

VERMONT Labor Laws

Department of Labor
NOTICE MINIMUM WAGE

FOR VERMONT EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS

MINIMUM WAGE RATE	
Effective 01/01/23	\$13.18 per hour
Effective 01/01/22	\$12.55 per hour
Effective 01/01/21	\$11.75 per hour

BASIC WAGE RATE (TIPPED EMPLOYEES)	
Effective 01/01/23	\$6.59 per hour
Effective 01/01/22	\$6.28 per hour
Effective 01/01/21	\$5.88 per hour

MAXIMUM TIP CREDIT ALLOWED	
Effective 01/01/23	\$6.59 per hour
Effective 01/01/22	\$6.28 per hour
Effective 01/01/21	\$5.88 per hour

21 VSA §643b Reinstatement; seniority and benefits protected
This law provides that an employer who regularly employs **ten or more** people (at least 10 of whom work more than 15 hours a week), has an obligation to rehire a worker who has suffered a work related injury **provided** that the following conditions are met:

- The worker recovers from the injury within two (2) years of the onset of disability; and
- The worker keeps the employer informed of his or her interest in reinstatement and his or her current mailing address; and
- The worker had an expectation of continuing work had the injury not occurred; and
- The worker is physically capable of performing either his or her prior job, if available, or an alternative suitable position.

Reinstatement must be with all benefits earned up to the date of injury, including both seniority and accrued leave time. Obviously, such benefits need not accrue during the period of actual disability.

Please note that the right to reinstatement applies only to the first available suitable job. Thus, the employer is not obligated either to create an "extra" position for a returning worker or to lay-off a current employee in order to comply with this law.

Should you have questions regarding the above, please contact the Vermont Department of Labor, Workers' Compensation and Safety Division at 802-828-2286 or our website: www.labor.vermont.gov.

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REV. 06/2017

NOTICE: This state has its own minimum wage law. Employers are also required to display the federal Employee Rights Under the Fair Labor Standards Act posting, which indicates the federal minimum wage. Where federal and state rates both apply to an employee, the U.S. Department of Labor dictates that the employee is entitled to the higher minimum wage rate.

THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

Safety Records

Department of Labor
Posting of Safety Records
NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

Under Vermont law (21 V.S.A. §691a) all Vermont employers must advise their employees of where they may review the employer's record of workplace safety, including workplace injury and illness. The employer's data shall be available for review by any employee and by the Commissioner of Labor, but this information shall not otherwise be public information.

The employer's data is available at:

(Location)

Employer Contact:

(Name)

Work Telephone:

Email:

For more information, contact the Vermont Department of Labor at (802) 828-2286.

REV. 09/2014

Sexual Harassment

Department of Labor
Notice: Sexual Harassment is Illegal

SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS ILLEGAL and is prohibited by the VERMONT FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ACT (VFPEA) (Title 21, Chapter 5, Subchapter 6 of the Vermont Statutes) AND TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (42 United States Code Section 2000e et seq.)

VERMONT LAW NOW PROTECTS ALL WORKERS, NOT JUST EMPLOYEES. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018, VERMONT'S PROTECTIONS AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT EXTEND TO ALL INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED TO PERFORM WORK OR SERVICES – EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT "EMPLOYEES" UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW. REFERENCES TO "EMPLOYER," "EMPLOYEE," AND "EMPLOYMENT" BELOW SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD TO APPLY TO WORK AGREEMENTS BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP.

"SEXUAL HARASSMENT" IS A FORM OF SEX DISCRIMINATION AND MEANS UNWANTED SEXUAL ADVANCES, REQUESTS FOR SEXUAL FAVORS, AND OTHER VERBAL OR PHYSICAL CONDUCT OF A SEXUAL NATURE WHEN:

- SUBMISSION TO THAT CONDUCT IS MADE EITHER EXPLICITLY OR IMPLICITLY A TERM OR CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT; OR
- SUBMISSION TO OR REJECTION OF SUCH CONDUCT BY AN INDIVIDUAL IS USED AS A COMPONENT OF THE BASIS FOR WORK-RELATED DECISIONS AFFECTING THAT INDIVIDUAL; OR
- THE CONDUCT HAS THE PURPOSE OR EFFECT OF SUBSTANTIALLY INTERFERING WITH THE INDIVIDUAL'S WORK PERFORMANCE OR CREATING AN INTIMIDATING, HOSTILE OR OFFENSIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO RETALIATE AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING WORK OR SERVICES FOR FILING A COMPLAINT OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT OR FOR COOPERATING IN AN INVESTIGATION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS EMPLOYER TO ENSURE A WORKPLACE FREE OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING WORK OR SERVICES. EVERY SUPERVISOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMPTLY RESPONDING TO OR REPORTING ANY COMPLAINT OR SUSPECTED ACTS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

Examples of SEXUAL HARASSMENT include:

UNWANTED SEXUAL ADVANCES - SUGGESTIVE OR LEWD REMARKS - UNWANTED HUGS, TOUCHES, KISSES - REQUESTS FOR SEXUAL FAVORS - PORNOGRAPHIC POSTERS, CARICONS OR DRAWINGS - UNWANTED SEXUAL JOKES AND BANTER

Consequences for COMMITTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT may include:

DISCIPLINARY ACTION, FROM A VERBAL WARNING TO DISMISSAL - DAMAGES AND OTHER RELIEF FOR THE VICTIM - CIVIL PENALTIES OF UP TO \$10,000 PER VIOLATION - CRIMINAL PENALTIES

EMPLOYEES OR INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED TO PERFORM WORK OR SERVICES who believe that they have been sexually harassed or retaliated against for complaining of sexual harassment are encouraged to report the situation as soon as possible to:

(Name and Title)

Address and Telephone Number

The above-named individuals can also provide copies of this employer's written sexual harassment policy.

THIS EMPLOYER WILL PROMPTLY INVESTIGATE AND RESPOND TO ALL REPORTS AND KNOWLEDGE OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

You also may contact the STATE OF VERMONT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1001 (888-745-9195 (Toll Free VT) or 802-828-3657; ago.civilrights.vermont.gov); and/or, if you work for an employer with at least 15 employees, the EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, 475 Government Center, Boston, MA 02203 (617-565-7196 or 1-800-659-4000); or, if you work for a Vermont State agency, the Human Rights Commission, 14-16 Baldwin Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6301 (800-416-2010 (Toll Free VT) or 802-828-2480; human.rights.vermont.gov).

Equal Opportunity is the Law
The State of Vermont is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applications from women, individuals with disabilities, and people from diverse cultural backgrounds are encouraged. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. 711 (TTY/Relay Service) or 800-650-4152 TDD (Vermont Department of Labor).

Effective Sept. 2018

REV. 09/2018

Child Labor

Department of Labor
Child Labor Poster

Non Agricultural Employment:
Children Age 14 and 15 MAY NOT work in any of the hazardous occupations above and may not work in communications or public utilities, construction or repair jobs, driving a motor vehicle or helping a driver, manufacturing occupations, power-driven machinery or hoisting apparatus other than typical office machines, processing occupations, public messenger jobs, transporting of persons or property, workrooms where products are manufactured, mined or processed, or warehousing and storage.

Children Age 14 and 15 MAY work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs under the following conditions:
No more than 3 hours on school day or 18 hours in a school week; 8 hours on a non-school day or 40 hours in a non-school week. Also, work may not begin before 7 a.m. or end after 7 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when evening hours are extended to 9 p.m. Different rules apply to agricultural employment.

Examples of permitted jobs include office, grocery store, retail store, restaurant, movie theater, baseball park, amusement park, or gasoline service station.

Children Age 16 - 18
An employer must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs. No person less than 18 years old may work in any occupation declared hazardous by the Secretary of the USDOL or the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Labor. The following occupations have been declared hazardous (see child labor laws for additional information):

Hazardous Occupations
Manufacturing and storing of explosives, driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle; coal mining, logging and sawmilling; power-driven woodworking machines; exposure to radioactive substances; power-driven hoisting apparatus; power-driven metal-forming, punching, and shearing machines; mining, other than coal mining, metal packing or processing (including the use of power-driven metal slicing machines); power-driven bakery machines; power-driven paper-product machines; manufacturing brick, tile, and related products; power-driven circular saws, band saws, and guillotine shears; wrecking, demolition, and shipbreaking operations; roofing operations; or excavation operations. There are some exemptions for apprentice/student-leader programs in some of these hazardous occupations.

