

FEDERAL AND STATE POSTER REQUIREMENTS



Project Name & WIN: _____ Date: _____

Site Trailer Location: _____

STATE OF MAINE REQUIRED POSTERS

- ☐ 1. Minimum Wage (Rev. 01/2026)
- ☐ 2. Whistleblower's Protection Act (Rev. 11.2019)
- ☐ 3. Workers' Compensation (WCB-90) (Rev. 04.28.2026)
- ☐ 4. Occupational Safety & Health Regulations (Rev. 11.2019)
- ☐ 5. Child Labor Laws (Rev. 11.2019)
- ☐ 6. Regulations of Employment (Rev. 12.2023)
- ☐ 7. Sexual Harassment Prevention Poster (Rev. 10.20.2012)
- ☐ 8. Sexual Harassment Prevention Training & Education (Rev. 05.2026)
- ☐ 9. Maine Employment Security Law (Rev. 11.2019)
- ☐ 10. Veterans Benefits & Services Law (if more than 50 full-time employees) (Rev. 03.2024)
- ☐ 11. Paid Family & Medical Leave (Rev. 4/2025)
- ☐ 12. Protection for Political & Religious Matters (Rev. 10.2025)
- ☐ 13. Video Display Terminals (Rev. 11/2019)
- ☐ 14. OPTIONAL: Maine Equal Pay Law (Rev. 12.2023)
- ☐ 15. OPTIONAL: Domestic Violence in the Workplace Poster (Rev. 09.2015)
- ☐ 16. OPTIONAL: EEO is the Law (Rev. 10.2012)
- ☐ 17. OPTIONAL: Nursing Mothers at Workplace (Rev. 04.2024)
- ☐ 18. OPTIONAL: Social Media Protection & Restriction (Rev. 11.2019)
- ☐ State Wage Determination (on State Funded Projects Only)

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUIRED POSTERS

- ☐ 1. Fair Labor Standards Act – Federal Minimum Wage (WH-1088) (Rev. 04.2023)
- ☐ 2. Family and Medical Leave Act (WH-1420) (Rev. 04.2023)
- ☐ 3. Know Your Rights Workplace Discrimination is Illegal (EEOC) (Rev. 06.2023)
- ☐ 4. Employee Rights on Government Contracts (WH-1313) (Rev. 03.2022)
- ☐ 5. Notice to Workers with Disabilities Paid at Special Minimum Wages (WH-1284) (Rev. 01.2018)(if applicable)
- ☐ 6. Employee Polygraph Protection Act (WH1462) (Rev. 02.2022)(if applicable)
- ☐ 7. Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) (Rev. 07.2026)
- ☐ 8. Employee Rights Under the Davis Bacon Act (WH-1321) (Rev. 07.2024)
- ☐ 9. Title 18 Notice – Federal Aid Projects (FHWA-1022) Rev. 05.2015)
- ☐ 10. Job Safety and Health: It's the Law! (OSHA 3165) (Rev. 03.03.2026)
- ☐ 11. Whistleblower Protection (OSHA 3638) (Rev. 08.2022)
- ☐ 12. Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (Rev. 04.2024)
- ☐ Federal Wage Decision & Additional Project Specific Rates
- ☐ Contractor's EEO Policy Statement with EEO Officer's name and contact information

Important information about the poster bulletin board:

- Is the poster board location easily accessible to all workers and the **general public**? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Does the poster board align with the provided diagram? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are the posters legible and free from any damage or debris? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Project Specific Classifications: Are the conformance letters posted on the board? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Were any posters missing? If so, please list and provide copies of the missing posters to the Resident on the project. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

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Regulations of Employment Rev. 12.2023	Sexual Harassment Prevention Rev. 10.20.2012	Sexual Harrassment Prevention Training & Education Rev. 05.2026	Maine Employment Security Law Rev. 11.2019	Veterans' Benefits & Services Law If more than 50 F/T Staff Rev. 03.2024	Workers w/Disabilities Minimum Wages (WH-1284) Rev 01.2018	Federal Employee Polygraph Protection Act (WH-1462) Rev. 02.2022	Uniformed Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act Rev. 07.2026	Employee Rights Under Davis Bacon & Related Acts (WH-1321) Rev. 07.2024
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Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) Rev. 04.2025	Protection for Political & Religious Matters Rev. 10.25	Video Display Terminals Rev. 11.19	<u>OPTIONAL</u> Maine Equal Pay Law Rev.12.23	<u>OPTIONAL</u> Maine Domestic Violence Rev. 09.2015	Title 18 Notice Federal Aid Projects (FHWA-1022) Rev. 05.2015	Job Safety and Health: It's the Law! (OSHA-3165) Rev. 04.2019	Federal Whistleblower Protection under OSHA Rev. 8.2022	Federal Pregnant Worker Act Rev. 04.2024
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<u>OPTIONAL</u> EEO is THE LAW Rev. 10.12	<u>OPTIONAL</u> Nursing Mothers at Workplace Rev. 04.24	<u>OPTIONAL</u> Social Media Protection & Restrictions Rev. 11.2019	State Prevailing Wage Rates (if needed)	 MaineDOT	Federal Wage Decisions Note: If project has multiple counties, post for <u>all</u> counties	Federal Wage Rate Requests (Project Specific) Conformance Letters	Contractor's Updated EEO Policy MUST include EEO Officer Name & Contact Info.	 

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

\$7.25

PER HOUR

BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009

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

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

CHILD LABOR An employee must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs and at least 18 to work in non-farm jobs declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor. Youths 14 and 15 years old may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs with certain work hours restrictions. Different rules apply in agricultural employment.

TIP CREDIT Employers of “tipped employees” who meet certain conditions may claim a partial wage credit based on tips received by their employees. Employers must pay tipped employees a cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour if they claim a tip credit against their minimum wage obligation. If an employee’s tips combined with the employer’s cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour do not equal the minimum hourly wage, the employer must make up the difference.

