

EMPLOYEE WORKPLACE NOTICE PUBLIC SECTOR Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right To Know Act

The Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right to Know Act requires that information about hazardous substances in the workplace and in the environment is available to public sector employees and employees of private sector workplaces not covered by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard and to all persons living or working in the state. Employee rights listed below are further defined in the Worker and Community Right to Know Act (P.L. 734, No. 159) and Regulations. For additional information, contact the Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Health & Safety Division, 1171 S. Cameron Street, Room 324, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17104-2501; (717) 772-1635; E-mail: RA-LI-BWC-SAFETY@pa.gov.

Employee Workplace Notice:

Public sector employers (including state and local government agencies and public schools and public universities) and private sector employers not covered by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard must post this notice informing employees of their rights under the law. This notice must be posted prominently in the workplace at a location where employee notices are normally posted.

Training:

Public sector employers and private sector employers not covered by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard must provide an annual education and training program to employees exposed to hazardous substances. The training program may be presented either in written form or in training sessions.

Hazardous Substance Survey Form:

The Hazardous Substance Survey Form (HSSF) provides an inventory of the hazardous substances found in the workplace during the prior calendar year. All employers must complete a workplace HSSF annually. Public sector employers and private sector employers not covered by OSHA must post the HSSF prominently in the workplace and must provide a copy to any employee upon request.

Work Area List:

The Work Area List names the hazardous substances used or produced in a specific work area in the workplace. Public sector employers and private sector employers not covered by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard must update a Work Area List at least annually, must provide a copy to any employee of the work area upon request, and must offer a copy to any employee newly assigned to that work area.

Material Safety Data Sheet:

The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provides detailed information about a hazardous substance. In public sector workplaces and private sector workplaces not covered by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, an MSDS must be accessible in the work area where the hazardous substance it describes is used. MSDSs must be readily available to employees without the intervention or permission of management or supervisors, and any employee may obtain and examine an MSDS for any hazardous substance in the workplace. If an employee's request to obtain a copy of an MSDS is made to the

employer in writing and, after five working days from the date the request is made, the employer fails to furnish the employee with an MSDS in the employer's possession or fails to provide the employee with proof of the employer's effort to obtain the requested MSDS from the manufacturer, importer, supplier or distributor and from the Department of Labor & Industry, the requesting employee may refuse to work with the substance.

Environmental Hazard Survey Form:

The Environmental Hazard Survey Form (EHSF) provides information about any environmental hazards emitted, discharged or disposed of from the workplace. All employers are required to complete an EHSF when and if requested to do so by the Department of Labor & Industry. If an EHSF has been completed by a public sector employer or a private sector employer not covered by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, a copy must be provided to any employee upon request.

Labeling:

All containers and parts of pipelines of hazardous and non-hazardous substances in public sector workplaces and private sector workplaces not covered by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard must be properly labeled. Employers must ensure that each label, sign, placard or other operating instruction is prominently affixed and displayed on the container or part of a pipeline system so that employees can easily identify the contents.

Health and Exposure Records:

Public sector employers and private sector employers not covered by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard must maintain and allow employee access to records of employee chemical exposure to the extent required by OSHA (under 29 CFR 1910.1200) or by the Mine Safety Health Administration (under 30 CFR 70.210 and 71.210).

Non-discrimination:

If a public sector employee or an employee of a private sector workplace not covered by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard believes that he or she has been discharged, disciplined or discriminated against by an employer for exercising his or her rights granted under the Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right to Know Act, that employee has 180 days from the date of the alleged violation to file a written complaint with the Department of Labor & Industry, Bureau of PENNSAFE.

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

EMPLOYER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PA UC ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

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

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

IMPORTANT

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

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

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

Scan with your
mobile phone



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

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

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

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

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

Employer Name: _____ **Date Posted:** _____

IF INSURED:
(Complete all applicable spaces)

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

Name of Insurance Company:

Name of TPA (Claims administrator):

Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Insurer Code: _____

IF SELF-INSURED
(Complete all applicable spaces)

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

Name of person handling claims at
the self-insured:

Name of TPA (Claims administrator):

Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Insurer Code: _____

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

Employer Information
Services
717.772.3702

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

Hearing Impaired
PA Relay 7-1-1

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



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MINIMUM WAGE LAW SUMMARY

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

Minimum Wage Rate

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

(Except as Described)

Overtime Rate

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

(Except as Described)

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

TIPPED EMPLOYEES:

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

KEEPING RECORDS:

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

PENALTIES:

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

EXEMPTIONS:

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

SPECIAL ALLOWANCES FOR:

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

EXEMPTIONS FROM BOTH Minimum Wage and Overtime Rates

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

ALLOWANCES

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

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

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

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

EXCEPTIONS from Minimum Wage Rates

- Learners and students (bona fide high school or college), after obtaining a Special Certificate from the Bureau of Labor Law Compliance, (651 Boas Street, Room 1301, Harrisburg, PA 17121-0750) may be paid 85% of the minimum wage as follows:

Learners: 40 hours a week. Maximum eight weeks

Students: Up to 20 hours a week. Up to 40 hours a week during school vacation periods
- Individuals with a physical or mental deficiency or injury may be paid less than the applicable minimum wage if a license specifying a rate commensurate with productive capacity is obtained from the Bureau of Labor Law Compliance, (651 Boas Street, Room 1301, Harrisburg, PA 17121-0750), or a federal certificate is obtained under Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act from the U.S. Department of Labor

EXEMPTIONS from Overtime Rates

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

QUESTIONS/COMPLAINTS

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

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

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

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Abstract of the Equal Pay Law

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

Discrimination on Basis of Sex Prohibited:

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

Administration:

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

Collection of Unpaid Wages in Case of Discrimination:

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

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

Records Required:

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

Penalties:

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

More Information is Available Online

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



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION PROVISIONS PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT

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

Under this Act, a public accommodation is any accommodation which is open to, accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public, including government services.

It is unlawful for any owner, lessee, proprietor, manager, superintendent, agent, or employee of any public accommodation to discriminate against any person in the full use and enjoyment of such public accommodation, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, disability, known association with a person with a disability, use of a guide or support animal due to blindness, deafness or physical disability or because the user is a handler or trainer of such animals.

This notice, which has been prepared and distributed by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, must be posted by any owner, lessee, proprietor or manager of a public accommodation. Notices must be posted conspicuously in easily accessible and well-lighted places at the public accommodation, where they may be readily seen by those seeking or granting any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges of such public accommodation.

Complaints must be filed within 180 days of the alleged act of discrimination.

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

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

Executive Offices: 333 Market Street, 8th Floor · Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333
(717) 787-4410 · (717) 787- 7279 (TTY) · www.phrc.state.pa.us

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

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

Harrisburg
R333 Market Street,
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110 N. 8th Street
Suite 501
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(215) 560-2496
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**EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT**

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

PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS

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

UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES

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

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

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

PARTIES SUBJECT TO THE ACT

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

WHO MAY FILE A COMPLAINT

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

PARTIES EXEMPT FROM THE ACT

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

WHO MUST POST THIS NOTICE

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

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