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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

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At least 1¹/₂ 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.

FED 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
- 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 • are obligated to serve in the uniformed service: service;
- have applied for membership in the uniformed
- service; or
- then an employer may not deny you:
- initial employment; reemployment;
- any benefit of employment
- retention in 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.

YOUR EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

What is FMLA leave?

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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 gualifying 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

- promotion; or

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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Unemployment Insurance for Employees

IMPORTANT

This employer is registered with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, and the employees are covered by Unemployment Insurance. This insurance is carried to protect you in case you become unemployed through no fault of your own.

Nothing is deducted from your pay to cover its cost.

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

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Availability of Unemployment Compensation Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits are available to workers who are unemployed and who meet the requirements of UI eligibility laws for the state of Mississippi. You may file a UI claim with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) in the first week that employment stops or work hours are reduced.

TO FILE AN UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM:

- Visit our website at MDES.MS.GOV
- Call MDES at 1-888-844-3577 from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm seven days a week. Call wait time may be longer during peak hours and seasons
- Email questions to BenefitPay@mdes.ms.gov

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE YOUR CLAIM **BY PHONE:**

- Full legal name;
- Social Security Number;
- Driver's License Number or State Issued Identification number; Alien Registration Number or Visa Number if you are not a U.S. citizen;
- Names and addresses of employers you worked for in the last eighteen (18) months The dates you worked and the reason you are no longer working for each employer

U.S. Department of Labor • 1-866-487-2365 U.S. Department of Justice Office of Special Counsel Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve • 1-800-336-4590

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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.

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Age (40 and older)

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

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



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EMPLOYERS HOLDING FEDERAL

CONTRACTS OR SUBCONTRACTS

nondiscrimination and affirmative action commitments of

companies doing business with the Federal Government.

Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Sexual Orientation,

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

Asking About, Disclosing, or Discussing Pay

Executive Order 11246, as amended, protects applicants

based on inquiring about, disclosing, or discussing their compensation or the compensation of other applicants or

and employees of Federal contractors from discrimination

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

Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable

of an otherwise gualified individual with a disability who

contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance

in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all

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

wartime or campaign badge veterans, or Armed Forces

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a

complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP

Any person who believes a contractor has violated its

nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under

contractors under these Federal laws.

proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination by Federal

years of discharge or release from active duty), active duty

accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations

other aspects of employment by Federal contractors.

is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship

levels of employment, including the executive level.

Protected Veteran Status

service medal veterans.

Retaliation

to the employer. Section 503 also requires that Federal

The Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract

Compliance Programs (OFCCP) enforces the

Gender Identity, National Origin

opportunity in all aspects of employment.

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U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Know Your Rights: Workplace Discrimination is Illegal

following bases:

employees.

Disability

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

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

Sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related

medical conditions, sexual orientation, or gender

Genetic information (including employer requests

for, or purchase, use, or disclosure of genetic tests,

Retaliation for filing a charge, reasonably opposing

discrimination, or participating in a discrimination

Interference, coercion, or threats related to exercising

genetic services, or family medical history)

rights regarding disability discrimination or

State and local governments (as employers)

What Employment Practices can be Challenged

Harassment (including unwelcome verbal or physical

Failure to provide reasonable accommodation for a

disability; pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical

Educational institutions (as employers)

lawsuit, investigation, or proceeding

pregnancy accommodation

Most private employers

All aspects of employment, including:

Discharge, firing, or lay-off

Hiring or promotion

What Organizations are Covered?

If you are applying for a job with, or are an employee of, a What Types of Employment Discrimination are company with a Federal contract or subcontract, you are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the

- 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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	An equal opportunity employer and program, MDES has auxiliary aids	
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	coverage with the following:]	
	(Name of insurance carrier or self-insurance group)	
	(address & telephone number)	
II.	Individual workers' compensation claims will be submitted to and processed by:	
	(Name of third party claims administrator or claims office)	
	(address & phone number)	
III.	This workers' compensation coverage is effective for the following period:	
	All job related injuries or illnesses should be reported as soon as possible to your immedi	ate
	supervisor, or to the person listed below:	
	(Name of employer contact person)	

Please be advised that any person who willfully makes any false or misleading statement or

regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor and on OFCCP's "Contact Us" webpage at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ofccp/contact. Race, Color, National Origin, Sex receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment or where employment discrimination causes or may

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

Job Safety and Health IT'S THE LAW!

All workers have the right to:

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

This poster is available free from OSHA.

Contact OSHA. We can help.

Employers must:

 Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.

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- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- Notify OSHA within 8 hours of a workplace fatality or within 24 hours of any work-related inpatient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Prominently display this poster in the workplace.
- Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

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



- 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) TTY 1-877-889-5627 www.osha.gov
- 1-800-397-6251 (toll-free) If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. OFCCP may also be contacted by submitting a question online to OFCCP's Help Desk at https://ofccphelpdesk.dol.gov/s/, or by calling an OFCCF
 - **PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES RECEIVING** FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights

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

Individuals with Disabilities

- OFCCP's authorities should contact immediately: condition; or a sincerely-held religious belief, The Office of Federal Contract Compliance observance or practice Programs (OFCCP) U.S. Department of Labor Job training 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210
- 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

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

1-800-669-4000 (toll free)

1-844-234-5122 (ASL video phone)

an EEOC field office (information at

1-800-669-6820 (TTY)

www.eeoc.gov/field-office)

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

info@eeoc.gov

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- Referral employees
- employees

- from opposing discrimination, filing a charge, or
- Conduct that might reasonably discourage someone

Obtaining or disclosing genetic information of

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- Requesting or disclosing medical information of

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