



**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN THE WORKPLACE**

# **MAINE & FEDERAL PRINTABLE LABOR LAWS**

# MAINE 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.

## 2 Maine Labor Laws

# MAINE MINIMUM WAGE



## MINIMUM WAGE



Labor Laws of the State of Maine provide protection for people who work in Maine. The Maine Department of Labor administers the laws, which all employers must follow. Department representatives inspect workplaces to ensure compliance. Citations and penalties may be issued to employers who do not comply.

This poster is available online at no charge and may be copied: <https://www.maine.gov/labor/posters/>

## Minimum Wage is \$14.15 per hour effective January 1, 2024

### Minimum Wage

Under Maine labor laws, any business operating in the state with one employee is automatically covered by state law. This includes all public and private employers regardless of profit or size. Effective January 1, 2024, the minimum wage in Maine is \$14.15 per hour.

### Municipal Minimum Wage Ordinances

Employers with employees who work in Bangor and/or Portland or any other municipality that passes a local minimum wage ordinance, may be subject to additional regulations and should check with municipal officials.

### Service Employee

A service employee is someone who regularly receives more than \$179 a month in tips. As of January 1, 2024, employers must pay a direct service wage of at least \$7.08 per hour. If the employee's direct wage combined with earned tips do not average, on a weekly basis, the state required minimum wage, the employer must pay the difference.

### Overtime

Unless specifically exempted, employees must receive overtime pay for hours worked in excess of 40 in a workweek at a rate not less than time and one-half their regular rate of pay. Employers have the right to allow or deny overtime, but if overtime is worked, it must be paid in accordance with state requirements. Compensatory or "comp" time cannot be used by private-sector employers, although private-sector employers can allow employees to flex their time within the workweek (but not the pay period if the pay period is longer than a seven day cycle in the workweek).

### Exemptions from Overtime

Maine statutes incorporate by reference the salary requirements under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The new minimum salary requirement will be \$816.35 per week as of January 1, 2024. Salary is only one factor in determining whether a worker is exempt from overtime under federal or state law. The duties of each worker must be considered as part of this analysis. Failure to adhere to both requirements—meeting the duties test and the weekly salary threshold—are violations of state law and potentially federal law depending on the discrepancies in the laws.

### Statements to Employees

Every employer shall give to each employee with the payment of wages a statement clearly showing the date of the pay period, hours worked, total earnings and itemized deductions.

### Recordkeeping

Employers shall keep, for three years, accurate records of hours worked and wages paid to all employees.

The Department of Labor enforces state wage and hour laws. Employers with questions about the law may call 207-623-7900 or may visit the department's webpage.

### Minimum Wage Guidance

[www.maine.gov/labor/labor\\_laws/minimum\\_wage\\_faq.html](http://www.maine.gov/labor/labor_laws/minimum_wage_faq.html) [legislature.maine.gov/statutes/26/title26sec664.html](http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/26/title26sec664.html)

### Overtime Guidance

[www.maine.gov/labor/labor\\_laws/overtime.html](http://www.maine.gov/labor/labor_laws/overtime.html) [legislature.maine.gov/statutes/26/title26sec664.html](http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/26/title26sec664.html)

**\*Note:** Maine employers may also be covered under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. For more information, contact the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Office at 603-666-7716.

### For more information, contact:

Maine Department of Labor  
Bureau of Labor Standards  
45 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0045  
**Telephone: 207-623-7900**

TTY users call Maine Relay 711. Web site: [www.maine.gov/labor/bls](http://www.maine.gov/labor/bls) Email: [bls.mdol@maine.gov](mailto:bls.mdol@maine.gov)

**Maine Law (Title 26 M.R.S.A. § 42-B) requires every employer to place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.**

The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to people with disabilities upon request.

