changed work phone number, changed work station, installed lock, new safety procedure, or other adjustment after threatened or actual events.
- ▶ You can also take protected leave to find legal or law enforcement assistance, get medical treatment for injuries or mental health support, move or change your living situation, and more.
- ▶ Your employer must keep all documents and information confidential.
- ▶ You can't be fired, suspended, retaliated or discriminated against in any way because you are a victim.

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CAPTIVE AUDIENCES

Religion, Politics & Captive Audiences



- ▶ You have a right to not attend or participate in employer-sponsored meetings or communication that is primarily about your employer's opinion on religious or political matters.
- ▶ Employers are prohibited from taking adverse action against an employee who has made a good faith report of a violation of this protection.
- ▶ Exceptions apply to employers which are religious or political organizations.



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WORKERS' COMPENSATION

NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS RE: WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The Workers' Compensation Division issues this notice after it receives the "Guaranty Contract" from the insurer. Employers should receive this notice after purchasing workers' compensation insurance. Employers not receiving the notice or requiring a duplicate notice should call the Workers' Compensation Division. Contact:

Department of Consumer and Business Services,
350 Winter Street N.E., Room 21, Salem, OR 97310
503-947-7815

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS RE: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Employers with at least a \$225 payroll in a calendar quarter and employers with one or more workers during 18 different weeks in a calendar year. The Employment Department automatically sends this notice after an account is set up or reopened, and employers can order a duplicate if necessary. When ordering a duplicate, employers should have their business identification number ready when they call. Contact:

Employment Department - Unemployment Insurance Tax Unit
875 Union Street N.E., Salem, OR 97311
Forms Hotline: 503-947-1488, Option 3

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NO SMOKING OR VAPING WITHIN 10 FEET



Under Oregon's Indoor Clean Air Act this business is smoke, aerosol and vapor free (ORS 433.835-870). Smoking, aerosolizing or vaporizing of inhalants is not allowed within 10 feet of building entrances, exits, windows, accessibility ramps and air intake vents.

For information and complaints:

1-866-621-6107 or <http://healthoregon.org/morefreshair>

Want to quit smoking?

1-800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669)

or 1-855-DEJELO-YA (Español)

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IT'S THE LAW!

Know your rights

- > You have the right to notify your employer, Oregon OSHA, or both about workplace hazards. You may ask Oregon OSHA to keep your name confidential.
- > You have the right to refuse to perform a hazardous task that would expose you to imminent danger or serious physical harm and there is no reasonable alternative.
- > You have the right to request an Oregon OSHA inspection if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions in your workplace. You or your representative may participate in the inspection.
- > You have the right to report a work-related injury or illness, without being retaliated or discriminated against.
- > You have the right to see Oregon OSHA citations issued to your employer. Your employer must post the citations at the workplace. Your employer must correct workplace hazards by the date indicated on the citation, and must certify that these hazards have been reduced or eliminated.
- > You have the right to your work-related exposure records covered under Oregon OSHA's rules. This includes any OSHA medical records and personal sampling records.
- > You have the right to request your workplace injury and illness log, known as the "OSHA 300 log" and "OSHA 300A summary."
- > You have the right to know about hazardous substances used in your workplace.

You have the right to file a complaint with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) within one year, or with federal OSHA within 30 days, of discrimination by your employer for making safety and health complaints or for exercising your rights under the Oregon Safe Employment Act.

The Oregon Safe Employment Act of 1973 provides job safety and health protection for workers through the promotion of safe and healthful working conditions throughout the state. The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) of the Department of Consumer and Business Services has the primary responsibility for administering the act. This includes the right to refuse work that would expose you to serious physical harm or imminent danger.

Oregon OSHA adopts occupational safety and health standards, and its trained safety and health compliance officers conduct workplace inspections to ensure compliance with the Oregon Safe Employment Act.

1-800-922-2689
osha.oregon.gov

Display this poster where all your workers can see it!

Oregon Administrative Rule 437-001-257(2)(a).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, copies of the Oregon Safe Employment Act, specific safety and health standards, advice or assistance, call:

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (Continued)

Salem Central Office	503-378-3272
Bend	541-388-6066
Eugene	541-686-7562
Medford	541-776-6030
Pendleton	541-276-9175
Portland	503-229-5910
Salem	503-378-3274



Anyone who wants to register a complaint about the administration of the Oregon Safe Employment Act can do so by contacting:

**U.S. Department of Labor
OSHA Region 10
20425 72nd Ave South, Suite 150A
Kent, WA 98032-2388
206-757-6700**

Oregon OSHA has a staff of trained safety and health professionals available to work with businesses in all industries to improve workplace safety and health. **Consultations and training opportunities are available at no charge to Oregon businesses by calling any of the phone numbers listed.**

*This free poster is available from Oregon OSHA
— It's the law! —*

You have a right to a safe and healthful workplace



File a complaint
with Oregon
OSHA



Know your
**retaliation
rights**



Know your
**whistleblower
rights**

440-1507 (03/24/COM)



BREAKS & OVERTIME

Your employer is required to give you breaks free from work responsibilities. There are specific rules about overtime pay and paychecks.