A person must be at least 18 to work in any of the hazardous non-farm jobs listed above.

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REV. 09/2007

Reinstatement

Department of Labor
Notice: Workers' Compensation Reinstatement Rights
VERMONT LAW REQUIRES POSTING OF THIS NOTICE

www.labor.vermont.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
P.O. Box 488
MONTPELIER, VERMONT 05601-0488
EMAIL: LABOR_WComp@vermont.gov
TELEPHONE: (802) 828-2286
TDD: (800) 450-4152
FAX: (802) 828-2195

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

REV. 06/2017

Earned Sick Time Act

Department of Labor
Earned Sick Time Act
Notice of Employee Rights

HOW IS SICK TIME EARNED?
An employee will earn one hour of earned sick time for every 52 hours of actual work, including overtime. An employee will be entitled to use up to 40 hours in 2019 and subsequent years.

HOW CAN SICK TIME BE USED?
An employee can use sick time when the employee or employee's child, parent, grandparent, spouse, or parent-in-law is sick or injured. This includes helping a family member obtain health care or travel to an appointment related to his or her long-term care, or to address the effects of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. An employee may use earned sick time to care for a family member because the school or business where the family member is located is closed for public health or safety reasons.

WHEN DOES ACCRUAL BEGIN?
An employee begins accruing sick leave on January 1st, 2017 or on the first day of employment, whichever comes later.

IS THERE AN EXCEPTION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES?
A small business that employs five or fewer full-time employees will not be subject to the Act until January 1st, 2018.

WHEN WILL PAID SICK TIME BE AVAILABLE TO USE?
An employer may elect to allow the use of earned sick time as it accrues, or may impose a waiting period of up to one year after January 1st, 2017 or the first day of employment, whichever comes later.

ARE ALL EMPLOYEES ENTITLED TO SICK TIME?
Not all employees are subject to the protections of the Act. There are limited exemptions for certain types of employment, as well as for certain seasonal and part-time employees. For a complete list, go to: <http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/21/005/00481>

REV. 11/2017

Pregnancy Rights

Department of Labor
Accommodations for Pregnant Employees
Notice of Employee Rights

WHAT IS THE LAW?
An employee with a pregnancy-related condition has a right to reasonable accommodations in the workplace to perform her job. A pregnancy-related condition is one caused by pregnancy, childbirth, or a medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth. The law applies to all Vermont workplaces and all pregnant employees.

WHEN DOES IT BECOME EFFECTIVE?
January 1, 2018

WHAT ARE THE EMPLOYER'S OBLIGATIONS?
When employees request a reasonable accommodation pertaining to pregnancy, the employer should take time to work with the employee to fulfill the request. Ignoring a request, retaliating against, or firing the employee requesting a reasonable accommodation could expose the employer to damages and civil penalties.

DOES AN EMPLOYER HAVE TO GRANT EVERY ACCOMMODATION REQUEST?
An employer may decline a reasonable accommodation if the accommodation would constitute an undue hardship. An accommodation creates an undue hardship if it would be significantly difficult, unduly expensive or unworkable to put into place.

If you feel you need reasonable accommodations to perform the essential functions of your job, you must request the accommodations by communicating with your employer.