PUMP AT WORK The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing employee to express breast milk for their nursing child for one year after the child’s birth each time the employee needs to express breast milk. Employers must provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public, which may be used by the employee to express breast milk.

ENFORCEMENT The Department has authority to recover back wages and an equal amount in liquidated damages in instances of minimum wage, overtime, and other violations. The Department may litigate and/or recommend criminal prosecution. Employers may be assessed civil money penalties for each willful or repeated violation of the minimum wage or overtime pay provisions of the law. Civil money penalties may also be assessed for violations of the FLSA’s child labor provisions. Heightened civil money penalties may be assessed for each child labor violation that results in the death or serious injury of any minor employee, and such assessments may be doubled when the violations are determined to be willful or repeated. The law also prohibits retaliating against or discharging workers who file a complaint or participate in any proceeding under the FLSA.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Certain occupations and establishments are exempt from the minimum wage, and/or overtime pay provisions.
- 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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WH1088 REV 0423

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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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 and related conditions, sexual orientation, or gender identity)
- Age (40 and older)
- Disability
- Genetic information (including employer requests for, or purchase, use, or disclosure of genetic tests, genetic services, or family medical history)
- Retaliation for filing a charge, reasonably opposing discrimination, or participating in a discrimination lawsuit, investigation, or proceeding.

What Employment Practices can be Challenged as Discriminatory?

All aspects of employment, including:

- Discharge, firing, or lay-off
- Harassment (including unwelcome verbal or physical conduct)
- Hiring or promotion
- Assignment
- Pay (unequal wages or compensation)
- Failure to provide reasonable accommodation for a disability or a sincerely-held religious observance or practice
- Benefits
- Job training
- Classification
- Referral
- Obtaining or disclosing genetic information of employees
- Requesting or disclosing medical information of employees
- Conduct that might reasonably discourage someone from opposing discrimination, filing a charge, or participating in an investigation or proceeding.

What can You Do if You Believe Discrimination has Occurred?

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

Submit an inquiry through the EEOC's public portal:
<https://publicportal.eeoc.gov/Portal/Login.aspx>

Call 1-800-669-4000 (toll free)
1-800-669-6820 (TTY)
1-844-234-5122 (ASL video phone)

Visit an EEOC field office (information at www.eeoc.gov/field-office)

E-Mail info@eeoc.gov

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



EMPLOYERS HOLDING FEDERAL CONTRACTS OR SUBCONTRACTS

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

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

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

Asking About, Disclosing, or Discussing Pay

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

Disability

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

Protected Veteran Status

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

Retaliation

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

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

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

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

PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Race, Color, National Origin, Sex

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

Individuals with Disabilities

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

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

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

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

- ☐ **SERVICE CONTRACT ACT (SCA)**
☐ **PUBLIC CONTRACTS ACT (PCA)**

MINIMUM WAGES

Your rate must be no less than the federal minimum wage established by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

A higher rate may be required for SCA contracts if a wage determination applies. Such wage determination will be posted as an attachment to this notice.

FRINGE BENEFITS

SCA wage determinations may require fringe benefit payments (or a cash equivalent). PCA contracts do not require fringe benefits.

OVERTIME PAY

You must be paid 1.5 times your basic rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a week. There are some exceptions.

CHILD LABOR

No person under 16 years of age may be employed on a PCA contract.

SAFETY & HEALTH

Work must be performed under conditions that are sanitary, and not hazardous or dangerous to employees' health and safety.

ENFORCEMENT

Specific DOL agencies are responsible for the administration of these laws. To file a complaint or obtain information, contact the **Wage and Hour Division (WHD)** by calling its toll-free help line at 1-866-4-USWAGE (1-866-487-9243), or visit www.dol.gov/agencies/whd

Contact the **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** by calling 1-800-321-OSHA (1-800-321-6742), or visit www.osha.gov



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

WALSH-HEALEY PUBLIC CONTRACTS ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SERVICE CONTRACT ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES PAID AT SUBMINIMUM WAGES

This establishment has a certificate authorizing the payment of subminimum wages to workers who are disabled for the work they are performing. Authority to pay subminimum wages to workers with disabilities generally applies to work covered by the **Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)**, **McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act (SCA)**, and/or **Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act (PCA)**. Such subminimum wages are referred to as "commensurate wage rates" and are less than the basic hourly rates stated in an SCA wage determination and/or less than the FLSA minimum wage of **\$7.25 per hour**. A "commensurate wage rate" is based on the worker's individual productivity, no matter how limited, in proportion to the wage and productivity of experienced workers who do not have disabilities that impact their productivity when performing essentially the same type, quality, and quantity of work in the geographic area from which the labor force of the community is drawn.

Employers shall make this poster available and display it where employees and the parents and guardians of workers with disabilities can readily see it.

WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES

Subminimum wages under section 14(c) are not applicable unless a worker's disability actually impairs the worker's earning or productive capacity for the work being performed. The fact that a worker may have a disability is not in and of itself sufficient to warrant the payment of a subminimum wage.

For purposes of payment of commensurate wage rates under a certificate, a worker with a disability is defined as: An individual whose earnings or productive capacity is impaired by a physical or mental disability, including those related to age or injury, for the work to be performed.

Disabilities which may affect productive capacity include an intellectual or developmental disability, psychiatric disability, a hearing or visual impairment, and certain other impairments. The following do not ordinarily affect productive capacity for purposes of paying commensurate wage rates: educational disabilities; chronic unemployment; receipt of welfare benefits; nonattendance at school; juvenile delinquency; and correctional parole or probation.

WORKER NOTIFICATION

Each worker with a disability and, where appropriate, the parent or guardian of such worker, shall be informed orally and in writing by the employer of the terms of the certificate under which such worker is employed.

