

NORTH DAKOTA

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Package Instructions:

1. Print the following PDF files in 8.5 x11 sheets of paper, unless otherwise specified use the color white.
2. The Federal OSHA poster must be printed in an 8 ½ x 14 sheet of paper to be in compliance.
3. Post the printed sheets in a place frequented by employees (i.e. lunch rooms, HR offices, employee lounges).
4. You may also distribute electronic copies of the Labor Law Notices to all relevant workstations in your facility.



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ND MINIMUM WAGE & WORK CONDITIONS

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MINIMUM WAGE RATE:

North Dakota does not have
a Training Wage.

\$7.25
per hour on
7/24/09

Effective Date:
August 1, 2015

OVERTIME N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(4)

- Overtime pay must be paid at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay for hours worked over forty in any work week.
- A work week is a seven consecutive-day period defined by the employer.
- Overtime is computed on a weekly basis, regardless of the length of the pay period.
- Overtime is based only on hours worked. Paid holidays, paid time off, or sick leave need not be counted in computing overtime hours.
- Compensatory time is not legal in private employment for non-exempt employees — overtime hours may not be "banked" and used for time off in another work week.
- Employees working more than one job under the control of the same employer must have all hours worked counted toward overtime.
Exemptions from overtime are listed on the reverse side of this poster. Formulas for calculating overtime are available in N.D. Admin. Code Section 46-03-01.

MEAL PERIODS N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(5)

- A minimum 30-minute meal period must be provided in shifts exceeding five hours when there are two or more employees on duty.
- Employees may waive their right to a meal period upon agreement with the employer.
- Employees do not have to be paid for meal periods if they are completely relieved of their duties and the meal period is at least thirty minutes in length. Employees are not completely relieved if they are required to perform any duties during the meal period.
- Other breaks (such as 15 minute "coffee" breaks) are not required by law, but must be paid breaks if they are offered by the employer.

PAID TIME OFF N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(12) - Applies unless a limitation below is met

- Paid time off includes annual leave, earned time, personal days, or other provisions providing compensation for vacation. If sick leave is combined with such time into one balance, all of the hours are defined as paid time off. Sick leave is not defined as paid time off if it is kept in a separate balance.
- Once paid time off is made available for an employee's use, any unused portion of such time is considered wages upon separation from employment and must be paid at the regular rate of pay earned by the employee prior to separation.
- No employment contract or policy may provide for forfeiture of earned paid time off upon separation.
- An employment contract or policy may require an employee to take vacation by a certain date or lose the vacation ("use it or lose it"), provided that the employee is given a reasonable opportunity to take the vacation. The employer must demonstrate that the employee had notice of such contract or policy provision.

LIMITATIONS ON PAID TIME OFF N.D.C.C. § 34-14-09.2

1. If an employee separates from employment voluntarily, a private employer may withhold payment for accrued paid time off if the following three conditions are all met:
 - a. At the time of hiring, the employer provided the employee written notice of the limitation on payment of accrued paid time off;
 - b. The employee has been employed by the employer for less than one year; and
 - c. The employee gave the employer less than five days' written or verbal notice.
2. If an employee separates from employment, a private employer may withhold payment for paid time off if:
 - a. The paid time off was awarded by the employer but not yet earned by the employee; and
 - b. Before awarding the paid time off, the employer provided the employee written notice of the limitation on payment of awarded paid time off.

PAYDAYS & RECORD KEEPING N.D.C.C. § 34-14-02, 03 and N.D. Admin Code § 46-02-07-02

- Employees must be paid at least once each calendar month on the regular payday(s) designated in advance by the employer.
- Every employer must furnish to an employee each pay period a check stub or voucher indicating hours worked, rate of pay, required state and federal deductions, and any authorized deductions.
- When an employee is terminated from employment, separates from employment voluntarily, or is suspended from work as the result of an industrial dispute, unpaid wages or compensation become due and payable at the regular payday(s) established in advance by the employer for the period(s) worked by the employee.
- When an employer terminates an employee, the employer shall pay those wages to the employee by certified mail at an address designated by the employee or as otherwise agreed upon by both parties.