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# EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH

## An Act to Protect Employee Freedom of Speech

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §600-B** is enacted to read:

**§600-B. Adverse action against employee concerning certain religious or political matters prohibited**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Political matters" means matters relating to elections for political office, political parties, proposals to change legislation, proposals to change rules or regulations, proposals to change public policy and the decision to join or support any political party or political, civic, community, fraternal or labor organization.
- B. "Religious employer" means a church or convention or association of churches or an organization that is operated primarily for religious purposes and that is operated, supervised, controlled or principally supported by a church or convention or association of churches.
- C. "Religious matters" means matters relating to religious belief, affiliation and practice and the decision to join or support any religious organization or association.

**2. Adverse action prohibited.** An employer or the 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 because:

- A. The employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting, or any portion of such a meeting, that communicates the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters;
- B. The employee declines to receive or listen to a communication from the employer or the agent, representative or designee of the employer, or any portion of such a communication, that communicates the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters; or
- C. 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.

**3. Enforcement.** 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 Superior Court for the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred or where the principal office of the employer is located. The court may award a prevailing employee all appropriate relief, including injunctive relief, reinstatement to the employee's former position or an equivalent position, back pay and reestablishment of any employee benefits, including seniority, to which the employee would otherwise have been eligible if the violation had not occurred and any other appropriate relief as considered necessary by the court.

**4. Notice.** Within 30 days after the effective date of this section, an employer subject to this section shall post and keep posted a notice of employee rights under this section where employee notices are customarily placed.

**5. Communications and rights not affected.** This section does not:

- A. Prohibit communications of information that the employer is required by law to communicate, but only to the extent of the lawful requirement;
- B. Limit the rights of an employer or its agent, representative or designee to conduct meetings involving religious matters or political matters as long as attendance is wholly voluntary or to engage in communications as long as receipt or listening is wholly voluntary; or
- C. Limit the rights of an employer or its agent, representative or designee from communicating to its employees any information that is necessary for such employees to perform their lawfully required job duties.

**6. Exemption.** This section does not apply to a religious employer.

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# CHILD LABOR LAWS

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Child Labor Laws of the State of Maine provide protection for people under the age of 18 in both agricultural and nonagricultural jobs. The Maine Department of Labor administers the laws, which all employers must follow. Department representatives inspect workplaces to ensure compliance. Citations and penalties may be issued to employers who do not comply. This poster describes some important parts of the laws. A copy of the actual laws and formal interpretations may be obtained from the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards, by calling (207) 623-7900. (The laws are also on the Bureau website.)



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**14 and 15 year olds** may work in most businesses, except in occupations declared hazardous and jeopardize their health, well-being or educational opportunities. **16 and 17 year olds** may work in most businesses, however not in hazardous jobs. These provisions also provide limited exemptions. Contact the Bureau of Labor Standards for details.

### Work Permits

- **All** minors under 16 years of age need work permits in order to work.
- Superintendent of schools certify academic standing.
- Minor allowed only one permit during the school year but two during summer vacation.
- Minor cannot work until permit is approved by Bureau of Labor Standards.
- Employer keeps Bureau-approved permit on file.

### Recordkeeping

All employers must keep accurate payroll records for workers under 18. Records must show what time the minor began work, total hours worked, and what time the minor finished work each day.

**Note:** *Maine employers may also be covered under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. For more information, contact the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Office at 603-666-7716 or <http://youth.dol.gov/>.*

### For more information, contact:

Maine Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Standards  
45 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0045  
**Tel: 207-623-7900 or 207-623-7930**  
TTY users call Maine Relay 711  
Website: [www.maine.gov/labor/bls](http://www.maine.gov/labor/bls)  
Email: [bls.mdol@maine.gov](mailto:bls.mdol@maine.gov)

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### Work Hours 14 and 15 year olds

- No more than six days in a row.
- Cannot work before 7 a.m.
- Not after 7 p.m. during school year.
- Cannot work after 9 p.m. during summer vacation.