KEY ELEMENTS OF COMMENSURATE WAGE RATES

- **Nondisabled worker standard**—The objective gauge (usually a time study of the production of workers who do not have disabilities that impair their productivity for the job) against which the productivity of a worker with a disability is measured.
- **Prevailing wage rate**—The wage paid to experienced workers who do not have disabilities that impair their productivity for the same or similar work and who are performing such work in the area. Most SCA contracts include a wage determination specifying the prevailing wage rates to be paid for SCA-covered work.
- **Evaluation of the productivity of the worker with a disability**—Documented measurement of the production of the worker with a disability (in terms of quantity and quality).

The wages of all workers paid commensurate wages must be reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at periodic intervals. At a minimum, the productivity of hourly-paid workers must be reevaluated at least every six months and a new prevailing wage survey must be conducted at least once every twelve months. In addition, prevailing wages must be reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, whenever there is a change in the job or a change in the prevailing wage rate, such as when the applicable state or federal minimum wage is increased.

WIOA

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) amended the Rehabilitation Act by adding section 511, which places limitations on the payment of subminimum wages to individuals with disabilities by mandating the completion of certain requirements prior to and during the payment of a subminimum wage.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13658

Executive Order 13658, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors, established a minimum wage that generally must be paid to workers performing on or in connection with a covered contract with the Federal Government. Workers covered by this Executive Order and due the full Executive Order minimum wage include workers with disabilities whose wages are calculated pursuant to certificates issued under section 14(c) of the FLSA.

FRINGE BENEFITS

Neither the FLSA nor the PCA have provisions requiring vacation, holiday, or sick pay nor other fringe benefits such as health insurance or pension plans. SCA wage determinations may require such fringe benefit payments (or a cash equivalent). Workers paid under a certificate authorizing commensurate wage rates must receive the full fringe benefits listed on the SCA wage determination.

OVERTIME

Generally, if a worker is performing work subject to the FLSA, SCA, and/or PCA, that worker must be paid at least 1 1/2 times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

CHILD LABOR

Minors younger than 18 years of age must be employed in accordance with the child labor provisions of the FLSA. No persons under 16 years of age may be employed in manufacturing or on a PCA contract.

PETITION PROCESS

Workers with disabilities paid at subminimum wages may petition the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for a review of their wage rates by an Administrative Law Judge. No particular form of petition is required, except that it must be signed by the worker with a disability or his or her parent or guardian and should contain the name and address of the employer. Petitions should be mailed to: Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.



WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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www.dol.gov/whd



EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

The Employee Polygraph Protection Act prohibits most private employers from using lie detector tests both for pre-employment screening and 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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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 such as the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

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

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

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

RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION

If you:

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

then an employer may not deny you:

- ☆ initial employment;
- ☆ reemployment;
- ☆ retention in employment;
- ☆ promotion; or
- ☆ any benefit of employment

because of this status.

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

HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION

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

ENFORCEMENT

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

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



U.S. Department of Labor
1-866-487-2365

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Special Counsel

1-800-336-4590

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WORKER RIGHTS

UNDER THE DAVIS-BACON ACT

FOR LABORERS AND MECHANICS WORKING ON FEDERAL OR FEDERALLY ASSISTED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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

PREVAILING WAGES

You must be paid not less than the wage rate listed in the Davis-Bacon Wage Decision posted with this notice for the work you perform.

OVERTIME

You must be paid not less than one and one-half times your basic rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a work week. There are few exceptions.

ENFORCEMENT

Contract payments can be withheld to ensure workers receive wages and overtime pay due, and liquidated damages may apply if overtime pay requirements are not met. Davis-Bacon contract clauses allow contract termination and debarment of contractors from future federal contracts for three years. A contractor who falsifies certified payroll records or induces wage kickbacks may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution, fines and/or imprisonment.

APPRENTICES

Apprentice rates apply only to apprentices properly registered under approved federal or state apprenticeship programs.

RETALIATION

The law prohibits discharging or otherwise retaliating against workers for filing a complaint, cooperating in an investigation, or testifying in a proceeding under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts.

PROPER PAY

If you do not receive proper pay, or require further information on the applicable wages, contact the Contracting Officer listed below:

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



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NOTICE

The highway construction underway at this location is a Federal or Federal-aid project and is subject to applicable State and Federal laws, including Title 18, United States Code, Section 1020, which reads as follows:

“Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the costs thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction of any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report, or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to a material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to the provision of the Federal Aid Road Act approved July 11, 1916 (39 Stat. 355) as amended and supplemented,

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.”

Any person having reason to believe this statute is being violated should report the same to the agency representative(s) named below.

State Transportation Agency	U.S. Department of Transportation Hotline for Fraud, Waste, & Abuse 1-800-424-9071	Federal Highway Administration Division Administrator
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Job Safety and Health IT'S THE LAW!

All workers have the right to:

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

Employers must:

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

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

This poster is available free from OSHA.

Contact OSHA. We can help.



OSHA's Whistleblower Protection Program

OSHA's Whistleblower Protection Program enforces the provisions of more than 20 federal laws protecting employees from retaliation for, among other things, raising or reporting concerns about hazards or violations of various workplace safety and health, aviation safety, commercial motor carrier, consumer product, environmental, financial reform, food safety, health insurance reform, motor vehicle safety, nuclear, pipeline, public transportation agency, railroad, maritime, securities, tax, antitrust, and anti-money laundering laws. Employees who believe that they have experienced retaliation in violation of one of these laws may file a complaint with OSHA.

Whistleblower Laws Enforced by OSHA

Following is a list of statutes which OSHA enforces. Each statute has a different time frame in which a complaint can be filed.