WHAT ARE THE EMPLOYEE'S RIGHTS?
If you feel you need reasonable accommodations to perform your job, you must request the accommodation by communicating with your employer. Examples of pregnancy-related accommodations include, but are not limited to:

- More breaks for the bathroom, water intake, or rest
- Access to a chair or stool
- Time off for prenatal appointments
- A private, clean space for breast feeding.
- Assistance with specific duties, such as manual labor or heavy lifting
- Time off to recover from medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:
STATE OF VERMONT
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:
109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602
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AGO.CivilRights@vermont.gov
You may also contact the
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
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800-416-2010 or 802-828-2480
human.rights.vermont.gov
www.hrc.vermont.gov

REV. 11/2017

Victims' Rights

Department of Labor
Employment Protections for Victims of Crime
Notice of Employee Rights

WHAT IS THE LAW?
Under Vermont law, alleged victims are protected from harassment or other discrimination by employers based on their status as an alleged victim. Employers are also required to provide alleged victims with job-protected, unpaid leave to attend certain legal proceedings relating to a criminal offense.

EFFECTIVE AS OF:
July 1, 2022

WHO IS AN ALLEGED VICTIM?
Under the law, a "alleged victim" is a person who:

- Physically, emotional, or financial injury or death;
- As a direct result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime;
- As a direct result of the commission or attempted commission of an act of delinquency;

EMPLOYER RIGHTS
Employees who are alleged victims have the right to take unpaid leave to attend:

- Criminal proceedings where the employee is an alleged victim and has a legal right or obligation to appear at the proceeding;
- Retrieval from abuse hearings and neglect or exploitation hearings under when the employee is a plaintiff; or
- Hearings concerning an order against stalking or sexual assault.

While on alleged victim leave, employees may use any accrued sick leave, vacation leave, or any other paid leave. Employees must continue to receive employment benefits while on leave and have the right to return to their same job or a comparable position upon return.

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REV. 03/2014

Workers' Comp.

Department of Labor
Employer's Liability and Workers' Compensation Notice to Employees

THIS EMPLOYER, _____ HAS COMPLIED _____ WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 21 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES, ANNOTATED §687, BY OBTAINING WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH:

(INSURANCE CARRIER)

Workers' Compensation benefits for lost time, medical expenses, disability or death because of a work-related injury are available through the above named company.

- An injured employee MUST immediately notify his/her employer of an injury.
- The employer MUST file an Employee Claim and Employer's First Report of Injury (Form 1) with the Vermont Department of Labor within 72 hours of the injury that requires medical attention or results in time lost from work.

The employer must also provide a copy of the Form 1 to the injured worker and to the insurance carrier.

- If the employer fails to file a First Report, an employee may file a Notice of Injury and Claim for Compensation (Form 5) with the Vermont Department of Labor within six months of the date of injury.
- Information concerning injured worker rights and benefits is available on the department's Workers' Compensation website at <http://www.labor.vermont.gov> or by calling (802) 828-2286.

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REV. 12/2005

Leave

Department of Labor
Parental Leave, Family Leave and Short-Term Family Leave

Vermont's Parental Leave Law covers employers with 10 or more workers who work an average of 30 hours per week over the course of a year.

- Family Leave Law**, which includes Short-Term Family Leave, covers employers with 15 or more workers who work an average of 30 hours per week over the course of a year.
- A worker who has worked for a covered employer for an average of 30 hours a week for a year is entitled to leave under these laws. During any 12-month period, the worker is entitled to up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave.
- Parental Leave:** during the pregnancy and/or after childbirth, or within a year following the initial placement of a child 16 years of age or younger with the worker for the purpose of adoption;
- Family Leave:** for the serious illness of the worker, worker's child, stepchild, ward, foster child, party to a civil union, parent, spouse, or parent of the worker's spouse;

and, in addition to the leave provided in 21 V.S.A. Sec. 472, a worker is entitled to short-term family leave of up to 4 hours in any 30 day period (but not more than 24 hours in any 12 month period) of unpaid leave:

Short-Term Family Leave: to participate in preschool or school activities directly related to the academic advancement of the worker's child, stepchild, foster child or ward who lives with the worker; to attend or to accompany the worker's child, stepchild, foster child or ward who lives with the worker or the worker's parent, spouse or parent-in-law to routine medical or dental appointments; to accompany the worker's parent, spouse, or parent-in-law to other appointments for professional services related to their care and well-being; to respond to a medical emergency involving the employee's child, stepchild, foster child or ward who lives with the worker or the employee's parent, spouse or parent-in-law.