### When School Is Not in Session

- No more than 8 hours in any one day (weekend, holiday, vacation or workshop).
- Not more than 40 hours in a week (school must be out entire week).

### When School Is in Session

- No more than 3 hours on a school day, including Friday.
- Not more than 18 hours in a week that school is in session one or more days.

### Work Hours 16 and 17 year olds (enrolled in school)

- No more than 6 days in a row.
- Cannot work before 7 a.m. on a school day.
- Cannot work before 5 a.m. on a non-school day.
- Cannot work after 10:15 p.m. the night before a school day.
- Can work up to midnight when there is no school the next day.

### When School Is Not in Session

- No more than 10 hours in any one day (weekend, holiday, vacation, or workshop).
- No more than 50 hours in a week.

### When School Is in Session

- No more than 6 hours on a school day.
- No more than 10 hours on any holiday, vacation, or workshop day.
- On last day of school week, may work up to 8 hours.
- No more than 24 hours in a week, except may work 50 hours any week that approved school calendar is less than three days or during the first and last week of school calendar.

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# WORKERS' COMPENSATION



## WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD REGIONAL OFFICES

### AUGUSTA

442 Civic Center Drive,  
Suite 225  
156 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0156  
207-287-2308  
1-800-400-6854

### LEWISTON

36 Mollison Way  
Lewiston, ME 04240-5811  
207-753-7700  
1-800-400-6857

### BANGOR

396 Griffin Road, Suite 105  
Bangor, ME 04401  
207-941-4550  
1-800-400-6856

### PORTLAND

56 Northport Drive, Suite 201  
Portland, ME 04103  
207-822-0840  
1-800-400-6858

### CARIBOU

43 Hatch Drive, Suite 110  
Caribou, ME 04736-2347  
207-498-6428  
1-800-400-6855

Visit our website at:  
[www.maine.gov/wcb](http://www.maine.gov/wcb)  
Statewide TTY: 711

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

FOR DATES OF INJURY ON AND  
AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020

**Notice to Employees:** State law requires your employer to provide workers' compensation insurance for its employees. Workers' compensation insurance provides benefits to employees who are injured at work. If you are injured at work, NOTIFY YOUR EMPLOYER AT ONCE. You may lose your right to receive benefits unless your employer is notified within 60 days of your injury. Your claim is also subject to a two year statute of limitations. Worker advocates are available at the Workers' Compensation Board to help injured workers. It is against the law for employers to misclassify employees as independent contractors for the purposes of avoiding workers' compensation insurance, unemployment coverage, or other employer paid taxes and withholdings. For more information on laws pertaining to the hiring of independent contractors, visit the Worker Misclassification Task Force website at [www.maine.gov/labor/misclass](http://www.maine.gov/labor/misclass). If you have any questions about your rights, please contact one of the regional offices.

**A l'intention des Employes:** D'après les lois de l'Etat du Maine, votre employeur est tenu de souscrire à une assurance indemnifiant ses employés victimes d'un accident du travail. Si vous êtes victime d'un accident du travail, PREVEZ VOTRE EMPLOYEUR IMMEDIATEMENT. Passé un délai de 60 jours, vous risquez de perdre vos droits à l'indemnisation. Au-delà de deux ans, votre déclaration n'est plus recevable. Pour aider les victimes d'un accident du travail, le Workers' Compensation Board met des conseillers juridiques à leur disposition. La loi interdit aux employeurs de classer fallacieusement leurs salariés comme étant des contractants privés aux fins d'échapper à l'assurance compensatrice-employé, aux indemnités de chômage, ou aux autres charges et retenues dues par employeur. Pour plus de détails sur la législation relative à l'utilisation des services privés, visitez le site internet de Worker Misclassification Task Force (Unité anti-fraude en matière de classification des salariés) : [www.maine.gov/labor/misclass](http://www.maine.gov/labor/misclass). Si vous n'êtes pas sûr de vos droits, veuillez contacter l'un des bureaux régionaux.