- *Anti-Money Laundering Act (90 days)*
- *Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (90 days)*
- *Clean Air Act (30 days)*
- *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (30 days)*
- *Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 (180 days)*
- *Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (180 days)*
- *Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act (180 days)*
- *Energy Reorganization Act (180 days)*
- *Federal Railroad Safety Act (180 days)*
- *Federal Water Pollution Control Act (30 days)*
- *International Safe Container Act (60 days)*
- *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (motor vehicle safety) (180 days)*
- *National Transit Systems Security Act (180 days)*
- *Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act) (30 days)*
- *Pipeline Safety Improvement Act (180 days)*
- *Safe Drinking Water Act (30 days)*
- *Sarbanes-Oxley Act (180 days)*
- *Seaman's Protection Act (180 days)*
- *Section 402 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (180 days)*
- *Section 1558 of the Affordable Care Act (180 days)*
- *Solid Waste Disposal Act (30 days)*
- *Surface Transportation Assistance Act (180 days)*
- *Taxpayer First Act (180 days)*
- *Toxic Substances Control Act (30 days)*
- *Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (90 days)*

What Is Retaliation?

Retaliation is an adverse action against an employee because of activity protected by one of these whistleblower laws. Retaliation can involve several types of actions, such as:

- Firing or laying off
- Demoting
- Denying overtime or promotion
- Disciplining
- Denying benefits
- Failing to hire or rehire
- Intimidation or harassment
- Making threats
- Reassignment to a less desirable position or affecting promotion prospects
- Reducing pay or hours
- More subtle actions, such as isolating, ostracizing, mocking, or falsely accusing the employee of poor performance
- Blacklisting (intentionally interfering with an employee's ability to obtain future employment)
- Constructive discharge (quitting when an employer makes working conditions intolerable due to the employee's protected activity)
- Reporting the employee to the police or immigration authorities

Filing a Complaint

Employees who believe that their employers retaliated against them because they engaged in protected activity should contact OSHA as soon as possible because they must file any complaint within the legal time limits.

An employee can file a complaint with OSHA by visiting or calling their local OSHA office, sending a written complaint to the closest OSHA office, or filing a complaint online. No particular form is required and complaints may be submitted in any language.

Written complaints may be filed by fax, electronic communication, hand delivery during business hours, U.S. mail (confirmation services recommended), or other third-party commercial carrier.

The date of the postmark, fax, electronic communication, telephone call, hand delivery, delivery to a third-party commercial carrier, or in-person filing at an OSHA office is considered the date filed.

To file a complaint electronically, please visit: www.osha.gov/whistleblower/WBComplaint.

To contact an OSHA area office, employees should call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) to be connected to the closest area office or visit www.osha.gov/contactus/bystate to find local OSHA office address and contact information.

When OSHA receives a complaint, OSHA will first review it to determine whether certain basic requirements are met, such as whether the complaint was filed on time. If so, the complaint will be investigated in order to determine whether the employer retaliated against the employee for engaging in activity protected under one of OSHA's whistleblower laws. OSHA may also attempt to assist the employer and employee in reaching a settlement of the case.

Private-sector employees throughout the United States and its territories and employees of the United States Postal Service (USPS) who suffer retaliation because of occupational safety or health activity are covered by section 11(c) of the OSH Act. In addition, private-sector employees are also covered by laws in States which operate their own comprehensive occupational safety and health programs approved by Federal OSHA ("State Plans"). For information on the whistleblower provisions of the 22 State Plan States which cover private-sector employees, visit www.osha.gov/stateplans.

With the exception of employees of the USPS, public-sector employees (those employed as municipal, county, state, territorial, or federal workers) are not covered by the OSH Act. State and local government employees are covered by the whistleblower provisions of all the States with State Plans, including six States which cover only State and local government employees.

A federal employee who is not a USPS employee who wishes to file a complaint alleging retaliation due to disclosure of a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety or involving a violation of an occupational safety or health standard or regulation should contact the Office of Special Counsel (www.osc.gov). Such federal employees are also covered by their own agency's procedures for remedying such retaliation.

Public-sector employees who are unsure whether they are covered under a whistleblower law should call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) for assistance, or visit www.whistleblowers.gov.

Results of the Investigation

If OSHA determines that retaliation in violation of the OSH Act, *Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act*, or the *International Safe Container Act* has occurred, the Secretary of Labor may sue in federal district court to obtain relief. If OSHA determines that no retaliation has occurred, it will dismiss the complaint.

Under the other whistleblower laws, if the evidence supports an employee's complaint of retaliation, OSHA will issue an order requiring the employer, as appropriate, to put the employee back to work, pay lost wages, and provide other possible relief. If the evidence does not support the employee's complaint, OSHA will dismiss the complaint. After OSHA issues a decision, the employer and/or the employee may request a full hearing before an administrative law judge of the Department of Labor. The administrative law judge's decision may be appealed to the Department's Administrative Review Board (ARB); in significant cases the Secretary of Labor may review the ARB decision. Aggrieved parties may seek review of final DOL decisions by the courts of appeals.

Under some of the laws, an employee may file the retaliation complaint in federal district court if the Department has not issued a final decision within a specified number of days (180, 210 or 365 depending on the law).

To Get Further Information

To obtain more information on whistleblower laws, go to www.whistleblowers.gov.

This is one in a series of informational fact sheets highlighting OSHA programs, policies or standards. It does not impose any new compliance requirements. For a comprehensive list of compliance requirements of OSHA standards or regulations, refer to Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This information will be made available to sensory-impaired individuals upon request. The voice phone is (202) 693-1999; teletypewriter (TTY) number: (877) 889-5627.





PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT (PWFA)

WHAT IS PWFA?

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) is a federal law that requires covered employers to provide “reasonable accommodations” to a qualified worker’s known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, unless the accommodation will cause the employer an “undue hardship.” An undue hardship is defined as causing significant difficulty or expense.

A **“reasonable accommodation”** means a change in the work environment or how things are usually done in order to remove work-related barriers.

WHAT ARE SOME POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PREGNANT WORKERS?