The worker must give reasonable written notice of intent to take family or parental leave, including the anticipated dates the leave will start and end. The employer may not require notice more than six weeks prior to birth or adoption. If serious illness is claimed, the employer may require certification from a physician. For short-term family leave, a worker must give notice as early as possible, at least seven days before the leave is to be taken unless waiting seven days could have a significant adverse impact on the employee's family members.

A worker may choose to use sick leave, or vacation leave, or any other accrued paid leave during the leave, up to six weeks. The employer may not require the worker to do so. Use of paid leave does not extend the overall leave time to which the worker is entitled.

The employer must continue to provide all worker benefits unchanged during the leave period but may require the worker to contribute to the cost at the existing rate of worker contribution.

Upon return from leave, a worker must be offered the job held previously or a comparable one of equal pay, benefits, seniority, and other terms and conditions.

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REV. 06/2019

Department of Labor

Safety and Health Protection on the Job

The Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Code (Title 21 V.S.A. Chapter 3, Sub-Chapters 4 and 5, and the rules adopted (there under) provides job safety and health protection for workers.

The purpose of the law is to assure safe and healthful working conditions throughout the State.

You have a right to a safe and healthy workplace. IT'S THE LAW!

- You have the right to notify your employer or VOSHA about workplace hazards. You may ask VOSHA to keep your name confidential.
- You have the right to request a VOSHA inspection if you believe that there are unsafe and unhealthful conditions in your workplace.
- You or your representative may participate in the inspection.
- You can file a complaint with VOSHA within 30 days of discrimination by your employer for making safety and health complaints or for exercising your rights under the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Act.
- You have a right to see VOSHA citations issued to your employer. Your employer must post the citations at or near the place of the alleged violation.
- Your employer must correct workplace hazards by the date indicated on the citation and must certify that these hazards have been reduced or eliminated.
- You have the right to copies of your medical records or records of your exposure to toxic and harmful substances or conditions.
- Your employer must post this notice in your workplace.
- The Statute provides that employees may not be discharged or discriminated against in any way for filing safety or health complaints or otherwise exercising their rights under the Code.
- The Statute also provides that employees who are discriminated against may bring a private action in Superior Court for appropriate relief including reinstatement, triple wages, damages, costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act), P.L. 91-596, assures safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women throughout the Nation. To obtain more information on OSHA federal programs, call 1-800-321-OSHA or visit OSHA's website at www.osha.gov.

The Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration (VOSHA), in the Vermont Department of Labor, has the primary responsibility for administering the OSH Act in Vermont. To file a complaint, report an emergency, or seek VOSHA advice or assistance call 1-800-287-2765.

Under a plan approved October 1, 1973, by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the State of Vermont is providing job safety and health protection for workers 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 Vermont's administration of this plan directly to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room E-340, Boston, MA, 02203, Telephone (617) 565-9860.

ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION:
The plan provides that employers and employees may request free voluntary compliance consultative or training assistance, which is provided by non-enforcement Project WorkSAFE personnel.

Further information, including copies of the Code and of specific safety and health standards, may be obtained by contacting:

PROJECT WORKSAFE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
5 GREEN MOUNTAIN DRIVE
P.O. Box 488
MONTPELIER, VERMONT 05601-0488
TELEPHONE (888) SAFE-YES
TOLL-FREE AT 1-888-723-3937

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

1-800-287-2765
www.labor.vermont.gov REV. 03/2014

Unemployment Ins.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

If you have become unemployed, or your work hours have been reduced, you may be eligible for

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Call the
Vermont Department of Labor
1-877-214-3330
(toll free)
TTY/Relay Service at 711
TDD services at 1-800-650-4152

If you are forced to leave your job as a result of domestic violence, sexual violence, or stalking, you may be eligible for benefits under the Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivor's Transitional Employment Program. When speaking with a representative at the toll-free number listed above, please ask to speak with the Domestic Violence Program Manager.

For free professional help in finding a job, an internship or job training opportunities, visit a Department of Labor Career Resource Center near you.

To find your local center, visit:
labor.vermont.gov or call 888-807-7072

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