**Aviso a los Trabajadores:** La ley del estado de Maine requiere que su empresario proporcione el seguro de compensaciones para el trabajador a todos los trabajadores. El seguro de compensaciones para el trabajador proporciona beneficios a los trabajadores accidentados en el trabajo. En caso de sufrir accidente o daño laboral, NOTIFÍQUELO INMEDIATAMENTE A SU EMPRESARIO. Podría perder el derecho a recibir compensación a menos que su empresario sea notificado de este accidente o daño en el plazo de 60 días. Así mismo esta reclamación debe hacer referencia a un accidente o daño que no haya ocurrido hace más de dos años. Los defensores del trabajador están disponibles para proporcionar ayuda a los trabajadores accidentados en el Consejo de Administración de Compensaciones para el Trabajador (Workers' Compensation Board). El hecho de no clasificar a los empleados como contratistas independientes, con el propósito de evitar el seguro por compensación al trabajador, cobertura para desempleados, u otros impuestos pagados y retenidos por el empleador; está en contra de la ley del empleador. Para mayor información acerca de las leyes pertenecientes a la contratación de contratistas independientes, visite el Worker Misclassification Task Force en la página web de [www.maine.gov/labor/misclass](http://www.maine.gov/labor/misclass). En caso de tener cualquier pregunta sobre sus derechos, favor de dirigirse a una de las oficinas regionales de compensaciones para el trabajador.

**ENGLISH** Interpreters Available  
When calling for assistance, please say the name of your language in English and an interpreter will be called for you. Please stay on the line.

**SPANISH** Tenemos intérpretes a su disposición  
Si necesita que le atiendan en español por favor diga "Spanish" y le conectaremos con un intérprete. Por favor manténgase en la línea.

**PORTUGUESE** Temos intérpretes à sua disposição  
Se precisar de atendimento em Português, por favor diga "Portuguese" e um intérprete será prontamente chamado. Por favor, aguarde na linha.

**ITALIAN** Abbiamo interpreti disponibili  
Se avete bisogno di assistenza in Italiano, Vi preghiamo di dire "Italian" e un interprete sarà messo a Vostra disposizione. Vi preghiamo di rimanere in linea.

**FRENCH** Des interprètes sont à votre disposition  
Lorsque vous appelez pour demander de l'aide, prononcez le mot "French" et nous mettrons un interprète à votre disposition. Prière de rester en ligne.

**POLISH** Tłumacze dostępne na życzenie.  
Aby uzyskać pomoc tłumacza, proszę powiedzieć po angielsku "Polish" i czekać na linię.

**RUSSIAN** "К вашим услугам имеются переводчики"  
"Когда Вы обращаетесь за помощью по телефону, пожалуйста скажите, что Вы говорите по-русски (произнесите "РАШН"), и мы обеспечим Вас переводчиком. После этого, пожалуйста, оставайтесь на линии."

**CHINESE** 提供口譯服務  
打電話請求幫助時，請用英語說“換音呢斯”(CHINESE)——我們將為您提供口譯人員。請不要掛斷電話。

**JAPANESE** 通訳サービスをご利用いただけます  
通訳を必要とされる場合は「ジャパニーズ」とおっしゃり、通訳ができるまでそのままお待ちください。

**KOREAN** 한국어 통역을 이용하실 수 있습니다.  
도움이 필요하여 전화를 거실 때 영어로 코리안 (KOREAN)이라고 말씀하시면 통역자를 연결해 드릴 것입니다. 전화를 끊지 마시고 기다리십시오.

**VIETNAMESE** "Có Thông Dịch Viên"  
"Khi gọi điện thoại để được giúp đỡ, xin quý vị hãy nói "VIETNAMESE" để chúng tôi cho thông dịch viên giúp quý vị. Xin quý vị chờ trên đường dây."