- Schedule changes or time off to go to health care appointments
- Extra bathroom breaks
- A chair or stool to sit on while working
- The ability to telework full or part-time
- A private place to pump breast milk
- Leave to recover from childbirth
- Breaks to eat and drink
- Light duty



WHAT OTHER FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT LAWS MAY APPLY TO PREGNANT WORKERS?

Other laws that apply to workers affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, include:

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits employment discrimination based on sex, pregnancy, or other protected categories (enforced by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC))
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which prohibits employment discrimination based on disability (enforced by the EEOC)
- The Family and Medical Leave Act which provides unpaid leave for certain workers for pregnancy and to bond with a new child (enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor)
- The PUMP Act which provides nursing mothers a time and private place to pump at work (enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor)



Learn more at www.EEOC.gov/Pregnancy-Discrimination

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.



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.

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

Agriculture and Non-Agriculture Minimum Wage is \$15.10 per hour effective January 1, 2026

Minimum Wage

Under Maine labor laws, all agriculture and nonagriculture businesses 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, 2026, the minimum wage in Maine is \$15.10 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 \$191 a month in tips. As of January 1, 2026, employers must pay a direct service wage of at least \$7.55 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). As of January 1, 2026 the minimum salary requirement will be \$871.16 per week. 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
legislature.maine.gov/statutes/26/title26sec664.html

Overtime Guidance

www.maine.gov/labor/labor_laws/overtime.html
legislature.maine.gov/statutes/26/title26sec664.html

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
Email: bls.mdol@maine.gov

***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.

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.)

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.

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

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)
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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

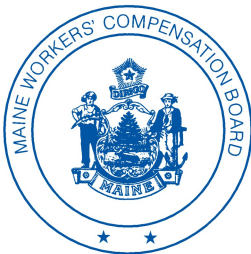
The following agencies may provide useful information on workplace safety and labor laws:

U.S. Department of Labor
Wage and Hour Division
P.O. Box 554
Portland, Maine 04112
Tel: 207-780-3344
www.dol.gov

U.S. Department of Labor/OSHA
40 Western Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04330
Tel: 207-626-9160
www.osha.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
Email: bls.mdol@maine.gov

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



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

658 Main Street, Suite 1
Caribou, ME 04736
207-498-6428
1-800-400-6855

Visit our website at:
www.maine.gov/wcb
Statewide TTY: 711

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.

If you have any questions about your rights, please contact one of the regional offices.

A l'intention des Employés:

D'après les lois de l'Etat du Maine, votre employeur est tenu de souscrire à une assurance indemnisant 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.

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, NOTIFIQUELO 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.

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.	POLISH	Tłumacze dostępni na życzenie. Aby uzyskać pomoc tłumacze, proszę powiedzieć po angielsku "Polish" i czekać na linię.	VIETNAMESE	"Cố 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."
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.	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."	ARABIC	مترجمون شهيون متيرون لخدمتكم عند اتصالكم للمساعدة أو لطلب خدمة معينة نرجو منكم أن تذكروا (أ-ز-ب-ك) ونحن سنقدم لكم مترجما شهييا . ابقوا على الخط من فضلكم.
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.	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。	PERSIAN	افراد مترجم در دسترس می باشند. را که بدان صحبت می کنید به انگلیسی ذکر کنید تا راجع به امری به ما تلفن می کنید، لطفاً نام زبانی قطع نکنید. هنگامیکه برای درخواست کمک یا شما تماس گرفته شود. لطفاً روی خط منتظر بمانید. با یک مترجم برای
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.	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。	SOMALI	Turjunaanno waa la helayaa Marka aad caawinaad inoogu soo yeeraneysid, fadhlan luqaddaada af Ingiriisi inoogu sheeg turjubaan ayaal Iguugu yeeri doonaaye. Taleefoonkana ha dhigin.
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.	KOREAN	한국어 통역을 이용하실 수 있습니다. 도움이 필요하여 전화를 걸실 때 영어로 코리언 (KOREAN)이라고 말씀하시면 통역자를 연결해 드릴 것입니다. 전화를 끊지 마시고 기다리십시오.		

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.

Occupational Safety and Health Regulations for Public Sector Workplaces



Maine has an Occupational Safety and Health Law that protects state, county and municipal government employees from workplace safety and health hazards.

M.R.S.A. Title 26: Labor and Industry



Public sector employers must place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.

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

How are you protected?

- ✓ By law, an employer must provide a safe and healthful workplace for employees.
- ✓ Periodically, safety and health inspectors from the Maine Department of Labor will show up at your workplace to make sure your employer is following Safety and Health Regulations.
- ✓ You have a right to report work-related injuries and illnesses.
- ✓ If you think your workplace is unsafe, you or your representative can contact the Maine Department of Labor and request an inspection. You can request that your name be kept confidential.
- ✓ Employers, employees and employee representatives may go with the inspector on the inspection of your job site.
- ✓ Your employer may be cited and penalized if unsafe or unhealthful conditions are found during an inspection. Citations must be posted at or near the place of the alleged violation.
- ✓ Your employer must correct unsafe and unhealthful conditions found during an inspection.
- ✓ Employers that repeat safety and health violations or that violate the law on purpose may face fines, civil charges, or criminal charges.
- ✓ You cannot be fired or discriminated against for filing a safety and health complaint or reporting a work-related injury or illness. You can file a complaint with the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards within 30 days of such an alleged violation.

Under a plan approved August 5, 2015, by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the State of Maine is providing job safety and health protection for workers in the public sector throughout the State.

OSHA will monitor the operation of this plan to assure that continued approval is merited. Any person may make a complaint regarding the State administration of this plan directly to the Regional Office of OSHA, JFK Federal Building, Room E-340, Boston, Massachusetts 02203.

Telephone: 617-565-9860 | Fax: 617-565-9827.

For after-hours fatality/catastrophe reporting:
207-592-4501 or email accident.bls@maine.gov.

Who can you contact to ask for an inspection or for safety and health information?

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

Child Labor Laws



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.)