DEDUCTIONS FROM PAY N.D.C.C. § 34-14-04.1

Except for those amounts that are required under state or federal law to be withheld from employee compensation or where a court has ordered the employer to withhold compensation, an employer only may withhold from the compensation due employees:

1. Advances paid to employees, other than undocumented cash.
2. A recurring deduction authorized in writing.
3. A nonrecurring deduction authorized in writing, when the source of the deduction is cited specifically.
4. A nonrecurring deduction for damage, breakage, shortage, or negligence must be authorized by the employee at the time of the deduction.

EMPLOYMENT AT WILL N.D.C.C. § 34-03-01

Employment relationships without a specific term exist at the will of both parties and can be terminated by either party upon notice to the other. No minimum length of notice (for example, a two-week notice) is required. Contracts specifying a term of employment can pre-empt the at-will provision.

RIGHT TO WORK N.D.C.C. § 34-01-14

An individual's right to work may not be denied or abridged due to membership or nonmembership in any labor union or labor organization.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT N.D.C.C. ch. 34-07

Employment & Age Certificates (work permits) are required for workers ages 14 & 15 and are available from the Department of Labor, Job Service offices, County School Superintendents' offices, and local schools.

Restricted hours for youth age 14 & 15:

- Maximum hours per day: 3 per school day, 8 per non-school day.
- Maximum hours per week: 18 per school week (any week in which school attendance is required any part of 4 or more days), 40 per non-school week.

May work only between 7a.m.-7p.m. (until 9p.m. from June 1st - Labor Day).

Hazardous job duties for youth age 14 & 15:

Workers ages 14 & 15 are prohibited from performing certain job duties defined as hazardous in labor law.

POSTING REQUIRED

Must be posted in a conspicuous place in a commonly frequented area in which employees work.

See REVERSE SIDE of this Poster for Additional Information.

EXEMPTIONS FROM OVERTIME N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(4)

- An employee employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity.
Executive - an employee whose primary duties consists of:
 - a. The management of the enterprise or recognized department or subdivision thereof;
 - b. Directing the work of two or more other employees therein; and
 - c. The authority to hire or fire other employees or whose suggestions will be given particular weight.Administrative - an employee whose primary duties consists of:
 - a. Office or non-manual work directly related to management policies or general business operations; and
 - b. Who customarily and regularly exercises discretion and independent judgment.Professional - an employee whose primary duties consists of:
 - a. Work requiring knowledge of an advanced type in a field of science or learning customarily acquired by a prolonged course of specialized intellectual instruction and study as distinguished from a general academic education and from an apprenticeship, and from training in the performance of routine mental, manual, or physical processes;
 - b. Work requiring the consistent exercise of discretion and judgment in its performance; and
 - c. Work that is predominately intellectual and varied in character as opposed to routine mental, manual, mechanical, or physical work.
- An employee engaged in an agricultural occupation – growing, raising, preparing, or delivering agricultural commodities for market.
- An employee spending at least 51% of the employee's work-time providing direct care to clients of a shelter, foster care, or other such related establishment.
- An employee employed in domestic service who resides in the household in which employed.
- A straight commission salesperson in retail automobile, trailer, boat, aircraft, truck, or farm implement dealerships unless that salesperson is required to be on the premises for more than forty hours per week.
- A computer professional exercising discretion and independent judgment when designing, developing, creating, analyzing, testing, or modifying computer programs or who is paid hourly at a rate of at least \$27.63.
- An employee who is customarily and regularly engaged away from the employer's premises for the purpose of making sales or taking orders. Work unrelated to outside sales may not exceed 20% of the hours worked in the week.
- A mechanic paid on a commission basis off a flat rate schedule.
- An employee of a retail establishment if the employee's regular rate of pay exceeds 1.5 times the minimum hourly rate applicable if more than half of the employee's compensation for a period of not less than one month is derived from commission on goods or services sold.
- An employee employed as an announcer, news editor, or chief engineer by a radio or television station.
- An employee in an artistic profession that is original and creative in nature or where the work is dependent upon the invention, imagination, or talent of the employee.
- Motor carrier as applied to covered employees of motor common, contract, and private carriers specified by the Motor Carriers Act [49 U.S.C. 31502].
- A teacher, instructor, tutor, or lecturer engaged in teaching in a school or educational system.
- A highly compensated employee: an employee who is paid total annualized compensation of one hundred thousand dollars or more, which includes at least four hundred fifty-five dollars per week paid on a salary or fee basis. The employee's primary duty includes performing office or nonmanual work.
- An employee providing companionship services (fellowship, care, or protection) to aged or disabled individuals. No more than 20% of the hours worked in the week may be household work (cleaning, laundry, or meal preparation). N.D.C.C. § 34-06-03.1