**SOMALI** Turjunaanno waa la helayaa  
Marka aad caawinaad inoogu soo yeeraneysid, fadhlan luqaddaada af Ingiriisi inoogu sheeg turjubaan ayaa luugu yeeri doonaaye. Taleefoonkana ha dhigin.

**ARABIC** مترجمون شهيون متيسرون لخدمتكم  
عند إتصالكم للمساعدة أو لطلب خدمة معينة نرجو منكم أن تتكروا (أ-ز-ب-ك-ي) ونحن سنقدم لكم مترجماً شهيياً . ابقوا على الخط من فضلكم.

**PERSIAN** افراد مترجم در دسترس مي باشند.  
را که بدان صحبت مي كنيد به انگليسي ذكر كنيد تا راجع به امري به ما تلفن مي كنيد، لطفاً نام زباني قطع نكنيد. هنگاميكه براي درخواست كمك يا شما تماس گرفته شود، لطفاً روي خط منتظر بمانيد. با يك مترجم براي

**To the employer:** This notice must be posted in a conspicuous place upon your premises accessible to employees. 39-A MRSA §406. The State of Maine does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities. This poster is available in alternative format. For further assistance, contact the Maine Workers' Compensation Board, ADA Coordinator, telephone: (888) 801-9087 or TTY: 711.

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# VIDEO DISPLAY TERMINALS



## VIDEO DISPLAY TERMINALS

The Maine Video Display Terminal (VDT) Law gives certain rights to people who use computers for work.



This poster is available online at no charge and may be copied: <https://www.maine.gov/labor/posters/>

### Video Display Terminals MRSA Title 26 §251.

1. Bureau. "Bureau" means the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards.
2. Employ. "Employ" means to employ or permit to work.
3. Employee. "Employee" means any person engaged to work on a steady or regular basis as an operator by an employer located or doing business in the State.
4. Employer. "Employer" means any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation, public or private that uses 2 or more terminals at one location.
5. Operator. "Operator" means any employee whose primary task is to operate a terminal for more than four consecutive hours, exclusive of breaks, on a daily basis.
6. Terminal. "Terminal" means any electronic video screen data presentation machine, commonly called video display terminals.

For full text of the statute visit MRSA Title 26 §251, 252.

If you have questions about working safely at the computer, speak to your supervisor or contact the  
Maine Department of Labor  
Bureau of Labor Standards  
**Tel: 1-877-SAFE-345 (1-877-723-3345)**  
TTY users call Maine Relay 711.  
Web site: [www.maine.gov/labor/bls](http://www.maine.gov/labor/bls)  
Email: [bls.mdol@maine.gov](mailto:bls.mdol@maine.gov)

**Maine Law (Title 26 M.R.S.A. § 42-B) requires every employer to place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.**

### Education and training MRSA Title §252.

Every employer shall establish an education and training program for all operators as provided in this section.

1. Requirements. An employer's education and training program must be provided both orally and in writing, except that an employer that uses fewer than 5 terminals at one location may provide the education and training program in writing only.

### The program must include, at a minimum:

- A. Notification of the rights and duties created under this subchapter by posting in a prominent location in the workplace a copy of this subchapter.
  - B. An explanation or description of the proper use of terminals and the protective measures that the operator may take to avoid or minimize symptoms or conditions that may result from extended or improper use.
  - C. Instruction related to the importance of maintaining proper posture during terminal operation and a description of methods to achieve and maintain this posture, including the use of any adjustable work station equipment used by the operator.
2. Literature; clearinghouse. The bureau shall recommend to employers, for use in education and training programs, occupational safety literature that provides appropriate, current and pertinent data on terminal use.
  3. Training schedule. Employers shall provide operators with this education and training program within 30 days of employment and annually thereafter.

The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to people with disabilities upon request.