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.

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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
Email: bls.mdol@maine.gov

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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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.

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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.

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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.)

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 | Email: 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 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT PROHIBITS SEX DISCRIMINATION

SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON THE JOB IS ILLEGAL

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

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

OR CONTACT YOUR PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT: _____
DEPARTMENT / AGENCY CONTACT



Sexual Harassment Prevention Education and Training Checklist

Legal Requirements

Title 26 M.R.S.A. §807 requires employers with 15 or more employees to provide education and training on sexual harassment in the workplace to all new employees within one year of their hire date.

Training Requirements

26 M.R.S.A. §807 sets the minimum requirements for sexual harassment training provided by covered employers.

Training must include:

- The definitions of sexual harassment under Maine and federal law;
- An explanation that sexual harassment is illegal;
- A description of behaviors and specific examples that explain what illegal sexual harassment is;
- A clear explanation and instructions for how an employee can make a complaint of sexual harassment: through the employer's internal process; and to the Maine Human Rights Commission;
- An explanation that retaliation is prohibited by law.

Employers must provide additional training/education for supervisors and managers within one year of their hire/promotion into the position.

This training must include:

- The supervisor's/manager's responsibilities when they receive a complaint about sexual harassment; and
- How they can take immediate corrective action to address sexual harassment.

Employers must keep records of sexual harassment trainings provided and employees' attendance. Employers must keep these records for at least 3 years.

The Bureau of Labor Standards enforces compliance with these training requirements. Email the Wage and Hour Division at bls.mdol@maine.gov if you have questions.

Sexual Harassment on the Job is Sex Discrimination and it is Illegal

The Maine Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination in the workplace. Unwelcome sexual harassment is a form of illegal sex discrimination. Unwanted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature—all of these are sexual harassment if they threaten job security, working conditions or promotion.

Harassment includes:

- Unwelcome Sexual Advances
- Suggestive or Lewd Remark
- Unwanted Physical Contact
- Requests for Sexual Favors
- Retaliation for Complaining About Sexual Harassment

Maine Human Rights Commission Guidance:

www.maine.gov/mhrc/laws-guidance/employment/sexual-harassment

Federal Statutes:

www.eeoc.gov/laws/statutes/titlevii.cfm

State of Maine Statutes:

<http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/5/title5sec4553.html>



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.



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

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/reemployme

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.mainejobcenter.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 the Unemployment Claims Center listed below.

Maine Department of Labor
Bureau of Unemployment Compensation

97 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0097

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 Citizenship 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 full-time 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.

Veterans' Benefits & Services



Bureau of Labor Standards

Benefits and Services for Maine Veterans can be accessed through the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services.

This poster describes some important benefits and services offered. Free printed posters and requirements may be obtained from the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards, by calling 207-623-7900 or by visiting the Bureau's website at www.maine.gov/labor/posters.



Maine Law (Title 26, M.R.S.A. § 42-D) requires every employer with more than 50 full-time equivalent employees to place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.

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

The State of Maine provides a wide variety of services for Veterans. This poster provides information for the following benefits and services:

Educational, Workforce & Training Resources

- Maine CareerCenters are located throughout the state and provide educational, training and workforce resources, including veteran-specific referral services through the Maine Military and Community Network and employment support like the Maine Hire-A-Vet Program at www.mainecareercenter.com/mhav/
- Each CareerCenter has a dedicated veteran representative onsite. Find out more at www.mainecareercenter.gov and www.mainecareercenter.gov/employment/veterans.shtml
- Entrepreneurship services from the Small Business Administration are also offered. Find out more at www.maine.gov/veterans/benefits/employment/
- For further educational resources, the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services has a complete listing of institutions of higher learning in their Maine Veterans' Benefits and Resource Guide at www.maine.gov/veterans/docs/MBVS-Resource-Guide.pdf
- The State of Maine has an employment preference to veterans who apply for State positions. In addition, in accordance with Executive Order 2016-002, if a veteran applies for a State job and is not ultimately hired for that job, it is the policy of the Bureau of Human Resources to provide guidance to that veteran on other State of Maine openings for which that veteran may be qualified to apply. See guidance at www.maine.gov/bhr/state-jobs/veterans-preference-in-job-applications

Eligibility for Unemployment Insurance Benefits

- You may be eligible for unemployment if you separated in the last 18 months.
- If filing in the State of Maine, call 1-800-593-7660 or visit the unemployment website for more information www.maine.gov/unemployment/

Driver's Licenses & Non-Driver Identification Cards

- Veterans may request a military service license designator for their license or ID. Proof of active service or honorable discharge (DD Form 214) is required.
- For more information about the eligibility requirements for the Military Service Designation, contact the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at 207-624-9000.

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

Crisis Line

The Crisis Line provides 24/7, confidential support for veterans AND their families.

Veterans do not have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to access this service.

To access assistance, dial 988, then press 1

For an online chat option, go to www.veteranscrisisline.net.

Substance Use & Mental Health Treatment

- Veterans seeking assistance for substance use treatment should contact the SUD Intensive Outpatient's (Addictions Services - SUD Program) at 207-623-8411x 4098. For other mental health services, go to: www.va.gov/directory/guide/SUD.asp

Tax Benefits

- Veterans are entitled to certain tax benefits. To find out more, go to www.maine.gov/veterans/benefits/tax-finance-benefits/index.html

Legal Services

- To access legal services for Veterans, go to www.maine.gov/veterans/resources/index.html and choose the Legal/Financial option. Veterans can also select a specific county to search, or can choose to search the entire state for resources.
- The map will provide legal services options, complete with links to the businesses and/or agencies.