TAXI DRIVER AND HEALTHCARE OVERTIME PROVISIONS N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(4)

- Taxicab drivers must be paid overtime for all hours worked in excess of fifty hours in any work week.
- Hospitals and residential care establishments may adopt, by agreement with their employees, a fourteen-day overtime period, if the employees are paid at least time and one-half their regular rate for hours worked over eight in a day or eighty in a fourteen-day work period.

TIPS N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-03

- Gratuities offered to an employee by a customer belong to the employee and may not be retained by the employer.
- Employers may utilize a tip credit of 33% of the minimum wage for tipped employees. With the tip credit applied, the minimum direct wage payable to a tipped employee is \$4.86 per hour effective July 24, 2009. The employer must maintain written records verifying that tipped employees receive at least the full minimum wage for all hours worked when the direct wage and tips are combined.
- A tipped employee is any service employee in an occupation in which he or she receives more than thirty dollars per month in tips.
- A service employee is any employee who is providing direct service to the customer and to whom that customer shows appreciation for that service by tipping that employee for the direct service. The employee must regularly and customarily provide personal face-to-face service to individual customers, which the customer would recognize as being performed for his or her benefit. Services such as cooking and dishwashing are not included.
- An employer who elects to use the tip credit must inform the employee in advance.
- Tip pooling is allowed only among the tipped employees. A vote of tipped employees to allow tip pooling must be taken, and fifty percent plus one of all tipped employees must approve it. The employer must maintain a written record of each vote on tip pooling, including names of employees voting and the vote totals. A vote on whether to pool tips is required if requested by fifty-one percent or more of the tipped employees. The tipped employees shall provide documentation verifying the request. Time spent in meetings called by the employees exclusively for tip issues is not work time. Gaming sites, which regularly have four or fewer tipped employees on duty, can require tip pooling among all tipped employees at the site. Pit bosses or supervisors at gaming sites are not tipped employees and cannot be part of the tip pool when performing functions of those positions other than dealing blackjack (twenty-one).

MEETINGS AND TRAINING TIME N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(6)

Attendance at lectures, meetings, training programs and similar activities need not be counted as working time if all the following criteria are met:

- a. Attendance is outside of the employee's regular working hours.
- b. Attendance is in fact voluntary.
- c. The course, lecture, or meeting is not directly related to the employee's job.
- d. The employee does not perform any productive work during such attendance.

Training or education mandated by the state, federal government, or any political subdivision for a specific occupation need not be counted as work-time.

TRAVEL TIME N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(7)

- The following types of travel time are not considered work time for which an employee must be compensated: 1) Ordinary travel from home to work, 2) Time spent as a passenger on an airplane, train, bus, or automobile outside of regular working hours, 3) Activities that are merely incidental use of an employer-provided vehicle for commuting home to work.
- The following types of travel time are considered work time for which an employee must be compensated: 1) Travel during regular work hours, 2) Travel on non-work days during regular work hours (regular work hours are those typically worked by an employee on work days), 3) Travel time from job site to job site or from office to job site, 4) The driver of a vehicle is working at any time when required to travel by the employer, 5) One-day assignments performed at the employer's request (regardless of driver or passenger status).

ON-CALL N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(8)

- When employees are required to remain on-call on the employer's premises or so close thereto that they cannot use the time effectively for their own purposes, they are considered to be working and must be compensated.
- When employees are on-call and are not required to remain on the employer's premises but are required to respond to a beeper or leave word at home or the employer's business where they may be reached, they are not considered to be working and need not be compensated.

BONUSES AND COMMISSIONS N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(15)

- An earned bonus is an amount paid in addition to a salary, wage, or commission. An earned bonus is compensable when an employee performs the requirements set forth in a contract or an agreement between the parties.
- A commission is a fee or percentage given for compensation to an individual for completion of a sale, service, or transaction. Upon separation from employment, the past practices, policies, and entire employment relationship will be used to determine if the commission is earned and compensable.