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# SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT

## THE MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT PROHIBITS SEX DISCRIMINATION



### SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON THE JOB IS ILLEGAL

- UNWELCOME SEXUAL ADVANCES
- UNWANTED HUGS, TOUCHES, KISSES
- RETALIATION FOR COMPLAINING ABOUT SEXUAL HARASSMENT
- SUGGESTIVE OR LEWD REMARKS
- REQUESTS FOR SEXUAL FAVORS

**If you feel you have been discriminated against, contact:**

**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

51 STATE HOUSE STATION,  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0051

Phone: (207) 624-6290 - Fax: (207) 624-8729

TTY: MAINE RELAY 711 • [www.maine.gov/mhrc](http://www.maine.gov/mhrc)

OR CONTACT YOUR PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

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# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE



Bureau of Labor Standards

## MAINE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW

This poster is designed to notify individuals of their rights regarding the filing of claims for unemployment benefits. It does not have the force or effect of law. For more information, call 1-800-593-7660 toll free.



This poster is available online at no charge and may be copied: <https://www.maine.gov/labor/posters/>

### Full- and Part-Time Workers

#### How to file a claim for unemployment benefits

All new and reactivated claims for unemployment benefits are filed either online, telephone or by mail. **Do not delay in filing your claim once you are out of work. Claims cannot be backdated.**

When filing, you will need to know your Social Security Number. Also, you should have the names and addresses of all employers for whom you worked, and your dates of employment in the last 18 months.

#### To file online: [www.maine.gov/reemploye](http://www.maine.gov/reemploye)

This is the fastest, easiest way to file.

#### To file by phone: 1-800-593-7660

TTY Users Call Maine Relay 711.

All individuals filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits are required by law to be registered with the Maine JobLink. Visit [www.mainecareercenter.gov](http://www.mainecareercenter.gov) to access Maine JobLink.

We provide **language interpreter services** in approximately 140 commonly spoken languages. Arrangements will be made to have an interpreter assist you when you call the Unemployment Claims Center.

**To claim by mail:** In some cases, your employer will give you a claim form. Mail your initial claim form to your nearest Unemployment Claims Center listed below.

Maine Department of Labor  
Bureau of Unemployment Compensation  
97 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0097

**Rules Governing The Administration of the Employment Security Law states every employer shall post and maintain such notices to its workers.**

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#### Basic eligibility requirements Earnings during the base period:

The "base period" is a one-year period that includes four calendar quarters. To establish a claim, an individual must have earned two times the annual average weekly wage in Maine in each of two different calendar quarters, and a total of six times the annual, average, weekly wage in Maine in the whole base period. In most cases, the Department of Labor has your wage information on file. If it is not on file, the Department will take steps to obtain it.

**Separation:** If you were laid off from your last job due to a lack of work, no additional investigation is required. If you separated from your last job for reasons other than lack of work, you will be scheduled for a fact-finding interview. A determination will then be made regarding your eligibility for benefits.

**Weekly requirements:** Weekly eligibility requirements include being **able to work** and being **available** for work, making an **active search for work** (unless your work search has been "waived"), not refusing offers of suitable work or referral to suitable job opportunities from the CareerCenters.

**Aliens:** If you are not a U.S. Citizen, your Social Security Number and/or your Alien Permit number will be checked with the United States Citizen and Immigration Services.

**Unemployment benefits are taxable:** Unemployment benefits are taxable and have to be reported when you file your income tax forms.

**Child support:** If you owe child support that you pay to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), up to fifty percent (50%) of your unemployment check may be withheld and sent to DHHS.

**Benefits for partial unemployment:** An employer shall issue a properly completed partial unemployment claim form to each employee who is customarily employed fulltime and who is given less than full-time hours during a week due to lack of work, and who is not separated from that employer.