BREAKS & MEALS

- ▶ For each 8 hour work shift you get these breaks free from work responsibilities:
 - » Two **10 minute paid rest breaks** (15 minutes if you are under 18)
 - » One **30 minute unpaid meal break**
- ▶ You also get reasonable breaks as needed to express milk (and a private space that is not a bathroom to pump) until your child reaches 18 months of age.
- ▶ If your shift is longer or shorter than 8 hours, refer to the chart here or visit oregon.gov/boli/workers/Pages/meals-and-breaks.aspx for more information.

Shift Length	Rest Breaks	Meal Breaks
2 hrs or less	0	0
2 hrs 1 min - 5 hrs 59 min	1	0
6 hrs	1	1
6 hrs 1 min - 10 hrs	2	1
10 hrs 1 min - 13 hrs 59 min	3	1
14 hrs	3	2
14 hrs 1 min - 18 hrs	4	2

OVERTIME & PAYCHECKS

- ▶ You must receive overtime pay at 1.5 times your regular pay rate for hours you work over 40 in a workweek (or over 55 if you work in agriculture). There are exceptions but they are uncommon
- ▶ Regular paydays are required by law. You must receive a paycheck at least every 35 days. Your employer must provide you with a detailed paystub.
- ▶ If you are fired or permanently laid off, you must get your last paycheck by the end of the next business day.
- ▶ If you quit with 48+ hours' notice, you must get your last paycheck on your last day of employment. If you do not give 48 hours' notice, you must get your last paycheck within 5 business days or the next payday, whichever is first.



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Paid Leave Oregon | What you need to know

Starting in September 2023, Paid Leave Oregon will serve most employees in Oregon by providing paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child, your or a loved one's serious illness or if you experience sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment, or stalking.

What benefits are provided through Paid Leave Oregon and who is eligible?

Employees in Oregon that have earned at least \$1,000 in the prior year may qualify for up to 12 weeks of paid family, medical or safe leave in a benefit year. While on leave, Paid Leave Oregon pays employees a percentage of their wages. Benefit amounts depend on what an employee earned in the prior year.

Who pays for Paid Leave Oregon?

Starting on January 1, 2023, employees and employers contribute to Paid Leave Oregon through payroll taxes. Contributions are calculated as a percentage of wages and your employer will deduct your portion of the contribution rate from your paycheck.

When do I need to tell my employer about taking leave?

If your leave is foreseeable, you are required to give notice to your employer at least 30 days before starting paid family, medical or safe leave. If you do not give the required notice, Paid Leave Oregon may reduce your first weekly benefit by 25%.

How do I apply for Paid Leave?

In September 2023, you can apply for leave with Paid Leave Oregon online at paidleave.oregon.gov or request a paper application from the department. If your application is denied, you can appeal the decision with the Oregon Employment Department.

What are my rights?

If you are eligible for paid leave, your employer cannot prevent you from taking it. Your job is protected while you take paid leave if you have worked for your employer for at least 90 consecutive calendar days. You will not lose your pension rights while on leave and your employer must keep giving you the same health benefits as when you are working.

How is my information protected?

Any health information related to family, medical or safe leave that you choose to share with your employer is confidential and can only be released with your permission, unless the release is required by law.

What if I have questions about my rights?

It is unlawful for your employer to discriminate or retaliate against you because you asked about or claimed paid leave benefits. If your employer is not following the law, you have the right to bring a civil suit in court or to file a complaint with the Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries (BOLI). You can file a complaint with BOLI online, via phone or email:

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Email: help@boli.oregon.gov

Learn more about Paid Leave Oregon

Web: paidleave.oregon.gov **Call:** 833-854-0166 **Email:** paidleave@oregon.gov



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FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

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 1 ½ times your 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.

NURSING MOTHERS The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing mother employee who is subject to the FLSA’s overtime requirements in order for the employee to express breast 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. 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.



WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

1-866-487-9243
www.dol.gov/agencies/whd



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EEOC - Know Your Rights: Workplace Discrimination is Illegal



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 Organizations are Covered?

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

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.

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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.**



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USERRA - UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT



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.

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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



U.S. Department of Justice



Office of Special Counsel



Employer Support Of The Guard
And Reserve 1-800-336-4590

EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

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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ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

It is illegal to discriminate against work authorized individuals. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because the documents have a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

For information, please contact
The Office of Special Counsel for Immigration
Related Unfair Employment Practices Office at
800-255-7688.

WITHHOLDING STATUS

Since you last filed form W-4 with your employer did you...

- Marry or divorce?
- Gain or lose a dependent?
- Change your name?

Were there major changes to...

- Your non-wage income (interest, dividends, capital gains, etc.)?
- Your family wage income (you or your spouse started or ended a job)?
- Your itemized deductions?
- Your tax credits?

If you can answer "YES"...

To any of these questions or you owed extra tax when you filed your last return, you may need to file a new form W-4. See your employer for a copy of Form W-4 or call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

Now is the time to check your withholding. For more details, get Publication 919, *How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?*, or use the Withholding Calculator at: **www.irs.gov/individuals** on the IRS website.

Employer: Please post or publish this Bulletin Board Poster so that your employees will see it. Please indicate where they can get forms and information on this subject.



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PAYDAY NOTICE

Regular Paydays for Employees of

(Company Name)

Shall be as follows:

Weekly

Bi-Weekly

Monthly

Other _____

By: _____

Title: _____

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I certify that I have received and read the contents of the Labor Laws.

Employee Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Signature of Recipient: _____

Comments:

SUBMIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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