ROOM AND BOARD N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(13)

The reasonable value, not exceeding the employer's actual cost, of board, lodging, and other facilities customarily furnished by the employer for the employee's benefit may be treated as part of the wages, up to a maximum of eighteen dollars per day, if agreed to in writing and if the employee's acceptance of facilities is in fact voluntary.

UNIFORMS N.D. Admin. Code § 46-02-07-02(11)

An employer may require an employee to purchase uniforms if the cost of such uniforms does not bring that employee's wage below the hourly minimum wage for all hours worked during any pay period.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION N.D.C.C. ch. 14-02.4

Employers may not discriminate against employees or applicants on the basis of: race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, status with respect to marriage or public assistance, participation in lawful activity off the employer's premises during non-working hours which is not in direct conflict with the essential business-related functions of the employer, or opposition to such discrimination in the work place.

EMPLOYMENT RETALIATION N.D.C.C. § 34-01-20

An employer may not discharge, discipline, threaten, discriminate, or penalize an employee regarding the employee's compensation, conditions, location, or privileges of employment because:

- The employee, or person acting on behalf of an employee, in good faith, reports a violation of federal, state, or local law, ordinance, regulation, or rule to an employer, a governmental body, or law enforcement official.
- The employee is requested by a public body or official to participate in an investigation, a hearing, or an inquiry.
- The employee refuses an employer's order to perform an action that the employee believes violates local, state, or federal law, ordinance, rule, or regulation. The employee must have an objective basis in fact for that belief and shall inform the employer that the order is being refused for that reason.

Public employees should also see N.D.C.C. ch. 34-11.1 Public Employees Relations Act for further information.

This poster summarizes provisions contained in the *ND Minimum Wage & Work Conditions Order* North Dakota Administrative Code (N.D. Admin. Code) Chapter 46-02-07, as well as selected provisions of North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) Title 34 and N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-02.4.

Important Notice to Workers



In Case of Injury at Work

Seek first aid or medical treatment immediately

- If your employer does not have a Designated Medical Provider (DMP) you may see any medical provider.
- If your employer does have a DMP, you are required to see that DMP unless you selected your own DMP before the injury occurred.
- If it is an emergency, you can treat with any medical provider.

Tell your employer about the injury as soon as you become aware of the injury

- Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) may not accept your claim if you fail to tell your employer within 7 days.
- Even if you do not receive medical treatment, report your injury so your employer is aware of a potential hazard.

Your Employer's DMP is:

Employers

The DMP selection must be visible to workers at all locations, including at mobile worksites. Failure to give notice, post notice, or to inform employees of the DMP voids the selection.

If you suspect someone is committing fraud, report it immediately to WSI at **800-243-3331**.

Filing a Workers' Compensation Claim

File a claim with WSI within 24 hours after a work injury occurs:

- Complete the First Report of Injury (FROI) with your employer, if possible
 - Submit the FROI online at mywsi.workforcesafety.com, or
 - Complete the FROI and send it to WSI.

What happens after a claim is filed?

- A claim number is assigned.
- Information is gathered, facts are reviewed, and a decision is made.
- You and your employer are notified of the decision.

Your Responsibilities

- Tell medical provider(s) your claim number.
- Stay in touch with your employer and update them on your condition.
- Notify WSI immediately:
 - of any work activity, whether you are paid or not,
 - if you change your address or telephone number,
 - if you apply for Social Security disability or retirement benefits, or are found to be eligible for these benefits.

For a detailed explanation of the information contained in this poster, contact WSI at the numbers listed below or visit our website at www.workforcesafety.com

WSI

North Dakota Workforce
Safety & Insurance

1600 E Century Ave, Ste 1 - PO Box 5585 - Bismarck ND 58506-5585

Customer Service: 800-777-5033 or 701-338-3800

Hearing Impaired: 800-366-6888

Decision Review Office: 800-701-4932 or 701-328-9900

Fraud & Safety Hotline: 800-243-3331

THIS POSTER MUST BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE

TO EMPLOYEES:

THIS EMPLOYER IS SUBJECT TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION LAWS OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Employer Name:

Account #:

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION BENEFITS IF YOU MEET THE
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To file a claim for unemployment compensation benefits:

online: www.jobsnd.com
click on the *UI ICE* logo

or call: 1-701-328-4995

or TTY: RELAY ND 1-800-366-6888 (for hearing impaired only)

The North Dakota Unemployment Compensation Law requires subject employers to post this notice near the location(s) where worker's services are performed. Employers are prohibited from posting this notice if they are not currently liable for coverage. NDCC 52-06-35 NDAC 27-02-04-01

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Be Legendary.™ Unemployment Insurance
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Bismarck ND 58506-5507

PAY DAY NOTICE

Regular Pay Days for Employees of _____

(Firm Name)

shall be as follows:

____ Weekly ____ Bi-Weekly ____ Semi Monthly ____ Monthly

Pay Checks will be distributed at

(Place of Distribution)

This is in accordance with North Dakota State Law

By _____ Title _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

For

(Please Give Exact address of This Worksite Location)

Physicians: _____

Hospitals: _____

Ambulances: 911 or _____

Fire Department 911 or: _____

Police: 911 or _____

PLEASE POST IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

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

PROHIBITIONS

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

EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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

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

EXAMINEE RIGHTS

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

ENFORCEMENT

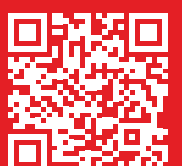
The Secretary of Labor may bring court actions to restrain violations and assess civil penalties against violators. Employees or job applicants may also bring their own court actions.

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



WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

\$7.25

 PER HOUR

BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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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 Types of Employment Discrimination are Illegal?

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

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National origin
- Sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions, sexual orientation, or gender identity)
- Age (40 and older)
- Disability
- Genetic information (including employer requests for, or purchase, use, or disclosure of genetic tests, genetic services, or family medical history)
- Retaliation for filing a charge, reasonably opposing discrimination, or participating in a discrimination lawsuit, investigation, or proceeding
- Interference, coercion, or threats related to exercising rights regarding disability discrimination or pregnancy accommodation

What Organizations are Covered?

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

What Employment Practices can be Challenged as Discriminatory?

All aspects of employment, including:

- Discharge, firing, or lay-off
- Harassment (including unwelcome verbal or physical conduct)
- Hiring or promotion
- Assignment
- Pay (unequal wages or compensation)
- Failure to provide reasonable accommodation for a disability; pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition; or a sincerely-held religious belief, observance or practice
- Benefits
- Job training
- Classification
- Referral
- Obtaining or disclosing genetic information of employees
- Requesting or disclosing medical information of employees
- Conduct that might reasonably discourage someone from opposing discrimination, filing a charge, or participating in an investigation or proceeding
- Conduct that coerces, intimidates, threatens, or interferes with someone exercising their rights, or someone assisting or encouraging someone else to exercise rights, regarding disability discrimination (including accommodation) or pregnancy accommodation

What can You Do if You Believe Discrimination has Occurred?

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

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

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

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

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.

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U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210
1-800-397-6251 (toll-free)

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PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Race, Color, National Origin, Sex

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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.

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Your Employee Rights Under the Family and Medical Leave Act

What is FMLA leave?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Am I eligible to take FMLA leave?

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

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

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

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

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

How do I request FMLA leave?

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

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

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

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

The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave rights.

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

What does my employer need to do?

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

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

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

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

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

Where can I find more information?

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

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



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PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT (PWFA)

WHAT IS PWFA?

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) is a federal law that, starting June 27, 2023, 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.

“Reasonable accommodations” are changes to the work environment or the way things are usually done at work.

WHAT ARE SOME POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PREGNANT WORKERS?

- Being able to sit or drink water
- Receiving closer parking
- Having flexible hours
- Receiving appropriately sized uniforms and safety apparel
- Receiving additional break time to use the bathroom, eat, and rest
- Taking leave or time off to recover from childbirth
- Being excused from strenuous activities and/or exposure to chemicals not safe for pregnancy



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 which prohibits employment discrimination based on sex, pregnancy, or other protected categories (enforced by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC))
- The 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.



YOUR RIGHTS UNDER USERRA

THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

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

REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

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

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

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

RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION

If you:

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

then an employer may not deny you:

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

because of this status.

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

HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION

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

ENFORCEMENT

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

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



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