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# HUMAN RIGHTS ACT



## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IS THE LAW

Private Employers, State and Local Governments, Educational Institutions,  
Employment Agencies and Labor Organizations

The Maine Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information, religion, ancestry or national origin. The Maine Human Rights Act also prohibits discrimination because of filing a claim or asserting a right against a prior employer under the Workers' Compensation Act or retaliation under the Whistleblowers' Protection Act.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS** The opportunity for an individual to secure employment without discrimination because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry or national origin is a civil right.

**UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION** It is unlawful employment discrimination for any employer, because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information, religion, ancestry or national origin, or because of an individual's previous assertion of a claim or right against a prior employer under the Workers' Compensation Act, or because of previous actions taken that are protected under the Whistleblowers' Protection Act, to:

- Fail or refuse to hire or otherwise discriminate against an applicant for employment.
- Discharge an employee or discriminate with the respect to hire, tenure, promotion, transfer, compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment.
- Retaliate against a person who has filed a charge of discrimination, participated in a discrimination proceeding, or opposed a violation of the Maine Human Rights Act.

IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, CONTACT:

**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

51 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0051  
PHONE (207) 624-6290  
FAX (207) 624-8729  
TTY 1-888-577-6690  
[www.maine.gov/mhrc](http://www.maine.gov/mhrc)

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# REGULATION OF EMPLOYMENT

## Regulation of Employment



Labor Laws of the State of Maine provide protection for people who work in Maine. The Maine Department of Labor administers the laws, which all employers must follow. Department representatives inspect workplaces to ensure compliance. Citations and penalties may be issued to employers who do not comply. This poster describes some important parts of the laws. A copy of the actual laws or formal interpretations may be obtained from the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards, by calling 207-623-7900. (The laws are also on the Bureau's web site.)



This poster is available online at no charge and may be copied: <https://www.maine.gov/labor/posters/>

### Time of Payment

Employees must be paid in full at least every 16 days. Employees must be notified of any decrease in wages or salary at least one day prior to the change.

### Payment of Wages

An employee leaving employment, must be paid in full no later than the employee's next established payday. This may also include the payment of accrued vacation pay and/or Earned Paid Leave.

### Unfair Agreement

Employers cannot require that an employee pay for losses such as broken merchandise, bad checks, or bills not paid by customers, nor for special uniforms and certain tools of the trade.

### Rest Breaks

Most employees must be offered a 30 consecutive minute paid or unpaid rest break after 6 hours of work.

Nursing mothers must be provided with unpaid break time or be permitted to use their paid break or meal time to express milk.

The employer must make reasonable efforts to provide a clean room or location, other than a bathroom, where the milk can be expressed.

### Family Medical Leave

An employee who has worked for the last 12 months at a workplace with 15 or more employees may be entitled to up to 10 weeks of paid or unpaid leave for a qualifying event.

- ◆ Birth or adoption of a child or domestic partner's child;
- ◆ Serious health condition of the employee or immediate family member, including domestic partner; domestic partner's child, grandchild, domestic partner's grandchild;
- ◆ Organ donation;
- ◆ Death or serious health condition of the employee's spouse, domestic partner, parent or child if it occurs while the spouse, domestic partner, parent or child is on active duty;
- ◆ Serious health condition or death of a sibling who shares joint living and financial arrangements with the worker.

(Federal family medical leave is different, call 866-487-9243 for more information.)

**Maine Law (Title 26 M.R.S.A. § 42-B) requires every employer to place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.**

### Leave for Victims of Violence, Assault, Sexual Assault or Stalking

Must be allowed upon request if an employee (or a child, parent or spouse of an employee) is a victim of violence, assault, sexual assault or stalking or any act that would support an order for protection under Title 19-A M.R.S.A., c. 101 and the employee needs the time to:

- ◆ Prepare for and attend court proceedings; or
- ◆ Receive medical treatment; or
- ◆ Obtain necessary services to remedy crisis.

### Leave to Care for Family

If the employer's policy provides for paid time off, the employee must be allowed to use up to 40 hours in a 12-month period to care for an immediate family member who is ill.