Assistance

- Filing a claim with the VA
- Enrolling in VA Healthcare
- Obtaining burial benefits
- Housing/Homelessness assistance
- Recognitions for services
- Educational benefits
- Other State benefits such as providing park passes, hunting and fishing licenses

To Access Services, Contact:

Veterans & Emergency Management

Website: www.maine.gov/dvem/index.html

Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

Phone: 207-287-7020 | Website: www.maine.gov/veterans/

Paid Family and Medical Leave



Bureau of Labor Standards

Maine's Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) law will provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave for family leave, medical leave, safe leave or leave related to a family member's impending military deployment.

A copy of the actual laws and formal interpretations may be found online at www.maine.gov/paidleave or by calling 207- 623-7900 | TTY users call Maine Relay 711.



Maine Law (Title 26, M.R.S.A. § 42-B and § 850-1) requires every employer to place this poster in the workplace where workers can easily see it.

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

Benefits

- Benefits are available for the duration of your needed leave or 12 weeks, whichever is less.
- Benefit amounts will be determined based on your previous earnings and are capped at Maine's annual statewide average weekly wage.

Reasons for Leave

Family leave: To care for a new child through birth, adoption, fostering, or to care for family with a serious health condition.

Medical leave: To care for one's own serious medical needs.

Safe leave: To stay safe or to help a family member stay safe after abuse or violence.

Military leave: For emergencies related to a family member's impending military deployment.

Types of Leave

Continuous leave: Leave where you are out of work for days or weeks at a time.

Intermittent leave: Leave where you are still working and you need to take time off but it is not the same every day or every week.

Reduced leave: Leave where you are still working but you are consistently working fewer hours.

Eligibility

- To establish a claim, you must have earned a total of six times the statewide annual average weekly wage in Maine in your base period. The base period is defined as the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters. 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.

Payroll Deductions

- Premiums will be deducted from your pay beginning with the first pay date after January 1, 2025.
- For calendar years 2025 through 2027, the premium rate for you cannot be more than 0.5 percent of wages. For example, an individual who earns \$600 per week will contribute no more than \$3 per week.

Other Information You Should Know

- Except in a medical emergency, an employer can claim an undue hardship in certain circumstances and request that the leave be scheduled at a mutually-agreeable time.
- Employers must restore you back to your original position or to an equivalent position with equivalent benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment if you have been with your employer for at least 120 consecutive days when you started your leave.

For more information contact:

Maine Department of Labor
Paid Family and Medical Leave
50 State House Station
Augusta, Maine, 04333-0050
Website: www.maine.gov/paidleave/

Applications for benefits are scheduled to be accepted starting **May 1, 2026**

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MAINE LAW PROTECTS WORKERS FROM HAVING TO PARTICIPATE IN EMPLOYERS' RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL MEETINGS

Maine Law 26 MRSA §600-B prevents employers from:

- requiring employees to attend meetings about the employers' political opinions or religious beliefs;
- requiring employees to receive or listen to communications about the employers' political opinions or religious beliefs;
- retaliating against or disciplining employees who choose not to attend these meetings or receive these communications;
- retaliating against employees who report violations of this law or who file a lawsuit to enforce their rights.

Employers cannot fire, discipline, demote, threaten, or otherwise penalize workers who assert their rights under 26 MRSA §600-B. Employers must post these rights with other employee notices.

"Political matters" relate to elections for political office; political parties; proposals to change law, rules or regulations, or proposals public policy; and the decision to join or support any political party or political, civic, community, fraternal or labor organization.

"Religious matters" relate to religious belief, affiliation and practice; and the decision to join or support any religious organization or association.

26 MRSA §600-B does not apply to religious employers.

26 MRSA §600-B does not prohibit employers from having meetings or sending communications about:

- lawful job-related or legally required information;
- information employees need to do their jobs;
- holding completely voluntary meetings about religious or political matters.

IF YOUR RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED:

You may file a civil lawsuit in Maine Superior Court if your rights are violated. You have **90 days** from the date of the violation to file. A court may order that:

- you be rehired, if you were fired;
- the employer pay you back wages and/or restore your benefits/seniority;
- the employer stop the violations; and
- other remedies.

The Maine Department of Labor does not enforce these protections.

Video Display Terminals



Bureau of Labor Standards

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



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.

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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.

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.

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
Email: bls.mdol@maine.gov

Maine Equal Pay Law

(Title 26, § 628, Chapter 7)



Maine Law requires that employees be paid the same wages as employees of the opposite sex or of a different race for work that is of a comparable nature in skill, effort and responsibility.



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Are you being paid less than an employee of the opposite sex or of a different race for performing comparable work?

If so, ask yourself the following questions.

1. Does the other employee's job have comparable requirements relating to skill, effort, and responsibility?
2. Does the other employee have similar training, education or experience relating to the jobs performed?
3. Does your employer prohibit you from talking about your wages with your coworkers?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to file an Equal Pay Complaint. The Maine Department of Labor has a printable complaint form which you may access online at: https://www.maine.gov/labor/labor_laws/publications/epcomplaintform.pdf



Scan here for complaint form.

You may contact us to request that an Equal Pay Complaint Form be sent to you by mail or email.

For more information, contact:

Maine Department of Labor
Bureau of Labor Standards
45 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0045

Telephone: 207-623-7900 or 207-623-7930

TTY users call Maine Relay 711

email: mdol@maine.gov | www.maine.gov/labor/bls

Maine Labor Laws on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

Maine laws protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in employment.

This poster describes some important parts of the laws. A copy of the actual laws or formal interpretations may be obtained from the Maine Department of Labor by calling (207) 623-7900.

This poster may be copied.



How You Are Protected

Leave for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking:

- ✓ You may take reasonable and necessary leave from employment if you, your child, spouse, or parent is a victim of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. Title 26, § 850.
- ✓ Notice of violation(s) must be reported within six months of the occurrence. If you are denied leave, a fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation may be assessed against the employer. Additionally, the employer is liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to three times the amount of total assessed fines. If you are terminated, you may elect either the liquidated damages or reemployment with the employer with back wages.