### Earned Paid Leave

An employer that employs more than 10 employees in the usual and regular course of business for more than 120 days in any calendar year shall permit each employee to earn paid leave based on the employee's base pay. An employee is entitled to earn one hour of paid leave from a single employer for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours in one year of employment. Accrual of leave begins at the start of employment, but the employer is not required to permit use of the leave before the employee has been employed by that employer for 120 days during a one-year period.

### Earned Income Tax Credit

Employees may be eligible for federal and state earned income tax credits. Employees may apply for the tax credits on the employee's income tax return.

**Note:** Maine employers may also be covered under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. For more information, contact the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Office at 866-487-9243.

### For more information, contact:

Maine Department of Labor  
Bureau of Labor Standards  
45 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0045  
located at: 45 Commerce Drive  
**Telephone: 207-623-7900** | TTY users call Maine Relay 711.  
Website: [www.maine.gov/labor/bls](http://www.maine.gov/labor/bls)  
Email: [bls.mdol@maine.gov](mailto:bls.mdol@maine.gov)

**At-Will Employment** —Under Maine law, an at-will employee may be terminated for any reason not specifically prohibited by law. In most instances, you are an at-will employee unless you are covered by a collective bargaining agreement or other contract that limits termination. If you have questions about at-will employment, contact your human resources department or the Bureau of Labor Standards.

The Maine Department of Labor provides equal opportunity in employment and programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available to people with disabilities upon request.

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# WHISTLEBLOWER'S PROTECTION ACT



## WHISTLEBLOWER'S PROTECTION ACT

### Protection of Employees Who Report or Refuse to Commit Illegal Acts

This poster describes some important parts of the law. A copy of the actual law or formal interpretations may be obtained from the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards by calling 207-623-7900. (The laws are also on the Bureau's web site.)



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#### It is illegal for your boss to fire you, threaten you, retaliate against you or treat you differently because:

1. You reported a violation of the law;
2. You are a healthcare worker and you reported a medical error;
3. You reported something that risks someone's health or safety;
4. You have refused to do something that will endanger your life or someone else's life and you have asked your employer to correct it; or
5. You have been involved in an investigation or hearing held by the government.

#### You are protected by this law ONLY if:

1. You tell your boss about the problem and allow a reasonable time for it to be corrected; or
2. You have good reason to believe that your boss will not correct the problem.

#### To report a violation, unsafe condition or practice or an illegal act in your workplace, contact:

(This information should be filled in by the employer)

(Name)

(Title)

(Location or Phone)

#### For more information or to file a complaint under this law, contact:

The Maine Human Rights Commission  
51 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333  
**Tel: 207-624-6290**  
TTY users call Maine Relay 711  
[www.Maine.gov/mhrc](http://www.Maine.gov/mhrc)

#### The following agencies may provide useful information on workplace safety and labor laws:

U.S. Department of Labor  
Wage and Hour Division  
P.O. Box 554  
Portland, Maine 04112  
**Tel: 207-780-3344**  
[www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov)

Maine Department of Labor  
Bureau of Labor Standards  
45 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0045  
**Tel: 207-623-7900**  
TTY users call Maine Relay 711.  
Web site: [www.maine.gov/labor/bls](http://www.maine.gov/labor/bls)  
Email: [bls.mdol@maine.gov](mailto:bls.mdol@maine.gov)

U.S. Department of Labor/OSHA  
40 Western Avenue  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
**Tel: 207-626-9160**  
[www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

**Maine Law (Title 26 M.R.S.A. § 839) requires every employer to place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.**

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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.



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1-866-487-9243  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/whd](http://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](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.

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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](https://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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## 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

### 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.

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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.

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

*This poster is available free from OSHA.*

**Contact OSHA. We can help.**



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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.

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

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# WITHHOLDING STATUS

## YOU MAY NEED TO CHECK YOUR WITHHOLDING

**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](http://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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