Unemployment Benefit Eligibility:

- ✓ If you voluntarily leave work, you may not be disqualified from receiving benefits if your leaving was necessary to protect yourself from domestic abuse, and you made all reasonable efforts to keep your job. Title 26, §1193, §§1(A)4
- ✓ You may not be disqualified from receiving benefits because of misconduct if your actions were based solely on the need to protect yourself or an immediate family member from domestic violence, and you made all reasonable efforts to keep your job. Title 26, §1043, §§23(B)3

Who You Can Contact for Help

Domestic Violence Hotlines by County:

Androscoggin	1-800-559-2927
Aroostook	1-800-439-2323
Cumberland	1-800-537-6066
Franklin	1-800-559-2927
Hancock	1-800-315-5579
Kennebec	1-877-890-7788
Knox	1-800-522-3304
Lincoln	1-800-522-3304
Oxford	1-800-559-2927
Penobscot	1-800-863-9909
Piscataquis	1-888-564-8165
Sagadahoc	1-800-522-3304
Somerset	1-877-890-7788
Waldo	1-800-522-3304
Washington	1-800-315-5579
York	1-800-239-7298

Other Resources:

National Domestic Violence Hotline:	1-800-799-7233
TTY:	1-800-787-3224 • www.thehotline.org
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence	1-866-834-4357 www.MCEDV.org
Statewide Sexual Assault Crisis Line	1-800-871-7741 TTY 1-888-458-5599
Maine Department of Labor	207-623-7900 TTY users call Maine Relay 711
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence	207-430-8334
Aroostook Band of Micmac	207-764-1972 or 1-800-355-1435
Maliseet Advocacy Center	207-532-6401
Passamaquoddy Peaceful Relations	1-877-853-2613
Penobscot Nation Advocacy Center	207-631-4886
United Somali Women of Maine	207-753-0061



Equal Employment 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: MAINE RELAY 711

www.maine.gov/mhrc

Maine Workplaces Support Nursing Employees



MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR
Bureau of Labor Standards

An employer who is found to have violated this law through a hearing process must pay a civil penalty of \$100– \$500 for every violation.



This document is a collaborative effort of the Maine WIC Nutrition Program and the Maine Department of Labor.

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Employers of nursing employees, for three years after the birth of a child, must:

- provide adequate unpaid break time, or permit an employee to use paid break or meal time each day to express breast milk for a nursing child.
- make reasonable efforts to provide a clean room or other location, other than a bathroom, where an employee may express breast milk in privacy.

An employer shall not retaliate or discriminate against an employee who exercises the right provided under this section.

How can employers support nursing parents?

- Develop a workplace policy, including identifying who oversees implementation, and inform employees of new policy.
- Identify a clean, private place with access to electric outlets and a chair.
- Offer flexible breaks.

What can employees do to make nursing in the workplace easier?

- Understand Maine's Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Law 26MRS §604.
- Create a "back to work" plan before your baby is born.
- Determine scheduling and support needs and talk to your employer as soon as possible.
- Do a workplace walk-through and suggest ideas.

Why do Maine workplaces support nursing employees?

- Average annual savings equals \$400 per breastfed baby (lower medical costs with fewer health insurance claims).
- Reduces employee turnover.
- Lowers employee absenteeism.
- Improves employee productivity.
- Raises employee morale and company loyalty.

Additional breastfeeding protection in Maine:
The Nursing in Public Law (5MRS §4634)
provides protection for parents who nurse in public.

A parent may breastfeed in any location, public or private, where the parent is otherwise authorized to be.

For more information on working and pumping visit:

WIC Nutrition Program: www.maine.gov/WIC
or 1-800-437-9300

www.workandpump.com
www.lli.org

For more information or if you believe that your rights have been violated, contact:

Maine Department of Labor
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45 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0045
www.maine.gov/labor/bls
207-623-7900

Maine Human Rights Commission
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Social Media

Maine Law (26 MRSA c. 7, sub-c. 1-C)



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.

Bureau of Labor Standards citations and penalties may be issued to employers who do not comply. This poster describes some important details of the law. A copy of the actual law or formal interpretations may be obtained from the bureau by calling 207- 623-7900 or on the bureau's website www.maine.gov/labor/bls.



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Effective as of October 15, 2015

Employers in Maine will be restricted in their ability to access the personal social media or email accounts (non-public information) of employees and applicants. Specifically, an employer may not:

- Require, coerce or request that an employee or applicant disclose the password of a private social media account;
- Require, coerce or request that an employee or applicant access a personal social media account in the employer's presence;
- Require or coerce an employee or applicant to disclose any personal social media account information;
- Require or cause an employee or applicant to add anyone to the employee's or applicant's list of contacts associated with a personal social media account; and
- Require, cause or request that an employee alter any personal social media account settings that affect a third party's ability to view the contents of the account.

Employers may not terminate, discipline or otherwise take adverse action against an employee or applicant, due to the employee's or applicant's refusal to cooperate with any prohibited request or demand.

The above described prohibitions:

- Do not apply to social media accounts that are opened at an employer's behest, provided by an employer or intended to be used primarily on behalf of the employer;
- Do not apply to publicly available information;
- Do not prohibit or restrict an employer from complying with a duty – under federal or state law or imposed by a self-regulatory organization, as defined in the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 – to screen prospective or current employees or to monitor or retain employee communications;

- Do not apply when disclosure of personal social media account information is reasonably believed to be relevant to an investigation of alleged employee misconduct or a workplace-related violation of applicable laws, rules or regulations; and
- The employer has the right to establish policies governing the use of the employer's electronic equipment, including a requirement that an employee disclose to the employer the employee's user name, password or other information necessary to access employer-issued electronic devices or employer-provided software or e-mail accounts.

FINES: The law provides that fines will be not less than \$100 for the first violation, not less than \$250 for the second violation and not less than \$500 for each subsequent violation.

For more information, contact:

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